



**National Commission
on Libraries and Information Science**

FORMAL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

February 8 and 9, 1980

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- (7) Members of the Commission were asked to review the first draft of "The White House Conference on Library and Information Services: Final Report." Comments are to be submitted, in writing, within ten days.
- (8) The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science met in executive session on February 9, 1980, to review staffing requirements to support the future programs of the Commission. Further discussion will take place at the Commission meeting in Washington, D.C., on March 20, 1980. MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Frances Naftalin.



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MINUTES

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Hyatt Regency Hotel
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT: Helmut Alpers; Robert W. Burns, Jr.; Carlos A. Cuadra; Joan H. Gross; Clara S. Jones (Friday only); Francis Keppel; Marian P. Leith; Bessie B. Moore; Frances H. Naftalin; Philip A. Sprague; Margaret Warden; William Welsh (for Daniel Boorstin); Mildred E. Younger; and Charles Benton, Presiding

STAFF PRESENT: Alphonse F. Trezza; Douglas S. Price; Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar; Ruth L. Tighe; Carl C. Thompson; Ruby O. Woods-Robinson; and Barbara Lee Whiteleather, Recording Secretary

WHC STAFF: Marilyn Gell; Vera Hirschberg; and Jerry Manolatos

GUESTS AND OBSERVERS: John E. Velde, Jr., Former NCLIS Member; Russ Mead, Douglas Lawson Associates; Michael Piper, Navajo County Library; Rosanne Thompson, Navajo County Library; Robert Voorhees, Whiteriver Public Library; W. Gregory Tremere, Navajo County Library; Eileen D. Cooke, ALA, Washington Office; David Thomas, Assistant to Charles Benton

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., and welcomed the Commissioners and staffs of NCLIS and WHCLIS to Phoenix. He then asked the observers to stand up and identify themselves.

Three NCLIS Members Confirmed

Mr. Benton welcomed Messrs. Helmut Alpers and Carlos Cuadra and Mrs. Margaret Warden as NCLIS Commissioners and announced that their appointments had been confirmed by the Senate on February 7, 1980.

Minutes

Mrs. Leith requested that in the NCLIS Minutes of the December 12 and 13, 1979, meeting the last sentence, first paragraph, on page 6 under "Coordination of School and Public Library Service," be deleted. Mrs. Younger requested that the following wording replace the first sentence, fourth paragraph, on page 4 of the same Minutes: "The possibility of providing Secretary Hufstedler with maximum information which she needs to make decisions most desirable to our point of view was discussed."

It was then,

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Update on Activities Regarding Assistant Secretary, Office of Libraries and Information Services

Mr. Benton reported that a letter had been prepared and sent to Secretary Hufstedler--signed by nine Senators and eighteen Congressmen--urging the creation of an Office of Library and Information Services administered by an Assistant Secretary of Education within the new Department of Education. Mrs. Reszetar stated that there were other Senators and Congressmen supportive of this idea who did not sign the letter but were planning to send letters on their own. Mr. Trezza informed the Members that, at this stage, it appears that the transmission task force will recommend to the Secretary that library programs be placed under the Assistant Secretary for Research and Improvement. The Chairman thanked and complimented Mrs. Reszetar for her accomplishment in this area.

LJ Article on the White House Conference

"The White House Conference on Library and Information Services, November 15-19, 1979, in Washington, D.C., was most effective in building cadres for the library future," Mr. Benton read from the Library Journal dated January 15, 1980. "Everyone who attended the Conference now knows that the White House and the Congress truly want guidance. They also know that the guidance has to come from voters, voters who are made aware by their fellow-citizens of the pressing needs of our nation in the information arena...The White House Conference is, of course, not over yet. Its work goes on, and will go on... The White House Conference was a fine staging area. It was a very successful jumping off place for the library and information campaigns of the Eighties. It clearly defined our objectives and targets. It clearly showed us the obstacles to their achievement. And it clearly gave us a head start in making us visible to the political leaders and the citizens we must enlist to help us."

The Chairman urged the Members to read this article, which he described as an "extraordinary and an amazing round-up of the White House Conference."

DRAFT WHC Final Report

Ms. Gell reported that the final report to the President will use all media: audio, video, and print. The draft of the printed version was included in the WHC meeting packet distributed at the start of the meeting; comments are requested, in writing, by February 15 to Mr. Tom Lennox of the WHC staff. (Note: list of participants, transcripts of speeches, additional documentation, and the summary volume were not included.)

Negotiations are underway with three publishing companies; estimate of the printing cost is \$80,000. A special edition will be prepared for the President, and 50 copies of the report will be available at that time. However, the remaining copies (10,000) will not be available until later.

A 21-minute slide presentation, from over 60 hours of videotaping at the Conference, was previewed. Ms. Gell explained that the film is meant to be used in conjunction with presentations about the Conference and for fund raising. Several constructive comments were offered. The Commissioners also requested the opportunity to view the film again.

After reviewing the film for the second time,

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Mr. Benton stated that, in his opinion, the film does reflect the spirit of the White House Conference, which is essential. He also informed the Members that Helen Meyers, a Member of the Advisory Committee to the White House Conference, and Editorial Consultant, Doubleday and Company, has donated \$5,200 toward distribution of the film.

Mr. Benton announced that, at this time, an appointment with the President to present the final report has not been confirmed and, in fact, is rather doubtful. It is expected, however, that the presentation will be made to Stuart Eizenstat.

