



**National Commission
on Libraries and Information Science**

**FORMAL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS
July 26 - 28, 1979**

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One new position	<u>+35,000</u>

Note: This action was taken with the understanding that some flexibility in actual expenditures for programs and projects exists in order to preserve the Commission's ability to respond to the recommendations emanating from the White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

It was MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Robert Burns, that the Commission appreciates, endorses, and supports the program initiatives undertaken by the Science and Education Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, to "Focus Useful Scientific, Technical and Social Information to the Small Businessman, the Farmer, and Local Community Groups," in support of the White House Conference on Small Business and the Small Business Administration.

August 9, 1979



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July 26 - 28, 1979
Sheraton Potomac Hotel
Rockville, Maryland

Members Present: Joseph Becker; Robert Burns; Carlos Cuadra; Joan Gross; Clara Jones; Marian Leith; Bessie B. Moore; Frances Naftalin; Philip Sprague (Friday only); John E. Velde, Jr.; William Welsh (for Daniel Boorstin); Mildred Younger; and Charles Benton, Presiding

Staff Present : Alphonse F. Trezza; William Mathews; Douglas Price; Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar; Ruth L. Tighe; Ruby O. Woods-Robinson; and Barbara K. Cranwell, Recording Secretary

WHCLIS Advisory Committee : C. E. Campbell Beall; Robert Chartrand; Shirley Echelman; Robert Hayes; and Nicholas Johnson

WHCLIS Staff : Marilyn Gell; Jerry Manolatos; and Jean-Anne South

Guests and Observers : Eileen Cooke, Director, ALA Washington Office; Russ Meade, Doug Lawson Associates; Suzanne Roschwalb, Ruder and Finn

Thursday, July 26, 1979

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Mr. Benton explained that the change in location and agenda for the special meeting was due to the WHCLIS Advisory Committee meeting having been changed from September to July 23 and 24. "Rather than having only the retreat," Mr. Benton said, "the meeting was shifted to focus in on our most essential obligation--the White House Conference--and to know where we are in preparation for the Conference."

Marilyn Gell, Director, WHCLIS, added that it had been necessary to move up the Advisory Committee meeting because so much was happening so fast that impacted on the planning for the Conference: comments and reactions by attendees at the Dallas ALA Conference; the international theme conference, sponsored by Thomas Pickering, Assistant Secretary of State, held at the State Department; the pre-WHC Conference of the Federal Library Committee, chaired by Joseph Becker; and the Information Community Organizations Heads meeting.

Much progress has already been made, Ms. Gell reported: The EIES is up and running, a public relations firm has been hired, as well as a fund-raising firm. The Advisory Committee subcommittee chairs, she said, would be reporting on each of these areas in greater detail.

Report and Recommendations for Action from WHCLIS Advisory Committee Subcommittees

Program Subcommittee--Robert Chartrand, Chairman of the Program Subcommittee began by explaining the three "levels" on which delegates will be dealing with issues: 7-1/2 hours of discussion in small work groups, looking at specific issues within the five themes, mini-plenaries, where the work groups will be brought together according to the five themes, and, finally, the general sessions where conference priorities will be set.

Five themes are: Library and information services for--(1) the fulfillment of individuals needs; (2) life-long learning; (3) support of institutions and professions which make up our society; (4) governing society at all levels; and (5) fulfillment of international responsibilities and obligations.

A major task, Mr. Chartrand said, lies in recruiting for the critical positions of parliamentarian, resource people, group leaders, rapporteurs needed for each of the three levels. Several hundred people will be needed, and the "talent pool" has not yet been built, he said.

Each NCLIS Member will be expected to personally involve him or herself in the Conference, he continued. Two suggestions for such involvement are: (1) the provision of names of individuals to serve in key roles and as parliamentarians during the Conference; and (2) participation on the rules committee the credentials committee, and the opening hearing panels. Several of the Commissioners voiced a need to see, in writing, a list of the functions or positions needed to be filled. As Mrs. Leith put it, "I want to be involved 100 percent, but I don't know what to offer." Mrs. Moore volunteered her services for the open hearing; she also recommended Maynard Jackson, who, she said, had done an outstanding job at the White House Conference on Balanced Growth and Economic Development.

