U.S. National Committee for the International Cartographic Association (USNC)
March 19, 2000
Little Rock, Arkansas

Attending: Judy Olson, Chair; Hal Moellering, Member; Jon Thies, Member; William Thompson, Member; Robert McMaster; Theodore Steinke; Tim Trainor

We were also joined by Jasmine Desclaux-Salachas, a cartographer from Paris, France, who described her “Rendez-Vous Cartographiques”, a regular gathering in Paris to talk about cartographic subjects in an informal atmosphere.

ICA Executive Committee Update
• ICA currently has a contract that gives Elsevier the right to publish all papers resulting from ICA activities. That contract will probably not be renewed due to the low volume and high expense of material they were publishing. However, Elsevier is interested in starting a journal focused on research from ICA.
• Preparation for Beijing 2001 is moving forward. The Executive Committee will inspect the facilities there soon.

ACSM Update
• A buyer has made an offer on ACSM’s building and they should qualify under the zoning requirements. This sale should net about $250,000 for ACSM.
• ACSM owes CaGIS about $55,000 which they should be able to pay out of the $250,000 realized from the sale.
• 75% of ACSM memberships have been renewed. ACSM has a total of about 6,000 members.

Planning for Beijing
• Call for Papers. The call for papers for Beijing will go out soon by e-mail, and submissions should be received by September 1, with a copy to the USNC as well. The call for papers should contain a reminder that a visa is required to go to China.
• Dillon Replacement. Several names were mentioned to take Leo Dillon’s duties with the Petchenik Map Competition: Judy’s student Amy Lobben, Charlie Fitzpatrick or Angela Lee of ESRI, and Dierdre Bevington-Attardi. Dierdre has expressed an interest in more involvement with ICA.
• Funding (Moellering Plans). Hal will write proposals for funding to National Science Foundation and National Geographic Society. He advised that other committee members will have to approach private companies.
• Funding (Other Discussion). Committee members approaching companies or organizations for travel funding should consult the correspondence from previous years. Companies and organizations mentioned as possibilities to approach for funding were: Intergraph, Microsoft, ESRI, NSF, National Geographic, MapQuest, Rand McNally, World Bank, GDT, NavTech, IGIF, ACSM, Space Imaging. In addition, it was mentioned that an airline or travel agency might give discounts on multiple ticket purchases for the conference. ACSM could advise the committee on ways to do corporate sponsorship of the Beijing conference, such as designating an
“official airline”. The committee should explore ways to recognize companies who donate. Giving will be more attractive to corporate sponsors if the research presented has some connection to the company. For instance, Intergraph will be more likely to support someone from a Center of Excellence that uses Intergraph.

- **Sales of ’99 U.S. National Report.** There are several hundred copies still available for sale to interested organizations. ACSM has some in stock, and others are in Skaneateles, New York, at the home of Bob McMaster’s relatives.
- **Encouraging Attendance.** Judy read a proposed e-mail to colleagues about joining an ICA mailing list. This message will be followed by another about submitting abstracts and asking for a response indicating interest in going to Beijing.

**ICA Commission Updates**

- **National and Regional Atlases (Tim Trainor).** This commission has a web page. They will have a seminar in Spain later this year.
- **Map Production (Jon Thies).** This commission also has a new web site. They have completed the Compendium for Cartographic Techniques. Generalization and Map Production will have a joint conference in Barcelona.
- **Spatial Data Standards (Hal Moellering).** A formal proposal for a book on metadata standards was made and accepted by Elsevier. The commission awaits finalization of the ISO/TC211/T15 draft metadata standard to be able to complete the book. The commission will meet in Monaco in June.

**Encouraging Non-Member Countries to Join ICA**

- This seems to be a problem of member countries not being able to pay dues. The answer may be to recruit more corporate associate members to provide support.

**Next Meeting of USNC**

- ACSM next meets in Providence, Rhode Island, in the first week of December.

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Notes by BThompson