



National Commission  
on Libraries and Information Science

MINUTES

September 21-22, 1978  
Albany, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT - Joseph Becker (Thursday only); Robert Burns;  
Carlos A. Cuadra; Clara Jones; Marian Leith;  
The Honorable Horace E. Tate; John E. Velde, Jr.;  
William Welsh (for Daniel Boorstin); Mildred Younger  
(Thursday only); and Frederick Burkhardt, Presiding

CHAIRMAN

DESIGNATE - Charles Benton, Chairman of the Board, Films, Inc.  
Wilmette, Illinois

STAFF PRESENT - Alphonse F. Trezza; William Mathews; Douglas S. Price;  
Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar; Carl C. Thompson;  
Ruth Liepmann Tighe; and Barbara K. Cranwell,  
Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT - Daniel Casey, Former Member, NCLIS  
  
Frederick Kilgour, President and Executive Director, OCLC  
  
John Lorenz, Executive Director, Association of Research  
Libraries  
  
Louis Mautino  
  
Patricia Mautino, Member, Task Force on the Role of the  
School Library in Networking  
  
Bessie B. Moore, Former Member and Vice Chairman, NCLIS  
  
Peggy O'Donnell, President, CLENE  
  
C. James Schmidt, Director of Libraries, State  
University of New York, Albany  
  
Joseph Shubert, Member, WHCLIS Advisory Committee, and  
New York State Librarian  
  
Julia Li Wu, Former Member, NCLIS  
  
Christina Carr Young, Staff Consultant, NCLIS

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Burkhardt.

Agenda

At the request of Mr. Benton, the day's meeting was extended to 6:30 p.m., and at the request of Dr. Cuadra, discussion of the Task Force on the Public-Private Sector was moved up on the agenda.

Minutes

Two corrections to the May 25-26, 1978, meeting were requested. They were:

- (1) Page 16. Change Mrs. Leith's remarks to read: "We desperately need a letter, as I mentioned in the last meeting, to make library buildings more accessible to the handicapped."
- (2) Page 15. Dr. Cuadra requested that the number of people on the Task Force on a National Periodicals System and the sector represented by each be a part of the record:

Andrew A. Aines	-	Former NCLIS Member
Richard Boss	-	Large Research Libraries
Douglas W. Bryant	-	ARL/CRL Joint Committee on a National Periodicals Lending Library
Fred E. Croxton	-	Library of Congress
Melvin Day	-	National Library of Medicine
Leslie W. Dunlap	-	Large Research Libraries
Richard Farley	-	National Agricultural Library
Eugene Garfield	-	Institute for Scientific Information
Warren H. Haas	-	Center for Research Libraries
Arthur T. Hamlin	-	Association of Research Libraries
John A. Humphry	-	Statewide Library Networks
Stephen A. McCarthy	-	Council on Library Resources
Robert R. McClarren	-	Public Library Systems
Joseph W. Price	-	Library of Congress
Russell Shank	-	Universal Serials and Book Exchange
David C. Weber	-	Large Research Libraries
Alice Wilcox	-	State/Multi-State Library Networks
James Wood	-	National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services

NCLIS Commission and Staff:

Joseph Becker,  
Carlos A. Cuadra

Alphonse F. Trezza  
Vernon E. Palmour, Director  
Task Force

It was MOVED by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mrs. Leith, that the Minutes of May 25-26, 1978, meeting be approved as corrected by Mrs. Leith and Dr. Cuadra. Passed unanimously.

Commission Appointments and Reappointments

Mr. Trezza announced that the five new appointments (Robert Burns, Joan Gross, Clara Jones, Frances Naftalin, and Horace Tate) had been confirmed by the Senate on August 10, 1978.

Mr. Benton's confirmation is expected the middle of October; Dr. Burkhardt's resignation and Mr. Benton's designation as Chairman would be effective the day after the confirmation.

Mr. Benton announced that he has been working closely with Ms. Peggy Rainwater, Presidential Personnel Office, on filling the remaining NCLIS vacancies.

