



**National Commission  
on Libraries and Information Science**

MINUTES

June 9 and 10, 1983  
New Orleans, Louisiana

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Helmut Alpers; Gordon M. Ambach; Charles Benton;  
Carlos A. Cuadra; Paulette H. Holahan;  
John E. Juergensmeyer; Francis Keppel;  
Jerald C. Newman; Philip A. Sprague;  
Margaret S. Warden; William J. Welsh;  
Julia Li Wu; and Elinor M. Hashim, Presiding
- STAFF PRESENT :** Toni Carbo Bearman; Sarah G. Bishop;  
Kathleen A. McCormick; Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar;  
Carl C. Thompson; Christina Carr Young; and  
Barbara Lee Whiteleather, Recording Secretary
- GUESTS PRESENT :** Phyllis Stigall, IBM T.J. Watson Research Center;  
Polly Guynup, IBM T.J. Watson Research Center;  
Phyllis D. Freedman, Municipal Reference Library,  
Orlando, Florida; Peyton R. Neal, PRN Associates  
(on behalf of the Information Industry Association);  
Kathleen Eisenbeis, Duke University Library, Durham,  
North Carolina; Thomas Jaques, State Librarian,  
Louisiana State Library; Mavene Dearman, Baton Rouge,  
Louisiana; Cholly Whitten, Baton Rouge; Z. Long,  
Baton Rouge; Nigel Oxbow, Alan Armstrong and Associates  
Ltd., London, England; Alan Armstrong, Alan Armstront  
and Associates Ltd, Reading, England; David Bender,  
Executive Director, Special Libraries Association,  
Patricia Mulholt, SLA President, Rensselaer Poly-  
technic Institute; Janet M. Rigney, SLA Past-  
President, Council on Foreign Relations, New York,  
New York; Edythe Moore, SLA Networking Committee  
Chairman, The Aerospace Corporation, Los Angeles,  
California; Patricia Berger, Chair, The Role of the  
Special Library in Networks and Cooperatives Task  
Force

Thursday, June 9, 1983

EXECUTIVE SESSION An Executive Session to discuss personnel matters was held from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Miss Hashim reported that she presented the keynote address at Simmons College, Graduate School of Library Science, Annual Alumni Day, on May 20. The theme for the conference was "Expanding our Horizons; Funding Alternatives."

MEETING AGENDA Miss Hashim noted corrections in the tabs of the meeting notebook to correspond with the meeting agenda.

MOTION It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by Julia Wu, that the meeting agenda be approved as corrected. The motion was passed unanimously.

Note: During the next day's discussion, by unanimous agreement, the Members decided not to formally approve future meeting agendas.

NCLIS MINUTES Mr. Juergensmeyer presented the idea of identifying Commissioners and how they vote, including abstentions in the minutes. Mr. Alpers urged that this not be done as it would tend to "inhibit" Commissioners when voting. No decision was made.

Mr. Newman requested that the following underlined words be inserted on page 19, paragraph 3, of the April 20-21, 1983, minutes: However, the U.S. would like to limit the export of scientific ideas that relate to our national security interests, especially to the Soviet bloc.

MOTION It was MOVED by Philip Sprague, seconded by William Welsh, that the Minutes of the April 20-21, 1983, Commission meeting be approved as corrected. The motion was passed unanimously.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MOTION It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by William Welsh, that Bessie Boehm Moore be re-elected Vice Chairman for a term of one year (July 19, 1983, to July 20, 1984). The motion was passed unanimously.

It was pointed out that the duties of the Vice Chairman are to serve in the absence of the Chairman, and as Chair, Personnel Committee.

JASON  
HARDMAN  
CERTIFI-  
CATE

Miss Hashim showed the Commissioners the certificate of appreciation which she will present to Jason Hardman. This certificate was prepared as requested during the April Commission meeting. Staff is currently attempting to arrange a photo session with Jason and President Reagan.

EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT

Dr. Bearman explained that the staff felt that the 6 week period between the April meeting and this meeting was very short for the preparation of materials. If at all possible, meetings should be held twelve weeks apart.

Computer/Technology Terminology Fact Sheet--During the April Commission meeting, staff was requested to prepare a computer/technology terminology fact sheet, if such a reference document did not currently exist. After extensive searching, the staff has determined that there are, indeed, numerous computer and technology glossaries, dictionaries, and fact sheets on the market. A sample list was distributed. Dr. Bearman pointed out that OMB Circular A-76 clearly states that the Federal Government should not duplicate what has been done in the private sector. Dr. Bearman asked, "What is your guidance to the staff on where we go from here?" It was decided that the staff has completed their assignment.

White House Conference on Productivity--The staff of the White House Conference on Productivity has asked NCLIS to help present a session at the national conference focussing on the information component in productivity. It was decided that the staff prepare and send a letter to Mr. Courtemanche, Director of the Conference, requesting that Miss Hashim be invited to attend the National Conference, and that Mr. Newman be invited to the preparatory conference on Government Organization and Operation and the Role of Government in the Economy and Private Sector Initiatives, as well as to the National Conference. It is expected that there will be 100 participants at pre-conferences, and 200 at the National Conference. Mrs. Reszetar is serving as staff liaison to the conference.

NCES--The semi-annual National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) meeting with members of the library and information community was held on May 26. The main purpose of this meeting was to exchange information about library statistics and to advise NCES and the library and information community which statistics should be collected and how to improve the dissemination and use of them. A detailed report of this meeting is available from the staff office upon request.

At the request of Mr. Keppel, a letter will be written to the Director of NCES stressing the need for collecting trendline data. Staff will distribute copies of the draft NCES report to Commissioners.

Army-Reading Project--Miss Young announced that a meeting will be held on July 14 with Mr. Don Egnor, Department of the Army, and others concerned with adult literacy. They will discuss the possibility of establishing a transfer of technology regarding adult literacy that can be conducted in urban or rural settings. Although no funds will be transferred to NCLIS, both NCLIS and the Department of Army can expect to benefit from the sharing of information on literacy activities. As Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Newman offered his assistance to this project.

Technology Project--Dr. Bearman introduced Mrs. Phyllis Stigall from the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center and thanked her for her graciousness in working with NCLIS on the Technology Project.

The first phase of the project is almost complete, and Miss McCormick will present the draft report for NCLIS review in July. The objective of this first phase of the project is to perform a technology assessment and define what the information environment of 1985 will be. The second phase will examine the effect of the identified information technologies on productivity, concentrating on the productivity of knowledge workers.

Mr. Juergensmeyer suggested that periodic summaries of this project be prepared, including findings to date and tentative conclusions. Dr. Bearman agreed to have these summaries prepared.

The Task Force Chair was invited to answer questions from Commissioners. The Members carefully considered and voted on each of the 13 recommendations contained in the Task Force Report entitled, "The Role of the Special Library in Networks and Cooperatives." Pertinent concerns of the Members, questions about the recommendations, and the formal motions and votes follow.

Recommendation 1: The Task Force recommends that the SLA Networking Committee, working with selected SLA Chapter Presidents, undertake a pilot study based on the Task Force's SLA Survey Data to determine precisely what needs these organizations satisfy and what constituencies they serve. If these uses and needs are substantial, and will continue in the future, SLA should work with NCLIS to assure that future network legislation and planning do not duplicate or otherwise stifle the products and services which appear to be most successfully supplied by local, area-specific cooperative enterprises.

NCLIS/SLA  
TASK  
FORCE  
REPORT

RECOMMEN-  
DATION  
#1

DISCUS-  
SION

Specific comments on Recommendation #1 included:

- What is the distinction between large regional and national cooperative programs and local, area-specific efforts?
- We are apparently making a commitment to supporting "local area-specific efforts" as opposed to large regional and national cooperative programs; more information is needed as to why we made the choice.
- The report calls for study, based on the Task Force's Survey Data to determine precisely what needs these organizations satisfy and what constituencies they serve.