Ms. Echelman noted that the Delegate Preparation Committee had suggested that the key conference rules and parliamentary procedures be summarized on a single two-sided sheet for delegates. Ms. Gell informed the Members that the drafted rules would be distributed soon for Commission review and approval. Mr. Chartrand urged that Commissioners submit their comments promptly. After approval, the rules will be published in the Federal Register.

Mr. Chartrand ended his report by informing the Members that one of the key events of the Conference will be a live Congressional hearing at the hotel on the last day. It will be a joint Senate-House hearing, co-chaired by Messrs. Ford and Pell. The purpose of the hearing would be to show democracy in action, and to heighten Congressional awareness of the importance of the WHCLIS. There was discussion of how the topics for presentation, if based on the events of the Conference itself, could be properly organized in time for the Congressional hearing. Mr. Chartrand agreed that that would be difficult, and said the content would be chosen prior to the Conference. Some concern was expressed about how and by whom the topics would be chosen, and the participants determined.

Mr. Trezza suggested, and Mr. Benton agreed, that since Mr. Ford played such an active role in introducing and passing legislation for the White House Conference, he be involved in the Conference, and that, perhaps, the Congressional hearing would be an appropriate point at which to do so.

Mrs. Moore urged that the Conference not be partisan; Mr. Chartrand reassured her that it would not be, and that every effort would be made to include all signatories/supporters of the WHCLIS bills in the Conference.

There then followed a long and involved discussion on whether delegates and alternates should serve as discussion leaders, rapporteurs, or resource persons, and on how the product of the small group discussions would be reported and assembled for discussion in the mini-plenaries. It was finally agreed that the agenda for the mini-plenaries would be prepared by a resolution/recommendation committee made up of representatives from each of the working groups, and the role of the delegates and alternates was defined by the following motion:

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Delegate Preparation

Shirley Echelman, Chairman of the Delegate Preparation Subcommittee, described the main purpose of the Subcommittee: To determine the nature of the preparatory material for delegates; the manner of distribution; and the quality of the content. Ms. Echelman reported that her committee was very concerned with the organization, style and readability of the workbooks, issue sheets and other delegate preparation material they had seen. An editor is badly needed, she said, to make sure these were written in clear, simply non-jargon English. She suggested that perhaps a volunteer editor could be found to do this.

Another issue, she reported, dealt with materials for observers.

A hospitality committee will also be needed, and the Delegate Preparation Committee volunteers to provide this, she added.

Ms. Echelman said that at least three of the four members of the Subcommittee feel strongly that another meeting of the Advisory Committee is needed. "We do not feel we can rely on our terminals to keep us up to date. We do not feel the terminals will serve if there are crises," she said.

Dr. Cuadra asked if the budget would allow for another meeting. Dr. Cuadra asked Ms. Echelman if she would prefer to see money spent on high quality editing, an editor, or another Advisory Committee meeting. Ms. Echelman responded that she would prefer to have money spent on an editor.

Budget Report

Jerry Manolatos reported that a Request for Proposal (RFP) for handling logistics had been drawn up and was now "on the street." Mr. Burns asked if it required the posting of a performance bond, and Mr. Manolatos replied that no, it was being handled on a cost-reimbursable basis.

Fund Raising

Russ Meade of Doug Lawson Associates, said that fund raising efforts will begin with individuals since foundations have a turn-around time for release of funds of eighteen months and corporations of a year--time that was not available here. He urged NCLIS and Advisory Committee Members to call in suggestions and recommendations to Liz Taffet at (212) 759-5660.

Public Relations

C. E. Campbell Beall, Chairman of the Public Relations Subcommittee, said the Subcommittee's concern is to reflect the spirit of the Conference to the country at large. "This Conference will be the leading edge of change in library and information services," he said. Mr. Beall then introduced Suzanne Roschwalb of Ruder and Finn, the public relations firm under contract to the WHCLIS. Ms. Roschwalb distributed a brief work outline, a financial breakdown, and a public relations plan. In particular, she described the clipping service to be used and suggested recognizing contributors to the Conference by listing them in the Conference souvenir package.

