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## MINUTES

25-26 April 1974

Southwest Research Institute  
San Antonio, Texas

Members Present: Aines, Becker, Casey, Cuadra, Dunlap, Goland  
Lerner, Lorenz (for Mumford), Moore, Scott,  
Velde, Wu and Burkhardt (Chairman)

Staff Present : Reszetar, Stevens, Swartz, Ulrich

Guests Present : Georgette Silva, Research Analyst;  
Elizabeth Stone, Chairman, Department of Library  
Science, Catholic University  
Edwin F. Vaught, Librarian, Southwest Research  
Institute

Dr. Burkhardt, Chairman, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. The minutes of the February 7-8, 1974, meeting were approved as distributed.

### Budget

The fiscal situation for 1974 was reviewed. Commitments made and tentatively agreed to by past action of the Commission result in an amount of \$3,000-\$6,000 possibly available for other activities. The lesser amount, \$3,000, is the more likely figure. This constitutes only a contingency reserve.

Congressional action on the fiscal year 1975 Commission budget was reviewed. While the Senate hearing has not been held it appears that \$502,000 will be appropriated with authority to hire four (4) additional staff members.

The Executive Director was requested to assemble a list of potential appointees for research assistants to be considered by the new Executive Director.

### Southwest Regional Hearing

The hearings in San Antonio and Albuquerque were reviewed. Library service to American Indians dwelling on reservations received special attention. The staff was asked to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to testify at the May NCLIS meeting regarding the current situation and future plans regarding library service to these citizens. The Commission agreed that the mini-hearing (one or two Commission members in a local--and usually remote--area) is a useful technique and should be tried again in other regions where a full hearing might not be appropriate or desirable. The Albuquerque hearing attracted 300 persons and lasted three hours in formal session and throughout the afternoon informally. The benefit is mainly in gaining the lasting support of those who participate or attend. A secondary benefit is the ice-breaking necessary before the Commission attempts to formulate advice or consultation to be given to a state or region. The staff was requested to develop criteria for holding and running a mini-hearing. The state-level White House Conference on Library and Information Services, if authorized, will be given full consideration in this regard.

### National Program Document

Becker presented the report of progress of the National Program Document Committee. He mentioned the distribution of the October draft, the receipt of extensive comments and then explored in some detail the contents of the second draft of the National Program. Beginning with the Table of Contents and continuing through the Glossary and the individual chapters, Mr. Becker reviewed the problems, the concepts and the proposed direction for action by the Commission.

Commission members shared ideas for emendation and action as follows:

- A. Aines and Lorenz suggested a quotation emphasizing national considerations be used to start the document. Aines will search for one or more and supply it to Becker.
- B. In the "problem area" the A&I services must be acknowledged.
- C. More must be said about special constituencies.
- D. The title could be changed to include the words, "A proposal for..." to indicate its status as an incomplete rendering of the ideas.
- E. Staff activity will be substituted for contract activity in the further development of the document insofar as possible.

Detailed comments on the document were solicited. They are due in Mr. Becker's office by 4 May. This draft will be closely held--not distributed to press or elsewhere until it has been corrected and printed for issue. It will be used in the meeting with commercial sector representatives and Federal librarians in early June or late May. A short summary is to be written for wide use.

The next steps are:

- A. The assignment, writing, receipt and evaluation of 20 specific papers recommended in support of the program document. These are to be complete by the time of the September meeting.
- B. Drafting of a good tentative text for legislation enabling the operational activity to commence either in an existing agency or in a new one. Such a bill may be titled a "Library and Information Services Act." Authorization for long-term funding shall be included.
- C. Circumspect sharing of the current April draft with friendly Congressional staff aides seeking their advice on next steps.
- D. Initiation of a systems analysis phase of the activity.
- E. Develop a planning/timing document. The new agency--if there is one--is to implement the provisions of the Act for delivery of information services. The roles of the system components should be stated in advance by NCLIS for the guidance of the operational agency.

#### NCLIS Presentations

The Commission has agreed to make several presentations at the July ALA meeting. One, however, will be at a general session for the membership at-large. ALTA will schedule a general information session on NCLIS, but the new program document will not be discussed there. Decisions on making the second draft text available at the ALA meeting will await further information--to come at the May meeting.

#### Copyright

The latest draft of the Senate-proposed copyright legislation was discussed. The Commission will send a letter to Senator McClellan asking for redrafting of the portions dealing with library photocopying since the current draft forbids all the usual practices and offers no substitutes.

### Library of Congress Recommendations

The Commission decided to look again at their recommendations regarding the Library of Congress with a view toward publishing all of them in a form that can be distributed. The staff was directed to prepare the draft report for this purpose.

### Contract Reports

Dr. Elizabeth Stone presented the arguments, conclusions and recommendations from the work done by Catholic University for NCLIS on continuing education. She was asked to reconsider the recommendations for further NCLIS action. The final written report of this contract is to be available at the May 1974 NCLIS meeting.

The Commission heard interim progress reports on the Westat contract and the Government Studies and Services contract. The latter contract will be reported by the contractor at the May meeting.

### NCLIS/Public Relations

Mrs. Wu reported on her public relations efforts on behalf of NCLIS. She also asked for attention to the USOE attempt to combine categorical grants for school libraries with general educational funding.

The publicity committee recommended that the release of the second draft of the National Program Document be done with attention to the marketing aspects.

### IFLA

The Commission voted (Mr. Aines voting "No") to apply for associate membership in the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).

### Denver Conference Report

Dr. Cuadra reported that the Denver conference report has been further delayed. It will be ready for the printer in May.

### Chairman

Dr. Burkhardt reported that he would be out of the country from late June until August.

### Commission Requirements

Commission members were reminded that the staff needs advance notice of one month if NCLIS members wish to be paid for speeches made and for travel on behalf of the Commission or for other Commission-related activities. Trip reports have to be submitted along with travel vouchers for activities other than regularly scheduled Commission meetings. A form will be developed for future use beginning in FY 1975 (1 July 1974).

### Guest Presentation

Mr. Edwin F. Vaught, Librarian, Southwest Research Institute, made a brief presentation on the facilities and services offered to the research staff at SRI. He answered questions regarding cooperative library services and other matters.

### Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported that he will leave the Commission on 21 June 1974 to become Director of SOLINET on 1 July 1974. He reported that the Deputy Director will leave the Commission on 30 November 1974 to accept a Fulbright Fellowship and a CLR Grant for study and travel. The Commission will continue its search for new staff.