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MINUTES

September 19 - 20, 1974

DENVER HILTON HOTEL
DENVER, COLORADO

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aines; Becker (Thursday); Casey; Cuadra (Thursday);
Dunlap; Goland (Thursday); Lerner; Lorenz
(Thursday for Mumford); Wu; and Burkhardt
(Chairman)

STAFF PRESENT : Reszetar; Swartz; and Ulrich

ALSO PRESENT : Alphonse Trezza and Dorothy Schwenz (Thursday)

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were approved as mailed by the staff.

Introduction of New Executive Director:

Alphonse F. Trezza, Director, Illinois State Library, was introduced to the Commission as the new Executive Director, effective November 11, 1974.

Presentations of ASIS and Private Sector:

Josh Smith, Executive Director of the American Society for Information Science, presented the major concerns of ASIS with special reference to the National Program Document. A private sector group chaired by Paul Zurkowski of the Information Industry Association presented the concerns of the private sector in relationship to the Commission's work. Written reports of these presentations are on file in the Commission offices. Those members of the private sector in attendance were:

Presentors:

Paul Zurkowski, IIA
David Waite, Information Dynamics
Curtis Benjamin, McGraw-Hill
Michael Harris, John Wiley and Sons
Irwin Karp, Authors League of America
Charles Lieb, Paskus, Gordon and Hyman
John Putnam, American Association of University Press

Resource Discussants:

James Adler, Congressional Information Service
 David Carvey, Disclosure, Inc.
 Josh Smith, ASIS
 William Passano, Sr., Williams and Wilkins
 Townsend Hoopes, AAP
 Alex Hoffman, Doubleday
 Mort Malin, ISI
 Fred Tate, American Chemical Society

The group asked the Commission to react to the letter on copyright mailed to the McClellan Committee on May 31, 1974. Charles Lieb agreed to correspond with NCLIS on the matter and the Commission agreed to respond.

Assessment of Regional Hearing:

Commissioners agreed the Rocky Mountain Plains hearing was a success, though it was agreed there was now much repetition in these hearings. Because of financial constraints, it was agreed to postpone the Middle Atlantic hearing indefinitely.

National Program Committee:

It was reported that the second draft of the National Program Document is now available and being distributed through NCLIS offices. Staff briefed the Commission on presentations given to library and information groups throughout the summer. In August the staff and a selected group of Commissioners met with the authors of the twenty papers relating to the National Program Document in Chicago on August 22 and 23, 1974. Final drafts of the paper are due in the Commission offices by November 1, 1974.

Additional papers relating to the National Program Document were discussed. Based on staff recommendation seven papers were agreed upon with the following subjects:

1. Abstracting and Indexing Services
2. Statistics
3. Government Publications
4. The Economics of Information
5. Role of Professional Associations
6. Impact of Machine-Readable Data Bases on Library/Information Services
7. Urban Information Centers

Deadline for these papers will be March 1, 1975.

A time-line for the Commission's future work with the National Program Document and a corresponding resolution were presented to the Commission by the staff. After discussion both items were unanimously approved. It was suggested they receive wide distribution with the appropriate press release.

A communication from the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee expressing concern regarding the lack of attention to the concept of intellectual freedom in the National Program Document was received. It was suggested the Committee be asked to contribute appropriate language for the next draft of the program document. Kathleen Molz, Chairman of the Committee, will again be asked to author the paper relating to the National Program Document on intellectual freedom.

In future contacts with library and information groups, it was agreed the Commission would operate under a resolution adopted by the Commission. A copy of this resolution is attached.

Copyright Committee:

The Commission has agreed to cosponsor with the Copyright Office a discussion on the copyright issue which will be attended by the library and publishing interests. The session will be held November 16, 1974, at the Library of Congress.

Continuing Education Committee:

Final plans for an implementation conference on continuing education were announced for October 23-25 in Annapolis, Maryland. Invitees will include leaders from professional associations, library and information schools, and various types of library and information services. Intent of the conference is to assess professional interest in the project and to pass responsibility for the project from the Commission to the profession.

Library Services to American Indian Committee:

A progress report was made on the background paper being prepared by consultant Virginia Mathews. Input to the paper includes testimony from state and regional hearings, the Office of Education and Bureau of Indian Affairs, plus an invitational meeting scheduled for late September 1974.

Presentation by Clinton DeGabrielle, Executive Director, Washington Data Processing Authority, Olympia, Washington:

Mr. DeGabrielle discussed his major concerns regarding nationwide networking. These included: compatibility among regional systems, professional education in technological advances, Federal standards for software, and Federal funding patterns, including the needs of the "have-nots."

Progress Reports:

Progress reports were made on the Westat, Oettinger and telecommunications papers. Progress on publishing the Government Studies and Systems, the Catholic University and the Denver conference reports was mentioned.

Budget:

The fiscal year 1975 budget has been cut back to the fiscal year 1974 level by both the Senate and the House. It was agreed that a supplemental would be requested. Justification for an increased fiscal year 1976 will be made to the Office of Management and Budget in October.

NCLIS and FACA:

NCLIS staff and counsel have prepared documentation which will be submitted to OMB counsel regarding the NCLIS relationship to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Government Contacts:

The White House Conference on Library and Information Services resolution has passed the Senate and will be on the floor of the House later this year. Attempts are being made through the Governors' offices of Washington and West Virginia to secure a slot on the Governor's Conference agenda to discuss library and information service problems.

Annual Report:

With the exception of the portion on the National Program Document, Charles Stevens has agreed to draft the third Annual Report for the Commission.

Next Meeting:

November 14 and 15, 1974, in Washington, D.C.