



**National Commission
on Libraries and Information Science**

**FORMAL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS
December 12 and 13, 1979**

MOTIONS

- (1) It was MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Philip Sprague, to accept the revision of the agenda, as outlined by the Chairman. Passed unanimously.
- (2) It was MOVED by Marian Leith, seconded by Robert Burns, that the Minutes of the July and September 1979 NCLIS meetings be accepted, after minor corrections and amendments were made. Passed unanimously.
- (3) It was MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Joan Cross, to establish an ad hoc committee consisting of Messrs. Benton and Velde and Mrs. Younger. This committee's charge is to produce, in cooperation with Russ Mead of Douglas Lawson Associates, a plan, or recommendations, for obtaining additional funding for the work of the Commission. The committee will make its presentation to the Commission during its February meeting. Passed unanimously.
- (4) It was MOVED by Robert Burns, seconded by Mildred Younger, that the Commission express to the Secretary of Education the Commission's position, as adopted in the WHC resolution supporting the appointment of an Assistant Secretary for Library and Information Services within the Department of Education. Further, that Chairman Benton be given responsibility for pursuing the matter as he saw fit. Passed unanimously.
- (5) It was MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Robert Burns, that a letter reporting NCLIS support for the establishment of an Assistant Secretary level position for library and information services within the Department of Education be sent to all White House Conference delegates. Passed unanimously.
- (6) It was MOVED by Bessie Moore, seconded by Clara Jones, that the Commission accept the approach for the International Relations Task Force as outlined by Robert Chartrand. Passed unanimously.
- (7) It was MOVED by Philip Sprague, seconded by Clara Jones, that the WHC resolution on National Information Policy be referred to the Public/Private Relations Task Force for consideration. Passed unanimously.
- (8) It was MOVED by Bessie Moore, seconded by Frances Naftalin, that the Commission reconsider its budget priorities during its February meeting. Passed unanimously.

ACTIONS

- (1) Joseph Becker recommended, and the Members agreed, that the Commission seek to have added to the Intergovernmental Advisory Council on Education to the new Department of Education a person to represent the areas of library and information services.
- (2) As a result of the review and discussion of the recommendations from the White House Conference, the Commission developed an implementation chart and individually prioritized the various resolutions. (Attached).

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IMPLEMENTATION

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| Networking (12) | | | | | | | | |
| School Libraries (14) | | Letters to State | | Gov. Conf., Gov., St. Sch. Super. | AASL | | | |
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MINUTES

December 12 and 13, 1979
Los Angeles, California

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Becker*; Robert W. Burns, Jr.; Carlos A. Cuadra*; Joan Gross; Clara S. Jones; Marian P. Leith; Bessie B. Moore; Frances H. Naftalin; Philip A. Sprague; Horace E. Tate; John E. Velde, Jr.*; Mildred E. Younger; and Charles Benton, Presiding
- NCLIS STAFF : Alphonse F. Trezza; Douglas S. Price; Martha D. Quigley; Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar; Ruth L. Tighe; Ruby D. Woods-Robinson; and Barbara Lee Whiteleather, Recording Secretary
- WHCLIS A/C : Robert Chartrand; Robert Hayes; Alice Ihrig; Nicholas Johnson; and Margaret Warden
- WHCLIS STAFF : Marilyn Gell; Vera Hirschberg; and Jerry Manolatos
- GUESTS : Mary Berger; "J" Leith; Russ Mead; Cecily Surace; and Julia Li Wu, Former Commissioner

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. In his opening statement, the Chairman declared, "We have had a successful White House Conference!"