In discussing a possible honorary chairman, there were several suggestions:

- (1) Mrs. Rosalyn Carter
- (2) Miss Lillian Carter
- (3) Mr. Walter Mondale
- (4) Mr. Gerald Ford

Mr. Trezza suggested that the Committee consider inviting Mr. Mondale to be honorary chairman and Mr. Ford as honorary co-chairman. Provided the White House would accept the bipartisan idea, the suggestion was agreeable to all Members.

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Younger suggested that Mrs. Rosalyn Carter could participate from the White House.

Continuing, Mr. Beall added that over 400 posters have been sold to date, and that ads are continuing in various journals.

Mr. Beall talked of Fred Glazer's "Carry a Book for a Day" campaign. After discussion:

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Mr. Benton commented that: (1) We need to involve some "Hollywood" talent to help publicize the White House Conference. We need a "star" to take this project on. If we don't do it immediately, it will be too late. Suggestions and possible contacts are needed; and (2) If we can't get the Advertising Council this year, let's at least get on their agenda next year for implementation.

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Exhibits Committee

Robert Hayes, Chairman of the Exhibits Committee, stated that there is no money for the theme center exhibits as originally planned. If money can be found, plans for the exhibit, as initially designed, should, of course, be continued, and the theme center produced as originally visualized. If funds can't be found, he reported that his Committee recommends the information center be retained, augmented by a theatre, press conference area, and a number of booths in traditional form mounted by Federal agencies, major networks and commercial exhibits. The cost for this, he believed, would be about \$150,000. If the information center isn't retained, it would be a disaster, he said. The Library of Congress is to be commended for the design they've provided. If funds can't be found, it might be possible to bring people to the "exhibits"--such as the paperless office, the Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine, the National Agricultural Library, and the Smithsonian, he concluded.

Ms. Gell informed the Members that she is actively seeking funds, including interagency transfers within the Federal Government. There are several good prospects, and an all-out effort will be made. "I will continue to search for money for the information center. The information center is absolutely essential to this Conference, and we simply must provide to our delegates the information they need to make informed decisions. I feel confident we can find, somewhere, a pot of money to support the Library of Congress' efforts and activity," she said.

Mr. Hayes, again, urged consideration of establishing a set budget for the information center to carry forth the work done by the Library of Congress.

Delegate Selection Subcommittee

Nicholas Johnson, Chairman, Delegate Selection, explained that his committee was concerned only with the 105 delegates-at-large; the rest of the voting delegates had been selected at the state conferences and were, therefore, outside his domain. A pool of names was put together from recommendations from all the states and territories, Members of Congress, and interested associations and individuals but, he said, the Advisory Committee has revised the criteria of his committee which had emphasized the under-30 nominees in an attempt to offset what they saw as an imbalance in the demographic spread among state-conference delegates identified up to that time.

Ten of the at-large "professional" spots had been set aside for professional organizations, per se, he reported. The ten organizations are; the

American Association of Law Libraries, the American Association of Library Schools, the American Association of Publishers, the Association of Educational Communications Technology, the American Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, the American Society for Information Science, the Information Industry Association, the Medical Library Association, and the Special Libraries Association.

Mrs. Moore urged that some slots be left open because, she said, "We need wisdom--we need a major university president or an organized labor representative. Room should be left to accommodate people of the caliber of Bill Fulbright, for example." Mr. Johnson said the committee had anticipated her concern.

After further discussion:

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Mrs. Naftalin suggested that special steps may be necessary to orient the delegates at-large since they may not have gone through the pre-White House Conference process.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, July 27, 1979

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Implementation Subcommittee

Margaret Warden, Chairman of the Implementation Committee, presented a list of recommended actions as well as some questions to the Commissioners. Implementation also involves public relations, she reported, and urged each of the Commissioners to personally assume responsibility for promoting the White House Conference.

Among the suggestions she submitted were:

--Send thank you notes to WHCLIS participants on White House stationery;

--Obtain a grant for conducting an evaluation of the Conference.
(This should be begun now.)

