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## MINUTES

May 30-31, 1974

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Wilson Room

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

Staff Present : Cranwell (Thursday), Reszetar, Swartz, Stevens, and Ulrich (Friday)

Guests Present : Miss Charlotte Bowman, Consultant to NCLIS  
Mr. William Demmert, Department of Health,  
Education and Welfare (Thursday)  
Mrs. Mary Huffer, Department of Interior (Friday)  
Mr. Jack Jaffee, Government Studies and Systems  
(Thursday)  
Mr. Rodney Lane, Government Studies and Systems  
(Thursday)  
Dr. Robert Rebert, Bureau of Indian Affairs (Friday)  
Mr. Herman Viola, Smithsonian Institution (Friday)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with brief remarks. The minutes and agenda were accepted as distributed.

### Re-election of Vice-Chairman

Mrs. Moore was re-elected to serve as Vice-Chairman for one year ending in July 1975.

### ALA New York Meeting

NCLIS activity at the ALA meeting to be held July 7-13 in New York City was discussed. Mrs. Moore will represent the Commission at the general session on Monday evening. She will invite conference attendees to hear the Commission presentation at the State Libraries Session on Tuesday morning. Mr. Becker will lead the Tuesday presentation of the Commission's program. Attendees at the conference will have received copies of an executive summary of the National Program Document. The summary is being prepared by Ray Swank, Professor, University of California, School of Librarianship, Berkeley, California, and will be printed in

8,000-10,000 copies. Commission members and staff will be participating in other meetings of Divisions, Boards and Committees throughout the conference.

### Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

A draft statement expressing a Commission position on library services for the blind and physically handicapped was passed over without action because the National Program Document fully expresses these needs.

### Commission Contracts

Reports on progress of active Commission contracts were received. The Westat Corporation has furnished a draft draft of major portions of the main text of their report. Some revision was asked for in the final version. The Catholic University report on continuing education was received in final form with suggested corrections incorporated. The Commission agreed to: publish the report; hold a small invitational conference on continuing education in Denver for leaders in library and information service. This conference is to be held in September 1974 with cost not to exceed \$6,000. The staff will obtain an improved summary of the report. Government Studies and Systems completed their contract and mailed it to Commission members in advance of the meeting. Suggested changes had been made. Mr. Lane and Mr. Jaffee of the G.S.S. were present to defend the conclusions and to answer questions. The G.S.S. report will be published and made available as soon as possible. Mr. Swartz reported that the Denver Conference book is being printed by G.P.O. and should be ready in mid-August. It will be about 400 pages; the price is not yet known.

### White House Conference

Progress on legislative activity for the White House Conference on Library and Information Services was reported by Mrs. Reszetar. The resolution has received a favorable committee report in the House and passage there is expected by mid-June. Dr. Burkhardt appointed Mr. Velde to chair a Commission Committee to make preparations for the White House Conference. Mr. Velde will begin by assembling lists of names of potential advisory committee members and staff personnel.

### I.F.L.A.

NCLIS activity in connection with the I.F.L.A. meeting was reviewed. Dr. Burkhardt will provide the opening address on 18 November. Miss Scott will arrange for Commission members to attend as delegate/observers if they wish to do so but attendance expenses will not be paid by NCLIS. The staff was asked to invite the following persons or nations to come to the November 1974 Commission meeting to make presentations and answer questions:

Great Britain	-	Hookway
Japan	-	
Nigeria	-	Aje
Norway	-	
West Germany	-	Kramer

### National Program Document

The National Program Document activity was reviewed in detail. Mr. Becker provided a new draft incorporating suggestions sent by members after the San Antonio meeting. The current revision was used for a review by Federal librarians and will be the basis for a critique meeting with representatives of the commercial information producers and marketing agencies. The document--in summary form--will be available at the July ALA meeting as noted above. Full text will be available on request to the Commission office.

Mr. Baker urged the Commission to expedite its work on the document and to: (1) complete the appendices that will lend credence to the schemes outlined in the text; (2) seek wide backing in other Federal agencies based on the urgency of the need for organized information access; (3) stress--wherever possible--the economics of information services and the critical value of a service that can produce data or text as required; (4) include in the NCLIS report some favorable notice of the information activities of other government agencies including the National Library of Medicine, the National Institute of Education, the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities, etc.; (5) permit an early courtesy review by the agencies whose current activities would be affected by NCLIS plans.

Mr. Aines will write a paragraph crediting the assistance of the Congress, the Office of Management and Budget and other Federal agencies for their help to NCLIS. He will incorporate language expressing the concern of the Commission and the government for freedom of information and the individual right of privacy.

Mr. Swartz will coordinate with Messrs. Aines, Becker and Lorenz on contacts to be made with various governmental agencies regarding the Commission's work.

### Copyright

The copyright bill as proposed by Senator McClellan's committee was reported as still before the Committee. Mark-up sessions are scheduled for June but problems in sports blackouts and in CATV may shelve the bill for this year. The Commission revised the letter prepared by Mr. Goland for Senator McClellan asking that the paragraphs dealing with "fair use" and "systematic copying" be further rewritten. Dr. Burkhardt will sign the revised letter for the Commission and send copies to the House Committee on Copyright.

### Library Service to American Indians

Commission consideration of library service to American Indian on reservations was continued from the San Antonio meeting with presentations by Mr. William Demmert, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and Dr. Robert Rebert of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Commission agreed to:

- (1) Ask the Bureau of Indian Affairs to appoint an officer of BIA to be responsible for library programs.
- (2) Ask BIA to formulate and publish a new long-range program for library service.
- (3) Resolve the differences in the testimony given to the Commission by appointing a team of Commissioners to gather facts and report to the Commission. Mrs. Moore will chair the committee composed of Mr. Goland and Mrs. Wu.

Comments on American Indian materials in the Smithsonian Institution were shared by Mr. Viola of that Institution.

### 1974 Annual Report

Preparations for the 1974 Annual Report were begun. An outline of the content is to be prepared for the September meeting. Content will determine whether graphic materials will be included. Plans for publicity on release will be handled by Mr. Lerner.

### Library Services to Children

Mrs. Wu brought before the Commission her current concerns regarding library services to children and young people in schools and through the public libraries. A Commission position paper on categorical consolidation will be prepared by the staff for the Chairman.

### Mini-Hearings

The criteria for mini-hearings was accepted by the Commission as prepared by the staff.

### Staff Needs

Staff needs were discussed in an Executive Session and in open session. Mr. William Summers, University of South Carolina, Graduate Library School, will visit Washington in June. Research Associates may be appointed at more than one level, but the average level must not be above the grade point average in our 1975 Fiscal Year Appropriations Request. Many resumes are in hand for review.

NEXT NCLIS MEETING - Denver, Colorado - September 18-20, 1974.