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Minutes

WAML Executive Board Meeting

5/27/2026

9 am Pacific/12 pm Eastern

Registration link:

<https://gmu.zoom.us/j/4431959620>

Call meeting to order at 9:07 Pacific/12:07 Eastern

Officers in attendance:

- Cheyenne Stradinger (President)
- Sierra Laddusaw (Vice President)
- Meg Miller (Past President)
- Jack Tiezsen (Secretary)

Absent:

- sam hidde tripp (Treasurer)

Other attendees:

Tony Diaz, Ron Mulder, Ken Rockwell, Emilie Ducourneau

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

- [2026-4-29 Executive Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- Approved by email on May 7, 2026



Officer Reports & Check-In

- Cheyenne Stradinger (President)
 - Reached out to the Continuing Ed committee (as of now just Kat and Jessica). Interest in an online conference and potentially have time midsummer to work on that idea.
 - Brubaker stolen maps! What's next? Reach out to Kat as she has a report on this.
- Sierra Laddusaw (Vice President)
 - Conference planning
 - Sent out the call for workshop and presentations proposals
 - Picked up another sponsor, EastView, silver level
 - Hotel, banquet, and field trip are all finalized
- Meg Miller (Past President)
 - Asked Kevin for a list of members and their status- emailed all expired members.
 - Can check if any folks updated post Memorial day weekend, and Jack sends a reminder out to vote? Or can I do that?
 - Jack will send out a reminder.
- Jack Tiezsen (Secretary)
 - Elections are open. The ballot closes on Monday June 1.
- sam hidde tripp (Treasurer)
 - N/A

Actions approved over email by E-Board since March 2026 E-Board meeting

- N/A

Appointed Position Reports

- Sarah Zhang (Information Bulletin Editor)
- Ilene Raynes (IB Book and Geospatial Resources Review Editor)
 - No updates from the Book Review editor! All is going well.
- Emma Slayton (IB Features Editor)
- Nick Beyelia (Membership Manager)
- Ken Rockwell (New Mapping Editor)
- Zoe Dilles (WAML Archivist)
- Kevin Dyke (Web Administrator)



Updates from task forces, committees, etc.

- Continuing Education (Kat Strickland)
- Communications Committee (Georgia Brown)
 - Please join us for a WAML Editing Party on June 17th, 2026, at 1pm-3pm Central (2pm-4pm Eastern, 12pm-2pm Mountain, 11am-1pm Pacific).

Come spend a relaxed two hours co-working on Zoom with the WAML Communications Committee to *tentatively* fill in data entries from the Online Guide to U.S. Map Collections. (If we don't have an easy way to do the data entry by June 17th, we are going to pivot to editing entries for the Map Librarian's Toolbox and / or compiling suggested WAML Website Edits.) No matter what we end up working on, it will be a great chance to chat about map and GIS librarianship among friends and colleagues. Feel free to stay for as little or long as you'd like.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/j/97166835626?pwd=TUz1GRIZ9PzEnk0DxE9rLyAEDc8KYN.1>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

- Scholarship Committee (Jo-Ann Wong)
- MAGIRT/ALA Liaison Report (Kathy Rankin)
 - MAGIRT Liaison Report for WAML Executive Board Meeting May 27, 2026

ALA Annual will be held in Chicago on June 25-29th. The MAGIRT President's program will be a basic introduction to map cataloging focusing on scale, projection, and coordinates. The CORE Metadata/MAGIRT cataloging interest group will meet at Annual, and there will be a general membership meeting followed by an Executive Board meeting. They are planning a tour, a dinner following the tour, and possibly an honors award dinner. No one ran for Vice chair/Chair elect of MAGIRT in the recent ALA election. It was possible to write in a name.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Rankin

- ACMLA Liaison Report (daniel Brendle-Moczuk)



- NACIS Liaison Report (Theresa Quill)
 - Nothing from me this time!
- GSIS (Chrissy Klenke)
- NGAC (Ryan Mattke)
- MAGIRT Online Guide to US Map Collections (Stephen Appel)

Old Business

- Previous action items:
 - Meg: Check to see if there are any existing mechanisms for people leaving their positions (such as membership manager).
 - *2.4.c.2 In the event of unsatisfactory performance of job duties, the Executive Board must consult with the appointee to correct their performance and document these efforts. If performance fails to improve following consultation with the Executive Board, the Board may relieve an appointee of their position by presenting documented evidence of a sustained period of unsatisfactory or neglectful performance by the appointee (i.e., lack of effort to meet the objectives of the job description).*
 - Meg: Resurrect the notes made in previous minutes to talk about bylaws.
- As mentioned in a previous email to the Exec Board. Nick Beyelia is resigning from the Membership Manager position.
 - How do we fill this position until a new appointment especially with the upcoming conference when many renew their membership?
 - Nick has mentioned he'd help train the new person.
- 2027 the 60th anniversary of WAML? Formally established July 1, 1967! The first official meeting where they discussed a WAML was at Berkeley in 1966?
 - Do we do anything special? *The conference is planned to be in WI.
- Nominating Committee has come up with potential candidates for PE and Secretary positions.
 - Can't find any wording about not being able to find folks.
 - Discussion on how to communicate filling positions in case there are issues finding people to fill in positions.

New Business

- Work on updating the bylaws.



Potential Features Announcements

Next Meeting

- Wednesday June 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM Pacific/12:00 PM Eastern

Meeting adjourned: 9:41 AM Pacific/12:41 PM Eastern

Minutes submitted by Jack Tiezsen (Secretary).

Approved by the Executive Board by email on May 29, 2026

Action Items

- Cheyenne: Check up on online conference + Brubaker Maps
- Meg: Explore updating bylaw wording/make ad hoc committee for this.
- Meg: Look at past executives, reach out to them to find information on former WAML bylaws.

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