Ex Officio Member and Quorum

To obtain a legal ruling on the right to vote of Mr. Welsh, who has been representing the Librarian of Congress at the Commission meetings, NCLIS contacted the Department of Justice. The Department ruled that "We believe the Librarian of Congress can delegate his official duties; we also conclude that he can delegate the duties stemming from his membership on the Commission to his Deputy, allowing the Deputy both to vote and to be included in the Commission's quorum."

In response to a related question, the Justice Department stated, "We can find no authority for the Commission's adopting a quorum of less than a majority of its statutory 15 members. We must therefore conclude that the Commission cannot adopt a quorum of less than 8 members; thus the Commission's regulation defining the Commission's quorum must be interpreted to require a majority of the Commission's statutory 15 members for a quorum."

These opinions will be published in the "Selective Opinions" issued by the Department of Justice.

### Library Needs of Cultural Minorities

Mr. Mathews distributed and discussed his paper entitled, "A Further Recommendation Regarding Services to Cultural Minorities." (Commission Document #78-35.)

Mr. Mathews recommended that a one-day invitational 'brain-storming' session be held in Washington, D.C., to gain a clearer perspective on the realities of this topic. Specifically, he said, this would not be a task force; the total invitees would not exceed twelve; and, as a suggestion, include Mrs. Leith, Mr. Welsh, and a Member to replace Mrs. Wu. (To this end, Mr. Welsh suggested Mrs. Jones.)

Dr. Cuadra stressed that there should be "rich" and tangible output as a result of this meeting. He urged that the earlier NCLIS report entitled, Library and Information Service Needs of the Nation, serve as a basis for the discussions of the group. "What about the other groups that we are not addressing, such as the geographically remote, the economically disadvantaged, etc.?", he asked. In answer, Dr. Burkhardt said, "We should earmark other areas which have barriers to access to libraries or information."

Mrs. Wu suggested that information from the Hawaii's Governors Conference may provide input on this subject. Mr. Mathews will pursue this.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Mr. Velde, seconded by Dr. Cuadra, that the proposed meeting to discuss library and information services to cultural minorities be held. It was further agreed that funds not to exceed \$3,500 be authorized. Passed unanimously.

### Federal Funding Conference

Dr. Burkhardt presented, in detail, his view of the recently-held Funding Conference. He noted, "We had a general beginning session in the morning consisting of an exposition by Mr. Rodney Lane, Government Studies and Systems, Inc., to assure that we each had common data. In the afternoon, we broke into two groups that were supposed to follow identical procedures. Good summary reports were presented from each group, but with different weights and ideas.

"My group took the prescriptions quite literally and voted on the alternative approaches described. We concluded a mix of categorical and block funding offered the best alternative. However, the general consensus was that one should take advantage of 'targets of opportunity' as they appeared, and not draw up monolithic programs. However, the joint session did conclude that big programs should be proposed and, if necessary, one could always fall back on the existing programs." The atmosphere, politically, is not very optimistic as far as new Federal funds for library programs is concerned, he reported. Inflation and Proposition 13 have made the situation difficult, and revenue sharing has ended up adding very little to library funding. "We must get the citizens of the country knowledgeable about what libraries are all about," he concluded.

Several reactions were voiced to Dr. Burkhardt's statement:

--Mr. Price observed that Congress is not going to listen to librarians. Who else besides the librarians want increased funding? Congress wants to hear it from purported beneficiaries of library programs.

--Mrs. Leith objected to putting into writing what appeared to be ammunition for an unsympathetic Administration. "What we are doing," she said, "is saying to Congress and the Administration, 'we agree with you that we have been given money and have not done anything with it'." She also expressed concern at the resentment she had observed at the first meeting on the part of several participants at doing this before the White House Conference. "The White House Conference is to find out what the people of this country want," she said. She added that she found the revision of the paper a great improvement and noted that the paper spells out the shortcomings of Federal library funding programs proposed to date.