## MOTION

It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the Commission accept Recommendation 1 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force. The motion was passed unanimously.

RECOM-  
MENDATION  
#2

Recommendation 2: The Task Force recommends that the SLA Networking Committee continue the Task Force's initial survey efforts by conducting biennial updates of SLA participation in networks and cooperative programs. The results of these updates should be furnished to NCLIS for planning purposes and be published in Special Libraries as well. Specific recommendations concerning the design and refinement of future survey instruments will be found in Chapter 1 of this Report.

## MOTION

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by William Welsh, that the Commission accept Recommendation 2 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force. The motion was passed unanimously.

RECOM-  
MENDATION  
#3

Recommendation 3: The Task Force recommends that the 29 SLA subject-oriented Divisions place increased emphasis on tracking and encouraging networking activities by all special libraries in their Division's fields of interests. To accomplish this, the Task Force recommends that:

- Each Division appoint a committee to collect current information on networking activities taking place in the Division's field, including the special libraries not represented by memberships in SLA;
- Each Division report on at least a biennial basis to the SLA Networking Committee which libraries are actively participating in networks as well as which libraries are not;

RECOM-  
MENDATION  
#3  
(Cont.)

- The Divisions identify those network-related issues that require R&D dollars in order to be resolved. The Task Force suggests that the management of all the organizations affected by these issues be asked to supply dollars, equipment and staff sufficient to address these issues.

MOTION

It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Julia Wu, that the Commission accept Recommendation 3 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force. The motion was passed unanimously.

RECOM-  
MENDATION  
#4

Recommendation 4: In 1975, NCLIS called special libraries "windows on the nation's information resources" and recommended that "the leaders of business and industry . . . encourage (the sharing of) resources . . . as a reasonable response to a national need." To accomplish this end, the Task Force recommends that representatives from NCLIS, SLA, and the nation's networks convene meetings of senior management officials from for-profit and not-for-profit organizations and government agencies to discuss ways to increase and liberalize regional and national resource and information sharing. In particular, the concerns and reservations of the industries and businesses which our SLA Survey identified as network nonparticipants should be addressed in depth, to determine whether incentives can be crafted either to eliminate or to reduce present barriers to resource sharing.

DISCUS-  
SION

There were two differing views on this recommendation. They were:

- Concern about NCLIS undertaking to get top management to participate. If the library does not want to undertake networking, NCLIS ought to stay out of it. If the library would like help in educating their management, NCLIS ought to help. If not asked for help, NCLIS ought not to get involved;

And,

- Our role should be that of expanding the network to the maximum extent possible.
- If the librarians feel there is a reluctance on the part of top management not to be involved, support of this resolution by the Commission can help the librarian to go to top management and say, "We need to expand this area, and there is a policy statement from NCLIS which gives the librarians support in making this move."
- Appropriate role for NCLIS; should be high priority on NCLIS' role of expanding and improving nationwide networking.

DISCUS-  
SION  
(Cont.)

It was pointed out that of the 2,254 library respondents, 50% reported that they do not participate in formal cooperative programs of any kind. No demand or interest (35%), no knowledge of networks (21%), and no money (21%) were the top three reasons given.

The Members asked Mrs. Berger, Chair of the Task Force, how the mechanics of this recommendation would work. Mrs. Berger pointed out that the report reads, "If NCLIS and SLA are persuaded that all or some of these industries and interests ought to be better represented in national resource sharing programs, then the managements of the organizations these libraries represent will need to be convinced of this need." It would not be difficult to convene a meeting--not excluding the librarians, but including their managers--to discuss the barriers.

MOTION

It was MOVED by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Julia Wu, that the Commission accept Recommendation 4 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report.