WHC Implementation Committee

Mr. Benton reported that at the recently-held WHC Advisory Committee meeting, he had named a WHC Implementation Committee as follows:

Legislative and Administrative Action - Margaret Warden
(See Attachment #1 for Committee report)

State Activities - Warren Hill and Joseph Shubert

Association Activities - Alice Ihrig

Citizens Involvement - Nicholas Johnson

Foundation Involvement - John E. Velde, Jr., and Edward Meade

Education, Training and Research Development - Robert Hayes

International Activities - Robert Chartrand

* Term expired July 19, 1979 - Serving in consulting capacity pending re-appointment or new appointment

White House Conference

Mr. Benton reminded the Commission of the promise Stuart Eizenstat, Domestic Policy Staff, had made during his appearance at the Conference: that a high-level task force within the Administration would be appointed to review the WHC recommendations. "We have created great expectations in the White House, and in Congress," Mr. Benton noted. The Congressional Hearings held during the White House Conference, he added, were fantastic, exciting, and a moving process which involved our friends in Congress.

Agenda

At this point, the Chairman expressed his desire to revise the meeting agenda to consist of a financial report from Jerry Manolatos, WHC staff, an activities report from Russ Mead of Douglas M. Lawson Associates, Inc., an in-depth discussion of the 25 WHC resolutions as the framework for discussion of Commission purpose and goal, a review of the WHC final report to the President, and consideration of the resolution analysis prepared by Mr. Price.

It was MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Philip Sprague, to accept the revision of the agenda, as outlined by the Chairman. Passed unanimously.

Ms. Gell reported that preparation of the WHC final report to the President has begun, and that the first draft should be ready in February 1980 for Commission review. The matter of a "summary" report was raised, and Mr. Hayes suggested that such a single summary volume could then be distributed through channels such as the ERIC system. He also suggested that there may be publishers interested in publishing the report as a book. It was suggested that the final report be presented to the President during the NCLIS March meeting, which marks the one-year anniversary of the Commission's meeting at the White House in March of 1979.

In response to a question on how the final resolutions would be treated, Ms. Gell explained that an elected "Committee of the Conference" would be meeting soon to "sign off" on the wording of the resolutions--great care was being exerted to retain the precise terminology approved by the delegates.

WHC Financial Report

Mr. Manolatos distributed copies of a letter from Kyle, Stokes and Co., a firm contracted to review WHC expenditure records, and of a projected budget for 12/1/79 to 6/30/80. In essence, funds are in very short supply and curtailing of obligations is essential.

Fund Raising

Russ Mead of Douglas M. Lawson Associates, Inc., reported to the Commission that many of the organizations and individuals contacted now seemed interested in contributing to the WHC, where they had not been before. But, he

added, specific fundable packages must be developed to take advantage of the current situation. Money will not be readily available, he warned, for, in effect, general bill paying or to pay expenditures already incurred. Staffing, therefore, is still needed, he maintained, though not on a long-term full-time basis, to develop the packages and follow up on the expressions of interest already noted.

After discussion,

It was MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Joan Gross, to establish an ad hoc committee consisting of Messrs. Benton and Velde and Mrs. Younger. This committee's charge is to produce, in cooperation with Russ Mead of Douglas M. Lawson Associates, Inc., a plan, or recommendations, for obtaining additional funding for the work of the Commission in implementing Conference recommendations. The committee will make its presentation to the Commission during its February meeting. Passed unanimously.

ACTION

WHC Resolutions

Discussion then turned to the 25 resolutions passed during the final general session of the WHC, and, in particular, their implication for the National Commission. It was decided that a chart with appropriate 'action boxes' be developed to help with the analysis and prioritizing of each resolution. A copy of the table/chart is attached. (Attachment #2.)

#1 - Assistant Secretary for Library and Information Services - The various strategies for promoting the resolution that an Assistant Secretary for Library and Information Services within the new Department of Education be established were reviewed at some length. As a result of this discussion, there were several actions:

- (1) It was MOVED by Clara Jones, seconded by Robert Burns, that a letter reporting NCLIS support for the establishment of an Assistant Secretary level position for library and information services within the Department of Education be sent to all WHC delegates. Passed unanimously. (Attachment #3.)
- (2) It was Resolved that in furtherance of our unequivocal support for the establishment of an Assistant Secretary-level position for library and information services within the Department of Education, the NCLIS take the following immediate steps:
 - a. The Chairman seek an appointment with Dr. Hufstedler;
 - b. Seek out specific information on where the Assistant Secretary proposal now stands--who supports it, and who opposes it, and what strategy would be most appropriate in pursuing the appointment;

- c. Check on the status of ALA efforts supporting the Assistant Secretary proposal.

