ALCTS-CaMMS/MAGIRT **Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group report** (Maggie Long)

ALA Annual Meeting 2021, held online via Zoom, Monday, June 28, 2021.

25 Attendees: Cheryl Morrison, University of Washington; Laura McElfresh, University of

Tim Kiser, Michigan State University; Susan Moore, University of Northern Iowa, Sierra Laddusaw, Texas A&M Universit;, Keiko Hill, University of Washington; Mech Frazier, Northwestern University; Faye Mazzia, University of Central Florida; Dorothy McGarry, retired from UCLA; Naomi Shiraishi, UC Berkeley; Natasha Zaleski, New Jersey State Library; Amy Runyon, Baylor University; Nancy Kandoian, NYPL; Jorge Gonzalez, U of Florida Libraries; Ronda Seward, Indiana University; Tammy Wong, LC Geography and Map Division; T. Wangyal Shawa, Princeton University; Iris Taylor, Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division division; Min Zhang, Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division;

Paul Kirk, University of Florida; Andie Craley, Hartford Community College; Christopher Thiry, Colorado School of Mines.

Meeting notes:

1. **Announcement: Using MARCEdit to Batch Process Coordinates in 255$c and 034 Field**

(*Announcement submitted on behalf of Paige Andrew*) Members of the Cataloging and Metadata Services Department at the Penn State Libraries worked with Terry Reese to successfully add 255$c and 034 coordinates to 2700+ local bibliographic records and then return and convert over 52,000 records with 034 coordinates in the degrees/minutes/seconds format to decimal degree format. There were some minor glitches concerning adding 255$c during the first step due to the need to work with the entire field but those were ironed out during the process.

Terry recently added a coordinates convertor to the MARCEdit software and we were happy to serve as a “guinea pig” to see how it would work on a large quantity of records. In return, the vast majority of our local records now have the 034 coordinates in decimal degree format, which is very desirable for machine manipulation under other circumstances. In summary, we now have map records with 255$c in the DMS format and 034 coordinates in the decimal format, which is ideal for both human-readable and machine-readable functions. A couple of years ago the Maps Cataloging Team invested in always using the decimal degree format in the 034 field (via output from the Klokan Bounding Box Tool) so we will consistently be following this best practice. If anyone would like more details, please contact Paige Andrew, [pga2@psu.edu](mailto:pga2@psu.edu) and he can assist.

1. Susan Moore provided an update on the MARC Discussion Paper No. 2021-DP03: Coordinates for Geographic Positioning of Structures in Images (see Susan’s report for details).
2. Open discussion: Attendees shared their work-related work from home and return to onsite work experiences, including the adjustments all have made, especially for those whose primary job duty is to catalog physical materials that only be accessed while onsite in the library.