--Sort out the recommendations and channel each to its appropriate target: the local communities, the states, specific government agencies; and

--Encourage the delegates to lobby for the recommendations when they return home.

She urged that the Advisory Committee be retained after the Conference to serve as an implementation committee, a core lobby group, and/or an NCLIS Task Force toward a five-year review of WHC implementation progress.

Mr. Benton pointed out that members of the reconstituted Advisory Committee had been chosen, in part, for their implementation abilities. Funds are budgeted, he added, for a post-Conference meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Sprague observed that one way to keep delegates involved after the Conference was to have ready specific tasks they could perform, no matter how mundane. This will serve to keep them interested while additional projects are developed, he said, and gave as an example giving each delegate ten post-cards to send out once they got home.

Mr. Johnson described his experience in recruiting members for the National Citizens Communications Lobby and recommended a similar approach for the WHCLIS: a privately funded group of citizen volunteers organized as a nationwide force outside of the government. The delegates are an excellent membership base, but it must be done outside the White House Conference to avoid the possible criticism that Federal funds have been used in a lobbying effort.

Mrs. Jones pointed out that several citizen lobby groups, such as the Citizen's Emergency Committee to Save Our Public Libraries, already exist, and that, rather than start a separate group, emphasis should be on pulling all the groups together. What is needed is to identify activities into which they can channel their energies and that would promote cooperation, not friction and frustration.

Mrs. Warden inquired whether a list of accomplishments from the state pre-conferences could be drawn up for use by U.S. Congressmen. The suggestion was made that the resolutions for the conference be tied to the resolutions from the states to indicate their relationship to the state-level activities.

Mrs. Younger reiterated her request for a written statement to the effect that Conference attendance was an IRS approved tax-deductible expense. It would be needed by trustees and library commissioners attending the Conference, she said.

Mr. Benton asked for Commission input to the letter from Douglas Cater, copies of which were distributed to all Members.

"Retreat"

The Commissioners then turned to their "retreat" agenda. Mrs. Moore set the stage by recounting some of the background and history of the Commission, the antecedent Advisory Committee, and early activity of the Commission.

Mrs. Reszetar reviewed some of the early budgetary and other challenges faced by the Commission and listed names of early supporters, including sponsors of the bills in Congress, the members of the Advisory Committee, and the initial appointments to the Commission. She also reviewed the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee. The work of this Committee is described in full in Libraries at Large.

Mr. Benton asked who had added the concept of information science to the Commission; Dr. Cuadra said he had once tried, unsuccessfully, to track that down. Speculation was that it was one of the members of the National Advisory Commission on Libraries.

It is clear from the Congressional hearings, Mrs. Reszetar concluded, that Congress intended the Commission to be a major policy planning and coordinating agency, prestigious, independent, and encompassing both information science and library service concerns. It was also intended to be bi-partisan, Mrs. Moore added.

Mr. Becker then described the origin and development of the National Program Document, recounting the many activities, such as the regional hearings, special meetings and solicitation of written input from individuals and organizations throughout the country that all contributed to the content of the final product. The document went through several drafts, he said, in efforts to accommodate the many special interests within the profession.

He then reviewed the content of the document, and closed by saying that he fully expected it would undergo revision again as a result of the WHCLIS deliberations.

Dr. Cuadra addressed the topic of needs, beginning with an account of the Denver 'needs study' conference which had been held, in part, to provide input to the Program Document. The Conference struggled with how to categorize user needs, but he felt they had come up with rationale that is still valid today, he said. Going beyond the Denver study, Dr. Cuadra asked, "Whose needs are we concerned with? The Commission's? Library needs? The people? The President? Whose needs are of public concern?"

We need a rationale for seeking answers to these questions." He cited two stimuli that make these questions critical: (1) Proposition 13 and its aftermath, and (2) the changing shape of the information world. In regard to the first, and the relatively low funding priority given libraries in times of economic stringency, he warned that we must ask ourselves whether the "product" is at fault or whether people just don't know about the product. It is a product of image, or of a flawed project? In regard to the second, he pointed to the rising cost of primary and secondary journal publications, and commented that with the cost of labor in this area going up, and communication and computer logic, etc., costs going down, the conclusion seems inevitable that the world of the future will see increasing electronic distribution of information. As increasing amounts of information are stored in data bases and accessible through remote terminals, the traditional role of libraries will be affected, and we must be prepared to deal with a different world.