ACTION

- (3) Mr. Becker recommended, and the Members agreed, that the Commission seek to have added to the Intergovernmental Advisory Council on Education to the new Department of Education a person to represent the areas of library and information services.

Mrs. Reszetar informed the Commission that a mailgram had been sent to Secretary Hufstedler from the WHC Advisory Committee urging the appointment of an Assistant Secretary for Library and Information Services within the newly-created Department. Mrs. Reszetar was asked to work with Congressional Members (Senator Pell, Congressman Ford, etc.), who are in support of the Assistant Secretary proposal.

The possibility of providing Secretary Hufstedler, by personal delivery, with copies of: (1) the National Program Document; (2) the President's speech at the WHC; (3) theme books on Personal Needs and Life-Long Learning; and (4) Joseph Becker's book entitled, The First Book of Information Science, was discussed. Mrs. Younger will pursue this suggestion, with the help of Joseph Becker, Carlos Cuadra, and John Velde, Jr., and, if necessary, Robert Hayes, since they are all located in California, where Secretary Hufstedler will be spending the holidays.

#2 & 36 - National Information Policy

It was MOVED by Philip Sprague, seconded by Clara Jones, that the WHC resolution on National Information Policy be referred to the Public/Private Relations Task Force for consideration. Passed unanimously.

- #3 - Literacy - Mr. Benton stated, "This is a high priority, and one in which NCLIS ought to have a role." He also observed that the White House is urging that an ad hoc committee consisting of six WHC delegates and three additional persons, to be named by the White House, be established. "Such a committee would help us to focus in the area of library-related literacy which is our primary concern," Mr. Benton added.

ACTION

- #4 - Special Constituencies - Mrs. Leith urged, "Services to the deaf are terribly overdue. The deaf need the same kind and quality of services available to the blind." Mr. Manolatos offered to obtain additional information from the Rehabilitation Administration Service. Mrs. Leith suggested Larry Volin of the President's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped, and Mr. Chartrand suggested Keith Wright, Dean of the University of Maryland Library School, as individuals who could provide additional input and suggestions in this area.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday December 13, 1979

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes

There were several changes and/or corrections to the September 13 and 14, 1979, Minutes:

- (1) Page 11 - Anne-Marie Falsone of the Colorado State Library, not Marie Falsone.
- (2) Page 9 - Senior Executive Service. Mr. Burns requested that the motion reflect that the review made by the Personnel Committee be made known to the entire Commission. Mr. Benton assured the Members that the law would be followed "to the letter." Procedures for reviewing GS 14 and GS 15 staff must also be established, Mr. Trezza noted. Mr. Sprague mentioned previous experience in this area, and offered his assistance in preparation of the necessary personnel forms.
- (3) The Minutes should clearly indicate that there was a discussion as to the legality of voting by proxy, and the fact that it was decided that this matter will be further considered at a future *Commission meeting*.

The recommendation was also made that when citing publications, full titles, rather than "blue," "green," and "burgundy," book, as has been done in the past, be used.

After discussion,

It was MOVED by Marian Leith, seconded by Robert Burns, that the Minutes of the July and September 1979 NCLIS meetings be accepted as corrected. Passed unanimously.

There was concern over the method of payment for such items as coffee, danish, luncheons and dinners during Commission meetings. Mr. Trezza explained that, hopefully, a more acceptable mode of payment can be devised. There was also discussion of the fact that, in almost every case, the allowed per diem does not cover the cost of hotel and meals. Mr. Trezza stated that there is nothing, within the law, that can be done. Staff, he said, was faced with the same problems.