Dr. Burkhardt responded by saying, "It is true that we have to be careful, but we have to take the initiative. That paper was prepared by Mr. Lane. I don't think we should dictate to a man preparing a paper for us, 'don't mention any deficiencies.' Library deficiencies are a well-known fact. If the paper takes a position, we do not have to defend it. We are not in the position of rewriting the paper. I think it is important to preserve the integrity of the writer. As to the White House Conference, I think it is very dangerous for us not to have something for them to talk about. We can help them--without dictating."

Other opinions and reactions were:

--The paper was written by someone who is an expert in intergovernmental funding, and he looked at the funding mechanisms. One should read this as a critique of the funding strategies. (Ms. Tighe)

--I think the paper should be as completely objective as possible. The paper did not indicate that the mechanism should be effective or changed. (Mrs. Leith)

--My group rejected the paper immediately. We began by focusing on the goals and functions. No single approach was recommended; we should use what exists, but also build a broader program. The National Periodicals Center was discussed, and we recommended that we should push forward on it. I hope the paper will be buried. I think there was a general agreement that a variety of approaches should be used. What we accomplished was getting together with a new group of people and opening new avenues for dialog. (Mr. Welsh)

--It needs a variety of ways of funding. They did not buy any one way. (Mrs. Leith)

--I detected an agreement for a variety of funding. One other possibility was raised: that we shouldn't lose sight of the Department of Education being established and the possibility of library programs forthcoming in this new Department. The Lane paper has served its purpose, and I do not see that it should be revised in the same vein. Its negative tone would not serve us well in wide distribution. (Mr. John Lorenz)

--The National Program Document also proposes a composite approach to Federal funding, and it is in the document quite clearly. (Mr. Becker)

--I think it worked out very, very well. These specialized conferences are very important to gather input from the Administration and Congress before the White House Conference. It was a fascinating exercise. How does a user in libraries understand all of these parts and pieces? There is much to reassess and there should be a push to clarify, simplify and improve the present structure of funding for libraries. The paper was deficient in alternative models; too limited in problems to be addressed. It looked more to the structure and technical problems than to national problems with which people could identify. There was a lack of imagination in opening up a vision of how our profession and the Commission could address basic national problems. (Mr. Benton)

--What are the needs of the people? What are the goals of Federal funding? These are the questions that the attendees at the Funding Conference said should be addressed. (Dr. Burkhardt)

--Dick Hays, Office of Libraries and Learning Resources, U.S. Office of Education, defined five general areas affecting Federal participation in library funding programs:

- (1) An informed public is essential; information is power, and shared information equals shared power;
- (2) We must look at the library's role in support of general national goals; programs such as energy, health care, etc., all require information to be effective;
- (3) The notion of education as a national objective must be emphasized;
- (4) Our national position vis-a-vis other countries, especially in terms of information as an exportable resource, is of concern; and

- (5) Support of certain resources, including the national network and the National Periodicals Center, can be supported only on the national level. (Read by Mr. Benton)

In summary, Mr. Benton stated, "It seems to me that discussions about networking, the sharing of resources, the National Periodicals Center, etc., are of concern primarily to academic libraries, universities, and special libraries. They are of remote interest to public and school libraries. They are sophisticated ideas for the politicians to understand. While we need to pursue these concerns because they relate to the second part of our name--information science--we must also find a broader idea of appeal to politicians and the public. Focusing on the idea of literacy would provide such appeal.

"I would like to make three additional points," Mr. Benton continued:

- (1) "I talked with Mr. Duffy of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Chairman of the Federal Council on Arts, and discussed with him the idea of using a National Literacy Day in conjunction with the White House Conference;
- (2) I met with John Brademas and received a copy of a speech by Senator McGovern recommending the establishment of a National Commission on Literacy; and
- (3) I touched base with Robert Wedgeworth, Executive Director of the American Library Association, to discuss new initiatives and to discuss ALA's position in the area of literacy."