Mrs. Jones noted that Detroit's Project TIP attempted to do just that by providing referral as well as information services in areas of immediate concern to people in the community.

Mr. Trezza then reviewed the specific achievements of the Commission to date. 1/

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The meeting was adjourned for the day at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 28, 1979

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Benton turned the chair over the Mr. Sprague for the discussion of NCLIS' goals, objectives and tasks. Mr. Sprague, in turn, asked Mr. Mathews to set the stage by setting forth some scope notes on the terms under discussion, and perspectives for dealing with them.

Mr. Welsh raised several questions and concerns: Four specific concerns outlined by Mr. Welsh were: (1) Title 44 (NCLIS should prepare a position paper); (2) the National Periodicals Center; (3) the National Library Act (Commission has not addressed this); and (4) how will the Commission react after the White House Conference? "What is the role of the Commission and Commissioners during and after the White House Conference?" he asked.

1/ A fleshed out version of this presentation is in process and will be sent to each Commissioner when completed.

Mr. Welsh also raised several questions concerning the effectiveness of the present committee approach. Clarification is needed in the distinction between the Program and Research Committees, and in how things are assigned to committees. When what should be assigned to which committee should be decided by the Commission as a whole, he said. He also stated his concern that not all Members can devote equal time to committee work.

Mrs. Jones urged that the Commission discuss and determine the question: Should NCLIS be an operating agency? Mr. Burns agreed and suggested that a future agenda include: (1) NCLIS--an operating or non-operating agency; (2) Are the committees structured the correct way?; (3) How should we be organized?; and (4) After the White House Conference, what then? "We do not have time to answer these questions now," he said, "but we should identify what we want to discuss."

Mrs. Moore stated that she has great concern over the committee structure as it now stands. There seems to be a loyalty to the committees rather than to the Commission as a whole, she noted. She also felt that the staff was not being used as effectively as it could be.

Mrs. Leith agreed with Mrs. Moore's statement adding, "There has been a large degree of excluding certain Members and a tendency to have small groups make decisions."

Mr. Burns suggested that changing the committee chairs on a regular basis could help solve the various problems.

Mr. Benton observed that before he became Chairman the talents of several Members were underutilized. The best way to get more Commission involvement was to give responsibility to the committees, to decentralized and distribute authority so Commissioners could assume responsibility and play a larger role, he said. Mr. Benton also agreed with Mr. Welsh that there is a confusion between the functions of the Research and Program Committees. He noted, however, that progress is being made in obtaining a better balance between the Commission and staff leadership. There was agreement that the internal operation of the Commission and the committee structure should be future agenda items.

Mr. Benton then noted that this is the first time the Commission has had an opportunity to review the budget in its entirety, and to determine priorities. "For us not to play a role is not using our talents," he said.

Mr. Trezza agreed that there has not been a systematic approach for presenting the budget; however, he said, the Commissioners have always been involved in the budget process and in the determining of priorities.

Mrs. Moore supported Mr. Trezza's statement.

Mr. Benton asked the Members to "speak their mind" before focusing on the budget.

Mrs. Jones said, "The life of the Commission is, hopefully, very long. Commissioners, staff and Chairmen will come and go. I would hope that there are not great disruptions with changes in the Administration. We shouldn't talk about the millenium starting here, or loyalty to the old versus loyalty to the new. I think that is very divisive. The ones taking part in this are holding up progress. The past does not stop, and the future is not habbled. We have to get over the past--let that which is good from the past come out. This over-sensitivity about the past is a serious problem, and I don't think it should go on. Why should we be so insecure as a Commission? Mr. Benton's talents are appreciated. He has given a great deal to the Commission in a short time, and his sincerity and ability are not doubted by anyone. Commissioners recognize this and no one must take part in this over-sensitive kind of thing. It is a destructive element."

Mr. Benton asked Mrs. Jones to state the goals for NCLIS as she sees them.