WHC Resolutions - Continuation of Discussion

ACTION

- #14 - Coordination of School and Public Library Service - Mrs. Moore recommended: (1) that NCLIS follow up with Governor Clinton of Arkansas, one of the speakers during the Conference, to try to get on the Governors Conference Agenda; and (2) that a letter be sent to all Governors and heads of state level education agencies, as well as to State Legislators, with copies to state librarians, urging greater cooperation between school and public libraries. NCLIS should also attempt to get on the agenda of a Chief State School Officers meeting. "It is imperative," Mrs. Moore said, "that this campaign be in consultation with Warren Hill of the Education Commission of the States." Mrs. Leith expressed reservations on the desirability of school library cooperation. "It is not always a good idea," she maintained.

ACTION

The Chairman then asked Messrs. Burns and Tate, and Mrs. Leith to draft such a letter. Mrs. Younger asked that copies also be sent to the chairperson of each state delegations. Mr. Trezza suggested that the Commission's Implementation Committee of the Task Force on the Role of the School Library Media Program in Networking could also be of help in this area.

- #18 - Public Awareness - At the suggestion of Mrs. Jones, the Public Information Committee will consider the resolution on Public Awareness. Mr. Velde urged that the Commission work with the Advertising Council. Members who feel they can be of help in this area should contact Mr. Velde. Mrs. Reszetar pointed that Warren Hill is both a member of the Advertising Council and the WHC Advisory Committee and could prove to be a valuable connection. Mrs. Hirschberg suggested that the Commission approach the White House as they have a public relations campaign involving the Advertising Council. It was suggested that Mr. Benton approach Robert Wedgeworth, ALA's Executive Director, about their efforts to obtain an Advertising Council campaign for literacy.

Logo Pins

The Chairman offered to personally contribute \$1,000 on a matching basis for the purpose of additional NCLIS logo pins. Interested Members should contact Mr. Benton.

- #17 and #21 - National Library Act and Federal Resources for Library and Information Services - Mr. Benton asked, "What is the appropriate library legislation for the country, and what is the role of NCLIS with respect to national library legislation?" There was extensive discussion on possible next steps with respect to the National Library Act. There were a variety of reactions--some feeling that action, to be effective, must be taken now, and others feeling that, because of the Iranian and other crises, there need not be a rush because the Administration would not be dealing with this issue in the immediate future. Mr. Trezza suggested that NCLIS sponsor a meeting of those groups concerned with the National Library Act. There has never been any in-depth discussion

on a national library agency or on the specifics of the elements that might be in a National Library Act. NCLIS can serve in the role of consensus building--just as we have done in the past on issues like copyright and a national periodicals center.

International Relations Task Force Appointments

Mr. Benton stated that he has asked Robert Chartrand to serve as Chairman of the International Relations Task Force Planning Group. Mr. Chartrand said, "This will be a small planning group, hand-picked, with accomplished people in the area of international relations with the responsibility of developing a charter for the task force. After approval by the Commission, a task force will be formed. Individuals being invited to serve on the planning group are: Joseph Becker, Becker and Hayes; John Eger, Attorney at Law, Washington, D.C.; Jean Lowrie, School of Librarianship, Western Michigan University; Foster Mohrhardt, Arlington, Virginia; Jane C. Pfeiffer, National Broadcasting Corporation, New York; Thomas Pickering, Department of State; Robert Wedgeworth, American Library Association; Judith Werdel, National Academy of Science; and Hugh Donaghue, Control Data Corporation, Arlington, Virginia. Ex Officio NCLIS Members are: Carlos Cuadra; Francis Keppel; and William Welsh. NCLIS Staff members are: Alphonse Trezza; and Ruby O. Woods-Robinson. Several candidates for the larger group were identified by the Commissioners; their names were duly noted. The first meeting of the planning group will be held in Washington, D.C., February 4, 1980. Mr. Price reminded the Commission that the 1980 budget did not include funds for an International Relations Task Force.

Mr. Benton then stated, "This is a fundable package and perhaps we can raise money for this purpose, possibly from the State Department, ICA, and others."

It was MOVED by Bessie Moore, seconded by Clara Jones, that the Commission accept the approach for an International Relations Task Force as outlined by Robert Chartrand. Passed unanimously.