Mr. Trezza informed the Members that a paper summarizing the discussions of the two meetings will be prepared and shared. This synthesis will go to the White House Conference delegates, both to serve as background and as an educating process.

Mr. Welsh suggested that a meeting between involved Members and staff be held to discuss the rewriting of the "Lane" paper.

#### Executive Session

The Members held an Executive Session from 11:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. The Executive Session was resumed after lunch from 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The Chairman called the public session to order at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Benton announced his intention of establishing three standing committees. He also indicated who would chair the committees:

National Program	- Chairman, Joseph Becker
Public Information	- Chairman, Clara Jones
Research and Publications	- Chairman, Carlos Cuadra

Mr. Benton indicated that he would establish a new Executive Committee consisting of the Chairmen of the three standing committees, the NCLIS Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the Executive Director, serving ex officio. Official action on the standing committees and the Executive Committee will be taken at the December meeting.

ACTION

Dr. Burkhardt and Mr. Benton stated that, as a result of the Executive Session, an ad hoc committee would be formed to develop a paper for the Commission's consideration clarifying the functions and inter-relationships among the Commissioners, the Chairman, and the Executive Director. The members of the ad hoc committee appointed by Dr. Burkhardt were Joseph Becker, Clara Jones and William Welsh. The new ad hoc committee was also given the responsibility of drafting the scope statements for the Commission committees mentioned above.

ACTION

Members' Attendance at NCLIS Meetings

Dr. Burkhardt strongly emphasized his desire that each and every Member attend the Commission meetings in their entirety. "The one-and-one-half day meetings are scheduled well in advance, and every effort should be made to attend the full meeting," he said.

Task Force on the Role of the School Library in Networking

Mr. Trezza introduced Mrs. Christina Carr Young, NCLIS staff consultant, and Mrs. Patricia Mautino, Task Force member.

Mrs. Mautino presented the final report for Commission acceptance.

Following is a general outline of her statement:

--As charged by the Commission, the Task Force accomplished two objectives through the Report:

- (1) To review the state of networking in school library media programs nationwide; and
- (2) To clarify the role of the school library program within the national program for library and information services.

The Report is organized into four major areas:

- (1) A rationale for inclusion of school library media programs in the network;
- (2) Contributions of school library media programs to a national networking program;
- (3) The benefits of network participation to school library media programs; and
- (4) Problems attending school participation in networking.

Following is the goal of the Task Force:

That library networks in which school library media programs are full participating members be established and operational in every region, state and area in the nation.

Recommendations of the Task Force urge:

- (1) Broad and the least restrictive interpretation of existing laws, regulations and policies;
- (2) identification of legal factors which prohibit or encourage school involvement in library networks and resource sharing;
- (3) development of model legislation;
- (4) dissemination of success structures;
- (5) analysis of Federal programs related to library networking and steps toward cooperative proposal development.

Both Mrs. Leith and Mrs. Wu, members of the Task Force, endorsed Commission adoption of the Report.

Specific comments and questions, as well as their answers, were:

Question: It seems to me that there is a whole new way of educating the young people in networking. Who has this responsibility? (Mr. Becker)

Answer: We would see this as a responsibility of the school library program, and we would welcome it. (Mrs. Mautino)

Question: What target agencies should receive the report? (Dr. Cuadra)

Answer: The report has been sent to various agencies as listed in the attachment to the latest progress report (Commission Document #78-29.2). (Mrs. Young)

Question: This is a very cogent document, full of ideas. Is the document proposing one networking which school libraries will use, or one for each state or region? (Mr. Burns)

Answer: Undoubtedly, there will be a national network building on the various networks. (Mrs. Mautino)

Comment: Certain data and formats have to be followed and must be integrated into the Report. (Mr. Burns)

Comment: This Task Force was not setting up national or regional networks. It was addressing the participation of school libraries in any network or networks which are or will be underway. (Mrs. Leith)

Question: What is the role of the Commission at this point? (Mr. Burns)

IN Answer: The staff will produce a statement for Commission approval on how we can work with associations on the implementation of the Report's recommendations. (Mr. Trezza)

It was MOVED by Mr. Velde, seconded by Mrs. Leith, that the staff prepare a plan for NCLIS' role in implementation of the Report's recommendations by the December meeting. Passed unanimously.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Mrs. Leith, seconded by Mr. Becker, that the Report of the Task Force on the Role of the School Library Media Program in Networking be accepted. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Moore complimented Mrs. Wu for her strong and continued support of this program.