Mrs. Jones responded, "There are two futures: the immediate and the long-range. I am impressed with what I see as the potential for the Commission, and it is based on what has been done in the past. It is a great Commission. It does great work, and it can do greater work. I do have some concern about the White House Conference. In California, the state conference was a disaster. There was distrust of the leadership and a feeling that the planning was not what the people wanted. Californians felt disgraced by their state meeting. New York and Ohio are others that are unhappy. I would not like to see a revolt at our Conference."

Mrs. Naftalin asked if there was anything in the budget that would limit NCLIS establishing specific activities, projects and programs, and not provide flexibility? Mr. Price replied, "Our decisions here do not lock us in concrete. If we make changes, we do need to explain them to the Office of Management and Budget. There is flexibility, and it can be reassessed and re-evaluated at a later time."

Mr. Benton replied that it was his understanding that the National Program Document will be revised as a result of the White House Conference. "The report that comes out of that Conference will give us our new marching orders for the 1980's," he said. Mrs. Naftalin replied that she did not perceive that the White House Conference would produce marching orders, rather that it would provide tremendously important information. "The results of the Conference will provide information for a number of groups, including NCLIS. The recommendations, along with other material, will help NCLIS in adjusting, revising, and carrying on our program," she said.

The Chairman expressed a very strong view that the Commission should focus its program on the recommendations of the White House Conference and to ignore them would be breaking faith.

Mr. Velde replied that it would be wrong to expect too much of the White House Conference. "I think your hopes are too much. I think it will be good, but I don't think it is going to tell us so many new things we don't already know."

Mr. Burns noted, "Our obligation is to respond to the recommendations of the White House Conference. I don't think it is beyond the realm that recommendations will come to the Commission that it may not agree to."

Mrs. Younger added, "The mission of the WHCLIS and NCLIS are two different things. The largest state in the Union will come to the Conference disorganized and with no thought of other than its own needs. The Commission must retain a broader perspective." Dr. Cuadra commented that the WHCLIS and NCLIS do not have the same scope. Some technical issues cannot be addressed at the WHCLIS. That is a grass-roots effort, and it is not the same. The two are not identical, and we should not assume they are.

Mrs. Moore gave as an example the National Periodicals Center. "People in Arkansas don't understand it," she said, "but the Commission must continue with it, nonetheless."

Mr. Welsh agreed: "We must be sensitive to the WHCLIS recommendations, but we must retain broader responsibilities as well."

Mrs. Naftalin said she thought it would be unwise to advertise that the product of the WHCLIS would constitute NCLIS' sole agenda.

Mr. Benton replied, "If we do not, to a very large extent, concentrate our forces on the White House Conference, we will have an accountability problem that will be beyond manageability."

In summarizing, Mr. Sprague observed that it would appear the Commission had rejected discussion of goals and objectives, touched on functions and structure, and come to no agreement on the degree to which the WHCLIS should determine the NCLIS agenda.

Mr. Sprague then turned the chair back to Mr. Benton.

Financial Support and Budgetary Allocations, FY 1981 and 1982

Mr. Price presented the text of a technical amendment to NCLIS' enabling legislation that would raise the fiscal ceiling now in the law and also deal with the question of Commissioners' terms of office.

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Mr. Price then reviewed the budget cycle and, referring to the material previously distributed to the Commissioners, explained the many steps that must be gone through in the process.

The group then turned to the options available for the 1980 cycle, and, after some discussion:

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More discussion followed, and it was finally agreed that for fiscal year 1981 the following be included in the budget submission which will be presented to the Office of Management and Budget by September 4, 1979:

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WHCLIS Topic Task Force	40,000
Photocopy Study	30,000
Commission Committees	25,000
Information Services Context for 1980's	<u>25,000</u>
	\$135,000
One new position	<u>+35,000</u>
	\$165,000

Note: This action was taken with the understanding that some flexibility in actual expenditures for programs and projects would be retained in order to preserve the Commission's ability to respond to the recommendations emanating from the White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

An Innovative Initiative Proposal

It was MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Robert Burns, that the Commission appreciates, endorses, and supports the program initiatives undertaken by the Science and Education Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, to "Focus Useful Scientific, Technical and Social Information to the Small Businessman, the Farmer, and Local Community Groups," in support of the White House Conference on Small Business and the Small Business Administration.