It was MOVED by Bessie Moore, seconded by Frances Naftalin, that the Commission review and possibly reconsider its budget priorities during its February meeting. Passed unanimously.

WHC Resolutions - Continuation of Discussion

Because of the shortage of time, the Commissioners briefly reviewed, without detailed discussion or comments, the following resolutions: #26 - Archives and Historical Records; #27 - Literary, Musical, and Artistic Donations to Libraries; #29 - Information In U.S. Territories; #30 - Pricing of Basic Government Publications; #32 - Resolution (A. F. Trezza); # 33 - Future White House Conference; #34 - Resolution (NCLIS Ad Hoc Committee); and #35 - Youth Caucus.

ACT V In discussing implementation of the White House Conference resolutions, Mr. Trezza suggested that an overall plan needed to be developed for all those resolutions which could not be encompassed in an overall National Library and Information Services Act. Mr. Becker agreed and offered to work with Messrs. Trezza and Price in the development of a tentative structure which could be considered by the Commission.

ACTION The Commissioners were then asked to prioritize the various resolutions as they impact the Commission's program and to return them to the NCLIS office. The results of the tabulation will be sent to each Commissioner, along with a form for a second round of prioritizing the resolutions.

National Periodicals Center

Mr. Trezza announced that a meeting has been scheduled for January 18, 1980, at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, to discuss the NPC Legislation and Implementation: Next Steps. Each participant has been asked to review the NCLIS Legislative Proposal and the latest Congressional legislation for a National Periodicals Center, and to review the A.D. Little study, with special attention to System C. Commissioners wishing to attend the meeting should notify the NCLIS staff office.

Cultural Minorities

Mr. Trezza reported that the purpose of the Cultural Minorities Advisory Committee is to:

Explore the current status of library and information service programs in support of the needs and desires as expressed by minority groups; to develop programs designed to encourage ethnic groups in local communities to cooperate in the planning, delivery, and evaluation of library programs, including information referral centers, cultural and/or educational centers, etc.; and to determine the strength of existing collections and to develop criteria and methods for expanding and improving cultural minority materials for library and information services, including bilingual materials, foreign language books, films, tapes, etc.

The membership of the Advisory Committee would include representatives from the Black, Spanish-speaking, Asian, and American Indian communities. The Advisory Committee would consist of 9-15 members and include sociologists, practicing librarians, anthropologists, authors and publishers, and representatives from organizations, both public and private, that have major programs serving cultural minorities.

It is proposed that the initial meeting be a two-day "brainstorming" session held in Washington, D.C., in early 1980. The purpose of the meeting would be to: (1) review and revise the Advisory Committee's Purpose Statement; (2) gain a greater perspective on the library and information service needs

of the cultural minorities; (3) exchange ideas about existing programs, collections and services, including the strengths and weaknesses; (4) consider the possibility and desirability of developing cultural heritage programs in libraries; and (5) identify appropriate actions which might be needed to improve library and information service to minorities.

Mr. Benton stated, "This represents a new kind of emphasis and direction for the Commission and is unlike anything else the Commission has done."

Proposed Task Force on Community Information and Referral Service

Mr. Benton asked Mrs. Jones to elaborate, for the Commissioners, her thoughts on establishing a Task Force on Community Information and Referral Service. The following is an unedited transcript of Mrs. Jones' response:

"When you speak of public information, you are getting into the realm of public relations, human relations--it's a very broad topic. One aspect of it is just plain publicity, advertising, etc. But that's not the heart of the matter at all, and I would not want it to be misunderstood or misinterpreted. If you have been around librarians for the past number of years, you would realize that they have been searching their souls to try to find their role in this changing world, and have gone down lots of blind alleys and have done a lot of futile things. But, it's a matter of people trying to find themselves; I think that our work relates to that kind of thing.