The motion was defeated (3 for; 6 opposed; 1 abstention).

MOTION

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by William Welsh, that the Commission reconsider Recommendation 4 after discussion with SLA representatives.

The motion was passed unanimously.

MOTION

It was MOVED by Philip Sprague, seconded by Charles Benton, that the Commission accept Recommendation 4 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report eliminating the word "senior" from the text.

The motion carried (9 for; 2 abstentions).

RECOM-  
MENDATION  
#5

Recommendation 5: Since "lack of knowledge of appropriate networks" was cited by 21% of the SLA nonparticipants as a reason for non-participation, the Task Force recommends that the SLA Professional Development Staff design and conduct a continuing education course to acquaint Association members with the roles, duties, and responsibilities of network members; the services and resources available from networks; the contractual obligations a network and its members share; and the names, locations, costs, and membership requirements of selected hospitable networks and cooperatives throughout the country.

MOTION

It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Carlos Cuadra, that the Commission accept Recommendation 5 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force. The motion was passed unanimously.

RECOM-  
MENDATION  
#6

Recommendation 6: The Task Force recommends that NCLIS and SLA develop legislative incentives designed to stimulate network access and use by the small special libraries which, for lack of resources, are not permitted presently to participate in state, regional, or national cooperative programs. It is imperative that these smaller libraries and information centers not continue to be isolated from the members of the networking community. The Task Force believes that both NCLIS and SLA should take steps to insure that the needs of this group of American libraries are addressed in future library legislation.

DISCUS-  
SION

The discussion raised the question of what incentives were intended. The Commission determined that the word "incentive" is not limited to financial incentives.

The Task Force Chairman explained that this recommendation is asking that the legislation make it clear that the money and the intent of the title is that all types of libraries will participate in multitype cooperative projects.

The Commission decided that the adoption of this recommendation needed a caveat or caution that this does not imply, in any way, that direct government grants or funds would be made available for profit-making institutions.

MOTION

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, that the Commission accept Recommendation 6 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force on the assumption that this recommendation does not necessarily imply a recommendation for additional government funds.

The motion carried (8 for; 3 opposed).

RECOM-  
MENDATION  
#7

Recommendation 7: The Task Force recommends that:

- The SLA staff and legal counsel be available to consult with any nonprofit network or cooperative which needs assistance in obtaining IRS clarification concerning the appropriate percentage of for-profit member libraries in the network.

RECOM-  
MENDATION  
#7  
(Cont.)

- SLA and the American Association of Law Libraries form a joint committee to collect, monitor, summarize and publicize future legal rulings as the Federal or state levels which may impact special library, including law library, participation in networks and cooperatives. The Task Force recommends that this joint committee serve as a repository for such information and that it report new developments or changes regularly to the memberships of AALL and SLA and to NCLIS as well. The Task Force further recommends that the joint committee prepare an action plan to provide better national documentation of future IRS decisions.
- SLA's Board of Directors work closely with the Association membership to help reconcile legal or regulatory problems the members encounter as they increase their participation in library networks and cooperatives. The Board should communicate the results of its efforts to the membership and to NCLIS whenever the problem appears to be either one which might affect other libraries or networks or one which requires a legislative remedy.
- SLA's Board of Directors establish an Association award for the local, state, regional or national formal cooperative program that has been most hospitable to special libraries in all aspects of its programs.
- Representatives from SLA's Board of Directors, the Association staff, and the Networking Committee work with NCLIS and the Washington Office of the American Library Association to support adequate funding and precise language for all interlibrary cooperation legislation.

DISCUS-  
SION

Commissioners' comments on Recommendation 7 and on the statements following it included:

- "Spending floors" means minimum amount of money.
- Need to be cautious when you suggest precise legislative wording, "We are going to support adequate funding for all interlibrary cooperation," you are telling legislators how they should vote.
- Recommended legislation is similar to LSCA, however, more specific. For example, X percent, at least, should be spent for multitype library cooperation.