Staff Announcement

Mr. Trezza announced that William Mathews, Staff Associate for Information Technology, had submitted his resignation effective August 10, 1979, in order to take a position in the private sector.

It was MOVED by Robert Burns, seconded by acclamation, that the Commission express its appreciation to William Mathews for the many and effective contributions he has made to the work of the Commission as Staff Associate for Information Technology. They shared the Executive Director's reluctance in accepting Mr. Mathews' resignation and wished him every success in his new position.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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**National Commission
on Libraries and Information Science**

FORMAL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

July 26 - 28, 1979

It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Robert Burns, that the moderator (facilitator) and recorder appointed to each working group at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS) be neither a delegate nor an alternate, and, further, that the Recommendations/Resolutions Committee consist solely of delegates. The facilitator and recorder should serve as consultants, as requested by the Recommendations/Resolutions Committee Members. Passed unanimously.

It was MOVED by Marian Leith, seconded by Bessie B. Moore, that the Commission endorse, by formal resolution, Fred Glazer's "Carry a Book for a Day" campaign. Passed unanimously.

It was MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Marian Leith, that the Commission: (1) express its appreciation for the work performed by the Delegate Selection Committee; (2) agree to the criteria they have developed for using the 105 at-large delegates to balance the total delegation; and (3) authorize the Committee to proceed immediately with the appointments and to assist in the certification process. The motion was passed with Mildred Younger abstaining.

Note: The Commissioners agreed that the presentations made by the other WHCLIS Advisory Committee Chairmen did not require official action because no policy matters were involved. They further stated that they were in support of the directions and recommendations presented by the Committee Chairmen and the WHCLIS staff.

It was MOVED by Robert Burns, seconded by acclamation, that the Commission express its appreciation to William Mathews for the many and effective contributions he has made to the work of the Commission as Staff Associate for Information Technology. They shared the Executive Director's reluctance in accepting Mr. Mathews' resignation and wished him every success in his new position.

By consensus, the Commissioners agreed that the technical amendments recommended by staff be submitted through the Office of Management and Budget for action. It was agreed that the staff would also consult informally with appropriate Congressional staff. The technical amendments agreed to are:

Sec. 7 (1) Change Authorization of Appropriations to read as follows:

Sec. 7. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for purposes of carrying out provisions of this Act, \$1,500,000 for fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, and for each succeeding year, such sums as may be necessary.

Sec. 6(a) - Change Membership, paragraph a, to read as follows:

The last sentence of Section 6(a) of such Act is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and the following: "and (3) in the case of members who have served until the end of their regular terms, such members shall continue to serve, in an acting capacity (with vote), until their successors have been appointed and qualified, in which event the terms of such successors shall be determined to have begun at the end of the regular terms of the preceding members."

It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Robert Burns, that the Commission accept the following projects and activities for fiscal year 1980:

Public/Private Task Force	\$40,000
Z39 Support	10,000
WHCLIS Implementation	10,000
WHCLIS Topic Task Force	20,000
Commission Committees	24,000
NPS Advisory Committee	9,000
School Libraries	4,000
Uncommitted Funds	8,000
	<u>\$125,000</u>

It was further agreed that for fiscal year 1981 the following be included in the budget submission which will be presented to the Office of Management and Budget by September 4, 1979:

Public/Private Task Force	\$15,000
WHCLIS Topic Task Force	40,000
Photocopy Study	30,000
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One new position	<u>+35,000</u>

Note: This action was taken with the understanding that some flexibility in actual expenditures for programs and projects exists in order to preserve the Commission's ability to respond to the recommendations emanating from the White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

It was MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Robert Burns, that the Commission appreciates, endorses, and supports the program initiatives undertaken by the Science and Education Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, to "Focus Useful Scientific, Technical and Social Information to the Small Businessman, the Farmer, and Local Community Groups," in support of the White House Conference on Small Business and the Small Business Administration.

August 9, 1979