"You are not going to be effective as an institution until you find your role and deliver things that are needed in people's lives in one way or another. A business can't exist unless it can attract customers, and I don't mean in a superficial way. I think libraries are facing some decisions to have a really deep over-hauling of their services; to make sure that they are going to offer the kinds of things appropriate for a library to do and that are meaningful to people. This is where your basic change is coming. We have been over-modest and dainty and in the shadows, and you can develop a good product but you have to communicate that to the public. These are the two parts of it, and no one could have missed my interest in information and referral, not as a panacea but as a very important part of the expansion of meaningful library service. Our committee is addressing that. We have had some conversation with Vince Guiliano who is extremely interested. I will tell you more about that later when we have been able to develop a plan.

"We feel it is appropriate for this committee to encourage the development of community information and referral service in public libraries. The public library is the one that gives the image of the library profession to the public for the most part, so the burden is there. Also the burden for the over-haul is there with the public library, much more than with other libraries. To some extent, school libraries, but the public library more. We feel this is a very fundamental thing, and we intend to address that. We hope that there could be some funding to come, so we will have to explore in this direction.

"On the side of publicity, the suggestion was made that at the end of certain programs they say 'these are the books that are related,' which is an excellent idea. This stimulates interest in book buying, books, and the library, and it is a real service. The example that Nick Johnson gave of dramatizing actual situations is not a new idea--to me, I know--but it has not been developed. For example, in cities that have a hotline, where people write in questions and get answers. A large percentage of those answers come from the public library, but they are not given credit for it. One idea would be for libraries to find ten minute spots on already existing television and radio shows and answer some questions from actual experience in the library. This could be really stimulating, showing people that they could do it."

ACTION

It was agreed that this is to be an item on the Commission's May agenda. A statement of mission will be developed, including names of key people.

WHCLIS Final Report Outline

ACTION

The WHCLIS final report outline, which was included in the meeting packet, should be reviewed and comments should be sent to Ms. Gell as soon as possible.

Title 44

Commissioners were asked to review Commission Document #79-115, entitled, "National Publications Act, HR 5424, Title 44 Revision."

Closing Statement

The Chairman stated, "This has been a productive and unique meeting because we have had to come to grips with the big ideas. This is not an easy process. This is where we can make a contribution to the credibility of the Commission."

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
COMMITTEE REPORT

The first White House Conference on Library and Information Services is over, but implementation is just the beginning. The Commission is charged with implementing some of the resolutions. It will be their decision to recommend short- and long-term priorities for implementation.

Because the delegates felt that it was "their conference," there is a new, vital and potentially powerful force in place for implementation. They have indicated that they want to have a part in the action. They are enthusiastic, knowledgeable and have had a baptism of fire. They are ready and eager to work on follow-up.

As members of the implementation committee of the Advisory Committee, we felt that the plan for success would be to use the delegates, alternates, and observers to carry the message of the National Conference back to their states. When the ground swell at the state level informs the citizenry of the value that can be achieved if these goals are carried out, there should be a swell at the national level to do so.

The resolutions of the conference will be sent to the delegates. With these should go a covering letter that suggests that the state library agency, delegates, alternates and observers from each state make contact to discuss with their state people, by mail or in person, their ideas on implementing these resolutions. The delegations should select a chairman for the group who could get informational material sent out by the Commission to disseminate to other members. There are 100,000 people out there who participated in governor's conferences in 49 states and seven territories. These people need to be on a mailing list to be informed because they were delegates to the state conferences. They are awaiting the results of the National Conference.

This conference is one of the best conferences ever to be held. Four thousand people attended making it the largest ever who were a part of the process of deciding what libraries and information services must do in the future.

Several delegations have indicated that they are willing and eager to set up actual working groups within the states and even have regional groups that will continue to work toward implementing the goals. In order for implementation with Congress to be successful, it is necessary to have great grass-roots participation. When NCLIS adopts a framework for implementation, these people should be ready to go into operation.

Here is an example of effective follow-through. One of the most successful post-conferences was the one on the Aged. They have achieved most of their goals through a cooperative and intensive implementation program.