DISCUS-  
SION  
(Cont.)

--Task Force is saying that where funds are allocated for multitype library cooperation, they should be spent for that purpose.

--Task Force is saying that the language in the legislation should be such that there can be no doubt that special libraries are included in the umbrella term, "multitype library cooperation." (LSCA, Title III)

--"Quota" means X number of libraries in Y programs.

--"Floor" means spend X number of dollars on this program.

MOTION

It was MOVED by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Charles Benton, that the Commission accept Recommendation 7 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force with the understanding that this acceptance does not commit NCLIS in advance to the support of any particular legislation or litigation, especially at the state level.

The motion carried (7 for; 4 abstentions).

RECOM-  
MENDATION  
#8

Recommendation 8: The Task Force recommends that the SLA Networking Committee monitor the pace, character, and extent of network decentralization and recommend to SLA and NCLIS actions needed either to support those developments which appear to be beneficial to national resource access or to ameliorate any adverse impacts of further decentralization of regional and national databases.

MOTION

It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Philip Sprague, that the Commission accept Recommendation 8 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force.

The motion was passed unanimously.

RECOM-  
MENDATION  
#9

Recommendation 9: The Task Force recommends to SLA and NCLIS that they be prepared to accommodate the evolving genre of subject networks in their future strategies and plans for increasing library resource sharing activities.

DISCUS- The Chair ruled that the recommendation, itself, was contained  
SION in the first sentence.

MOTION It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Jerald Newman,  
that the Commission accept Recommendation 9 of the NCLIS/  
Special Libraries Association Task Force.

The motion was passed unanimously.

RECOM- Recommendation 10: The Task Force recommends that the SLA Networking  
MENDATION Committee and affected SLA members be prepared to meet with repre-  
#10 sentatives of utilities, networks, or cooperatives whenever com-  
promises of operational or membership requirements need to be  
negotiated in order to eliminate impediments to information sharing  
between networks and their users.

MOTION It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Helmut Alpers,  
that the Commission accept Recommendation 10 of the NCLIS/  
Special Libraries Association Task Force.

The motion was passed unanimously.

RECOM- Recommendation 11: In order to assure that the fullest possible  
MENDATION range of networking interests of the special library community are  
#11 represented and balanced, the Task Force recommends that the chair-  
manship of the SLA Networking Committee and SLA's representative  
to the Library of Congress' Network Advisory Committee be rotated  
every two years among the corporate-for-profit, private-not-for-  
profit, and public agency components of the Association.

DISCUS- Questions were raised concerning whether NCLIS should tell SLA what  
SION to do and the functions of the Network Advisory Committee.

MOTION It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Jerald Newman,  
that the Commission take no action on Recommendation 11  
of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force  
Report.

The motion was defeated (3 for; 5 opposed; 4 abstentions).

MOTION It was MOVED by William Welsh, and seconded by Gordon Ambach,  
that the Commission accept Recommendation 11 of the NCLIS/  
Special Libraries Association Task Force.

The motion carried (10 for; 1 opposed; 1 abstention).

RECOMMEN-  
DATION  
#12

Recommendation 12: The Task Force recommends that NCLIS and SLA undertake a legal review of the implications of the antitrust laws as they relate to future subject-oriented library networks configurations. Attorneys from business and industry should be consulted as should appropriate officials at the Department of Justice. The Task Force further recommends that NCLIS and SLA develop and publish antitrust guidelines to assist networks and cooperatives in their planning for new information products and services.

DISCUS-  
SION

Mrs. Berger explained the reason for this recommendation. She said that in the future there will be a number of either area or subject-oriented networks. In some instances, all of the players will be for-profit. They will be pooling their resources to create information products and services and they could conceivably be in violation of the antitrust laws. "We are not saying they are; all we are doing is raising a flag and saying that you may have a problem which you should look at," she explained.