Additional items of information about White House Conference activities are:

- The evaluation form is in the process of being analyzed, with approximately a 20% return so far.
- State Librarians have been asked--for the fourth time--for their response to the question, "What has happened in your state since the pre-White House Conference?" (This information is to be included in the final report.)
- WHC staff is in the process of closing out the financial accounting with the states.
- The Follow-Up Committee of the Conference has agreed to the final wording of the resolutions. Resolutions are now being typeset.

Ad Hoc Committee for Planning and Monitoring WHC Follow-Up Activities

A status report on the Ad Hoc Committee for Planning and Monitoring of Follow-Up Activities, CD #80-15, was included in the meeting packet.

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There was discussion of the possibility of three regional meetings vs. one meeting of the entire Ad Hoc Committee; no final decision was made regarding either time or place of such a meeting.

ALA Legislative Day

The annual ALA Legislative Day will be held on April 15, 1980, in Washington, D.C., to focus attention nationwide on all existing Federal library programs simultaneously. All Members are invited by ALA to participate.

Indian Library Service

Mr. Benton distributed a letter which he had sent to Secretary of Interior, Cecil Andrus, requesting a meeting to discuss NCLIS concern for Indian library development. Dr. Moore briefed the Commissioners on previous NCLIS activities in this area, including the regional hearings.

Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar will continue to serve as staff liaison in this area. Specific issues to be clarified before the meeting at the Department of Interior include:

- (1) Are all Indian nations equally in need of Federal assistance for library service, even those with known oil and mineral resources on their reservations?
- (2) The administration of library services remaining within the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Mrs. Mary Huffer, Director, Office of Library and Information Services within the Department of Interior was given praise for her leadership and understanding in support of library and information services for American Indians living on or near reservations.

Report on the Logo Pins

A report on the contributions received toward the purchase of NCLIS logo pins was included in the meeting packet. Several other pledges and contributions have been received, and an up to date report will be submitted at the March meeting.

NCLIS Budget Crisis

Mr. Benton reported that the NCLIS underwent a "budget crisis" during the week before Christmas. Details of this action are reported in the letter from Mr. Trezza to Mr. James McIntyre, Director, Office of Management and Budget (CD #80-8). As a result of this letter, a conference call between several Commissioners and OMB representatives, and most importantly, a call from Mr. Benton to the White House, the OMB decision was reversed. "My bottom-line conclusion from all this is that we (NCLIS) really have to perform. We are in a struggle to survive," Mr. Benton said.

NCLIS Technical Amendments

Mr. Benton reported that two technical amendments to NCLIS legislation have been agreed to by the Office of Management and Budget. They are: (1) That the Commissioners would be allowed to serve until new appointments or re-appointments have been confirmed; and (2) that the \$750,000 budgetary limitation be removed and in lieu thereof the following words inserted, "Such sums as may be necessary." These must be approved by Congress before they become effective.

FY 1980 and 1981 Budget Analysis

In accordance with the motion introduced by Dr. Moore at the December meeting that the Commission reconsider its budget priorities, an analysis of the FY 1980 and FY 1981 budget had been prepared by Mr. Price and was distributed (CD #80-7, 80-7.1, and 80-7.2) at the meeting. The material was reviewed briefly by Mr. Price, but no changes were recommended.

Fund Raising Report

A "Report of Lawson Associates Activities on Behalf of the WHC and Recommendations for Future Activities" was distributed at the meeting.

In summary, Lawson Associates recommends that NCLIS:

- (1) Recruit a full-time individual with sufficient fund-raising experience and intellectual skills to comprehend quickly the Conference materials.
- (2) Provide part-time secretarial support and office space, plus a modest travel budget.

- (3) Establish contact with logical foundation or corporate prospects in person, by mail and by telephone.
- (4) Meet with appropriate government funding agencies.
- (5) Meet with Commission and Conference staffs to determine project priorities, contents, and most effective structures.
- (6) Develop appropriate budgets and proposals for each fundable project and secure interest from funding possibilities.
- (7) Secure Commission approval for inauguration of the funding requests of selected projects.

Mr. Mead noted that there are, at present, oral commitments of up to \$40,000, which could take from six to twelve months to actually realize. Dr. Cuadra expressed his feeling that outside funding could move us in new directions and that the Public Private Sector Task Force could--possibly--have been supported by outside funding.

After discussion,

It was MOVED by Robert Burns, Jr., seconded by Margaret Warden, that the Commission empower the Chairman to further investigate the possibilities of raising non-Federal funds to support the programs of the Commission. The motion was passed with William Welsh abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, February 9, 1980

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

Report on the Program of the Advertising Council

Mr. Velde urged the Commission to consider what it could, or should, do in support of the Advertising Council (AdCouncil). Comments by Commissioners included: (1) Commend ALA on its work in this area; and (2) prepare a letter urging use of materials by libraries--Mr. Velde recommended that the meeting in March might be the appropriate time to prepare such a letter.

Mr. Velde displayed a copy of a proposal from ALA entitled, "Proposal to the Advertising Council for a National Three-Year Action Plan to Combat Functional Illiteracy." An AdCouncil campaign involving the staff and resources of the nation's network of 8,000 public libraries can unite and strengthen the actions of all literacy organizations and put the American people to work on a problem that can be solved, he said.

Literacy Commission

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National Library Act

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. for an Executive Session.

Executive Session

As a result of this Executive Session, the following statement was issued in open session.

ACTION The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science met in Executive Session on February 9, 1980, to review staffing requirements to support the future programs of the Commission. Further discussion will take place at the Commission meeting in Washington, D.C., on March 20, 1980. MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by Frances Naftalin.

It was agreed that a press release reporting the Commission's statement would be issued immediately.

The meeting adjourned with the close of the Executive Session.