It is necessary to have thousands of personal contacts with Congress. Delegates and alternates from each state could make contact with their Senators and Representatives to explain the needs of the people in the state for better and more comprehensive library and information services. We have the Washington Office of the American Library Association, headed by Eileen Cooke, that has always carried the ball for all library and information programs. The various components of ALA also have strong implementation groups, as does the private sector, and all of these must be involved if we are to accomplish the tremendous task ahead of us.

In preparing this report, it is hard to separate the charges of the implementation committee and the Public Relations Committee and there should be liaison between them.

To be successful, there must be a central office at the national level to call on people in the states to testify before Congressional committees, contact Congressmen and Senators, and provide a ground swell of support.

One recommendation from the Implementation Committee said that excerpts from the 25 resolutions of the WHC should be sent to every Senator and Representative and their education staff aides. This could be sent with a covering letter from NCLIS, and would be in addition to any larger, formal report.

After the primary elections, candidates of each party should be contacted at the state level and given one of the excerpted reports. This would inform those who will be elected or re-elected that there are critical needs in the library and information field. Every commitment to the support of libraries could play an important role in passing needed legislation.

An excellent suggestion made last week was that there could be open forums on a National Library Act. Commission Members could chair the meetings in various parts of the country and invite delegates, alternates, observers and interested people to attend. This would generate enthusiasm and tell Congress what is important at the grass-roots for the study bill now in Congress.

It was suggested that Members of the Advisory Committee who have special skills and interested in the success of the implementation, be tapped for their specific talents. Newsletters on a regular basis should be sent to these people as well as to delegates, alternates and observers so that liaison between them and the Commission would continue.

There is a new Department of Education, but the power base formerly generated in the huge Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has been separated. The budget of the new Department is about \$14.2 billion, while HEW has a \$171 billion budget. There is an immediate need to create a new coalition of people to work for funding in the Education Department. Previously, when funding was being considered, the various health programs concerning the elderly, medicare, the handicapped, and the huge social security constituency helped to carry the education programs along.

Labor and senior citizens, the handicapped and low-income groups, all worked for the budget, but in education, we have to build up our power groups. It is important to involve labor and the senior citizens and make libraries and information services and education one of the important priorities of the coming decade.

State library agencies should receive copies of resolutions that apply to states as soon as possible so that these could be channeled to the proper committees for implementation with state legislators and local government.

Resolutions that are not under the scope of NCLIS should be forwarded to the proper agency, department or association for implementation.

Some of the Members of the WHCLIS have retained the TI terminals to discuss ways of implementing the conference goals and these people will be available to help with implementation.

Submitted by:

Margaret Warden, Chairman
Legislative and Administrative
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IMPLEMENTATION

ATTACHMENT #2

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| Networking (12) | | | | | | | | |
| School Librarians (14) | | Letters to State | | Gov. Conf., Gov., Sc. Sch. Super. | AASL | | | |
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(Draft letter to WHC delegates reporting NCLIS support for the establishment of an Assistant Secretary level position for library and information services within the Department of Education)

Dear :

As you know, one of the top priority resolutions you helped to pass at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services would establish an Office of Library and Information Services within the new Department of Education, to be headed by an Assistant Secretary.

Since the Department is now being organized, it is vital that you reiterate your support for this action now.

On behalf of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and the White House Conference Advisory Committee, I urge you to join in an immediate nationwide effort to make this goal a reality. Help show visible grass-roots support by writing or wiring: The Honorable Shirley M. Hufstедler, Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

You might want to remind her of President Carter's strong commitment in support of libraries in the Department of Education, as stated in his address to the White House Conference:

I am convinced that the new Department of Education will have a greatly expanded and more effective role in emphasizing the importance of books, of learning, and, particularly, of libraries. I am determined that this will be the case."

This is our first coordinated effort to rally support to implement a White House Conference resolution. Please join in this effort, which is crucial to the development of adequate and available services to meet Americans' library and information service needs in the Information Age.

Now that the Conference is over, let us begin an even more challenging task: to give life to its recommendations by continuing to work together toward the goals we share.

Sincerely,

Charles Benton
Chairman