### National Periodicals System

Mr. Welsh provided the following as background information to the discussion.

In the fall of 1977, the Library of Congress asked the Council on Library Resources (CLR) to prepare a technical development plan for a U.S. national periodicals center. The need for such a facility was formalized by NCLIS' Report entitled, Effective Access to Periodical Literature, which recommended that the Library of Congress assume responsibility for developing, managing, and operating the center. LC and the Council agreed

that the plan would be prepared in such a way that it could be used by the Library or any other agency prepared to assume responsibility for the creation of a major periodicals facility. Several foundations contributed to the cost of preparing the plan, which was completed in August 1978.

The goal of the National Periodicals Center (NPC) is to improve access to periodical literature for libraries and thus to individuals using libraries. The intent of the plan is to assure that the NPC will accomplish this goal (1) by providing an efficient, reliable and responsible document delivery system for periodical material, (2) by working effectively with the publishing community, and (3) by helping to shape a national library system through NPC operating policies and procedures.

Mr. Welsh stated that during ALA's Midwinter Conference a meeting will be held to solicit the reactions of library and information service groups to the innovative actions included in CLR's Report entitled, A National Periodicals Center: A Technical Development Plan. "This is a remarkable opportunity if we all get behind this concept," he said.

Dr. Burkhardt stated that there seem to be three different approaches to the establishment of a National Periodicals Center:

- (1) The Commission's;
- (2) CLR's; and
- (3) The Center for Research Libraries'

Mr. Trezza announced that the NCLIS Advisory Committee to the National Periodicals System will meet on October 16-17, 1978, in Washington, D.C., to identify critical issues surrounding the proposed Center. The views and recommendations of the Advisory Committee will be reported to the Commission at its December meeting. "This will be one opportunity for advice on this issue. The issue is complex, and there are a lot of differences of opinion. If we don't get support from the library community generally, the American Library Association, and our Advisory Committee, there is little chance for success. We need to build a consensus between now and January if we are to introduce legislation. We should, if possible, take a specific stand on the major points at the December meeting. We need to consider adoption of the recommendations in the CLR Report, keeping in mind the recommendations in the NCLIS Report," Mr. Trezza stated.

Mr. Welsh noted that 1500 copies of the CLR Report have been printed, and will be widely distributed to help assure broad input and reaction.

To clarify the nature of the Commission's concern about the recommendations of the CLR Report, a brief portion of the recommendations which deal with governance of the NPC proposed by CLR follows:

"The CLR Report calls for a National Library Board. Such a Board shall consist of 23 members. Fifteen of these members shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The remaining eight members of the Board shall be the following persons *ex officio*: The Director of the Library; the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Librarian of Congress; the Director of the National Library of Medicine; the Director of the National Agricultural Library; the Director of the National Science Foundation; the President of the National Academy of Sciences; and the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"The persons nominated for appointment as members of the Board (1) shall be eminent in the fields of librarianship, university administration, physical sciences, social sciences, humanities, technology, or public affairs; and (2) shall be so selected as to provide representation of the views of university, college, public, law, and special libraries and their users and administrators. The President is requested, in the making of nominations of persons for appointment to the Board, to give due consideration to any recommendations for nomination that may be submitted to him by the Association of Research Libraries, the American Library Association, the Special Libraries Association, the American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Association, the Association of American Universities, the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, or by other organizations concerned with libraries, research or education.

"The terms of each appointed member of the Board, other than the Director, shall be six years; except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed, shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. Any appointed member of the Board for twelve consecutive years, shall therefore be ineligible for appointment during the two-year period following the expiration of such twelfth year. Of the members first appointed, other than the Director, as designated by the President, five shall serve for terms of two years, five for terms of four years, and five for terms of six years."

Mrs. Moore stated that, in her opinion, there will be "problems" with a National Library Board. "This Commission needs to study carefully whether this is what we want to do." Mr. Welsh suggested that such a National Library Board could be modeled after that of the National Library of Medicine or the National Endowment for the Arts.

Dr. Burkhardt asked, "Is there a need for Federal, continuing, and operational support of this and other similar functions? The distinction between this Commission and an operational outfit has to be stressed," he noted.

Mr. Becker stated that, as he sees it, there are power struggles between the Center for Research Libraries and the Library of Congress; and implementation of a National Library Board would have major implications for the Commission's future.

Mr. Welsh interjected: "The Library of Congress cannot be all things for all people; an 'overlord' could help determine LC's role in nationwide activity."

When asked for his opinion by the Chairman, Mr. John Lorenz said, "You are going in the right direction. It is time to talk about it specifically. I think a National Library Board should be considered seriously. The National Science Foundation is governed by a National Science Board."

Mr. Welsh asked, "How do we create a master plan to solve all of the problems of the library, as outlined in the National Program Document?"

Dr. Burkhardt stated that we are on record in favor of a national periodical center. "Our position is in the NCLIS Report entitled, "Effective Access to the Periodical Literature: A National Program". We have to get our bearings on the new proposals which have now been made. I think a position cannot be taken until after the October 16-17 meeting of the Advisory Committee."

It was agreed that Mr. Burns would take Dr. Cuadra's place on the Advisory Committee because Dr. Cuadra was reluctant to represent the Commission on this subject.

ACTION The staff was instructed to "keep on top" of legislative actions and to keep the Commission fully informed.

### Proposition 13

Mrs. Younger described the Proposition 13 situation in California, as she sees it, and stated, "Let us not permit ourselves to be so isolated from the public concept of library services that we fail to think more constructively about the potential of public library use and support."

Mrs. Younger suggested that the Commission consider setting up a subcommittee which could keep "track" of Proposition 13, stating, "I think the Commission has a role and responsibility in this matter."

ACTION Mr. Trezza assured Mrs. Younger that the staff would look at the situation and suggest possible Commission response.

#### White House Conference--Update

Mr. Trezza informed the new Members that it is the Commission's policy that each Member may attend one pre-White House conference of their choosing in addition to the conference held in their state, and that expenses would be covered by NCLIS.

ACTION Commission Document #78-34, the WHCLIS Conference Structure, was included in the Members' packets. The Members were asked to carefully study the document and provide ideas, reactions and comments. It is imperative that the format be firm by December, Mr. Trezza said.

Mr. Trezza announced that Mrs. Vera Hirschberg is now on board as the Public Information Specialist. Mrs. Hirschberg, formerly Press Secretary to Senator William V. Roth, Jr. (Republican, Delaware), and, prior to that, Deputy Special Assistant to the Secretary (Public Affairs), Department of Treasury, has long been a journalist and public affairs consultant in Washington, D.C.

#### White House Pre-Conference on Indian Library and Information Services

The White House Pre-Conference on Indian Library and Information Services will be held in Denver, Colorado, October 19-22, 1978.

Goals for the conference are to raise awareness among Indian people of the value of libraries, to help develop a consensus on a long-range plan to improve library services on reservations, and to provide an organized Indian contribution to the White House Conference. Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Reszetar, and Mr. Linehan (WHC staff) will attend the Conference in Denver.

#### The Pittsburgh Conference

Mr. Trezza reminded the Members that the Commission is co-sponsoring a theme conference, "Toward the White House Conference: The Structure and Governance of Library Networks," with the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, November 6-8, 1978, at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh. "Governance is basic and controversial, and we can anticipate a long debate," Mr. Trezza said. All Commissioners are invited to attend; travel costs will be covered by NCLIS.

Mr. Burns expressed his hope, and asked that the record show, that a mechanism be established for the post-White House Conference carry through.

Ending the discussion of the White House Conference, Mr. Benton stated that by December we must have a clear idea of who should be the speakers at the Conference and a firm grasp of the content of the conference.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Burkhardt.

#### CLENE Report

Ms. Peggy O'Donnell, President of the Continuing Library Education and Network Exchange (CLENE), and Director of Projects and Continuing Education, Southwestern Library Association, presented a detailed description of CLENE--past, present and future. She talked about CLENE's Recognition System, stating that it is their first priority; and of the Conclave, which reviewed the proposed Recognition System.

#### OCLC Report

Dr. Frederick Kilgour, President and Executive Director, OCLC, Inc., described OCLC, which is "to promote the evolution of library use, of libraries themselves, and of librarianship." In his discussion, Dr. Kilgour highlighted the (1) governance; (2) long-range plans and schedules; (3) activities and accomplishments; and (4) objectives in the long-range plan.

An OCLC brochure was handed out, describing its background and history.

At the end of Dr. Kilgour's presentation, Mr. Benton asked, "How can NCLIS help you?" In reply, Dr. Kilgour stated, "If you could design a program to produce data. We need mission-oriented research. We need to know more."

#### Copyright

Mr. Price updated the Commission on copyright activities since the last Commission meeting.

In particular, he noted that copies of the final CONTU report are available from NCLIS. Further, he reported that CONTU has agreed that computer programs should have copyright protection. NCLIS has been asked to look at the question of developing an objective, straight-forward, balanced presentation of the copyright law in terms of what you should and should not do with appropriate caveats, he said.

Mr. Trezza suggested that a copyright committee may be necessary when additional input is needed as the five-year review approaches.

Task Force on the Relationship Between the Government and the Private Sector

Commission Document #78-36, prepared by Dr. Cuadra, and distributed to all, discussed the objectives and desired product of the Task Force, and its terms of reference.

ACTION It was suggested that the Chairman and the Chairman-Designate appoint an ad hoc committee to review the charter for the Task Force, as outlined by Dr. Cuadra. A review of the many recommendations of individuals to serve on the Task Force needs to be undertaken before the December meeting.

Commissioners' Comments

Mrs. Moore urged everyone to keep in close touch with everything dealing with the White House Conference. She also expressed her satisfaction with New Hampshire's pre-White House Conference, at which she presented the keynote speech.

Mr. Casey detailed the recently-held U.S. Conference of Mayors which both he and Mr. Trezza attended. "This was the first time we were able to establish communication with this prestigious group," he added. Mr. Casey urged the Commission to be very active in combatting illiteracy. He also asked the Commission to consider the idea of funding one of CLENE's publications. Dr. Burkhardt responded to this suggestion by stating, "If there was a document the citizens of the country should be aware of, it would be a possibility. You have to be careful, however, because this type of thing could mushroom."

Mrs. Leith noted that the two sessions of the funding conference were remarkable. Mrs. Leith urged the Commission: "With the creation of a Department of Education, this is a golden opportunity for us to get involved in the hearings."

Mr. Benton assured Mrs. Leith that the Commission would push for the Office of Libraries and Learning Resources, U.S. Office of Education, to be enhanced and strengthened within the new Department. He has discussed this matter with Mr. Al Stern of the Domestic Policy Council, and was assured that NCLIS would have an opportunity for input before a final legislative decision is made.

Dr. Tate stated that he was pleased to be a Member and found the experience thus far informative and enlightening. "It is my desire and intention to work as assiduously as possible to aid the Commission in accomplishing its goals," he said.

Dr. Cuadra noted, "It is important that we do everything to make us look like a 'lobby' for the public, rather than a 'lobby' for an institution."

Mrs. Jones stated that Dr. Tate's comments reflected her views perfectly.

At the end of the comments by the Commissioners, Mr. Benton stated, "The central problem which faces us is the White House Conference. I believe that we have to refocus our energies in a single-minded fashion on the opportunity before us. We should mobilize all of the forces in a single-minded fashion dedicated to pull off the most effective White House Conference we possible can. I talked about the ideas of literacy; there are other ideas to be considered. We need to re-examine our fundamental assumptions, and we need to do it sooner rather than later.

"I think we need to meet informally, probably Sunday evening, with the members of the ad hoc committee who will be in attendance at the NCLIS-University of Pittsburgh Governance Conference. Al, will you take care of arrangements and notification?

"I am thrilled and honored to try, in part, to carry on the tradition you have established."

### Executive Director's Comments

#### Impact of Technology

Commission Document #78-38, which was included in the meeting packets, proposed that a specific background document or set of documents be created detailing the impact of technology for delegates to the White House Conference.

At this point in the meeting, a quorum was not present. However, by general agreement, it was decided that the staff would be responsible for writing the introduction, coordinating the contributed papers, and selecting the material to be reprinted. The total budget for this project would not exceed \$6,000.

#### Network Protocol Report

A report entitled, A Computer Network Protocol for Library and Information Science Applications, which was recently approved by the Commission, is now at the Government Printing Office and should be available by mid-October.

Other informational items mentioned by Mr. Trezza were: (1) the newsletter for NCLIS will begin shortly; and (2) the Project Media Base Report is still in the process of being revised.

Future Meeting Dates

Future Commission meeting dates and locations for 1978 and 1979 are:

December 7 - 8 , 1978, in Los Angeles, California

March 8 - 9, 1979, in Washington, D.C.

May 17 - 18, 1979, in Chicago, Illinois

September 13 - 14, 1979, in Denver, Colorado

December 6 - 7, 1979, in Los Angeles, California

At the close of the meeting, Dr. Burkhardt handed over the gavel to Mr. Benton, the Chairman-Designate.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



National Commission  
on Libraries and Information Science

FORMAL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

September 21-22, 1978

- (1) It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Marian Leith, that the Minutes of the May 25-26, 1978, meeting be approved as corrected by Carlos Cuadra and Marian Leith. Passed unanimously.
- (2) It was MOVED by John E. Velde, Jr., seconded by Carlos Cuadra, that a meeting to discuss library and information services to cultural minorities be held. It was further agreed that funds not to exceed \$3,500 be authorized. Passed unanimously.
- (3) It was MOVED by Marian Leith, seconded by Joseph Becker, that the Report of the Task Force on the Role of the School Library Media Program in Networking be accepted. Passed unanimously.
- (4) It was MOVED by John E. Velde, Jr., seconded by Marian Leith, that the staff prepare a plan for NCLIS' role in implementation of the Report by the Task Force on the Role of the School Library Media Program in Networking by the December meeting. Passed unanimously.
- (5) Charles Benton, Commissioner and Chairman-Designate, announced his intention of establishing three standing committees. He also indicated who would chair the committees:
 

National Program	- Chairman, Joseph Becker
Public Information	- Chairman, Clara Jones
Research and Publications	- Chairman, Carlos Cuadra
- (6) Charles Benton indicated that he would establish a new Executive Committee consisting of the Chairmen of the three standing committees, the NCLIS Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the Executive Director, serving ex officio. Official action on the standing committees and the Executive Committee will be taken at the December meeting.
- (7) Frederick Burkhardt and Charles Benton stated that, as a result of the Executive Session, an ad hoc committee would be formed to develop a paper for the Commission's consideration clarifying the functions and interrelationships among the Commissioners,

the Chairmen, and the Executive Director. The members of the ad hoc committee appointed by Frederick Burkhardt were Joseph Becker, Clara Jones, and William Welsh. The Commission, by general agreement, approved the action. The new ad hoc committee was also given the responsibility of drafting the scope statements for the Commission committees mentioned above.

- (8) By general agreement, the staff will prepare a specific background document detailing the impact of technology for delegates to the White House Conference. The total budget for this project would not exceed \$6,000. Note: No formal action was taken because there was not a quorum present.

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