A question was raised concerning whether NCLIS is in fact the appropriate body to consider this recommendation and a suggestion made that the Department of Justice be consulted for its opinion. It was noted that NCLIS has consulted with the Department of Justice in the past.

MOTION

It was MOVED by Paulette Holahan, seconded by William Welsh, that the Commission reject Recommendation 12 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force.

The motion was withdrawn.

RECOMMEN-  
DATION  
#13

Recommendation 13: The Task Force recommends that the Board of Directors of SLA set up a committee to review the statistics the Association collects in order to improve the Association's data collection, reporting, and member profiling activities. In particular, the Committee should seek ways to improve the kinds of institutional information collected and maintained in the Association's records and files. There is sufficient evidence from the Network Survey to encourage SLA to define and to stipulate the interests and the universes the Association actually represents.

MOTION

It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Gordon Ambach, that the Commission accept Recommendation 13 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force.

The motion was passed unanimously.

WELCOME  
TO  
NEW  
ORLEANS

Representative Robert Livingston sent a letter welcoming the Chairman and Members of the Commission to the City of New Orleans. Miss Hashim also received a lovely flower arrangement from Mayor Morial of New Orleans.

SLA  
REPRESENTATIVES

Patricia Mulholt, President, Special Libraries Association (SLA), Janet Rigney, Immediate-Past Chairman, Edythe Moore, Chair, Networking Committee, and David Bender, Executive Director of SLA were invited to participate in the discussion of the NCLIS/SLA Task Force Report.

Ms. Mulholt presented a 'thumbnail' sketch of SLA, its organization and operations. She also reported that, like NCLIS, SLA had considered each recommendation contained in the Task Force Report.

In summary, Mr. Bender reported that SLA's decisions on the recommendations were:

Recommendation 1 - Endorsed

Recommendation 2 - Endorsed; delete "summarize" on line 2

Recommendation 3 - Considerable discussion; endorsed in concept

Recommendation 4 - Endorsed with the word "senior" deleted from the text

Recommendation 5 - Endorsed

Recommendation 6 - Endorsed

Recommendation 7 - Not endorsed

7A - Not endorsed

7B - Endorsed

7C - Endorsed; staff to assist the members in an advisory capacity

7D - Endorsed; Committee to recommend rather than award program

7E - Endorsed

Recommendation 8 - Endorsed

Recommendation 9 - Endorsed

Discus-  
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Recommen-  
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Continued

Recommendation #26

Urge libraries to strengthen the collections of print and nonprint materials and to acquire in generous supply information on the four cultural minority groups discussed in this report.

Motion

It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Byron Leeds, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #26 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was passed unanimously.

Recommendation #31

Urge publishers to produce and to market works by minority authors. A marketing study by an independent agency should be developed under the auspices of NCLIS.

Motion

It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #31 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was defeated.

Specific concerns and comments about this recommendation were:

- Even though the Commission agrees that publishers should produce and market works by minority authors, the Members decided that a market study is not an appropriate task for this Commission to undertake; and
- At this time the Commission is not sure that another marketing survey will be particularly useful in achieving this goal because the Task Force report indicates that there is a market for works by minority authors and that libraries would buy them if they were available. The problem seems to be a lack of adequate funds to purchase materials.

Recommendation #23

Urge the Library of Congress to develop a national, comprehensive system of bibliographical control of cultural minorities resources.

Motion

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, that the National Commission endorse Recommendation #23 of the Task Force on Library and Information Services to Cultural Minorities. The motion was carried (6 for; 2 opposed).

## MOTION

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, and severally seconded, that the Commission accept with appreciation the final report of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force on The Role of the Special Library in Networks and Cooperatives and commend the members of the Task Force and its dedicated chairman for their achievement in clarifying the present and future roles of special libraries in networks and cooperative programs. Further, that the SLA and NCLIS discharge the Task Force with gratitude for its outstanding success in fulfilling its charge.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3:45 p.m.

LSCA  
UPDATE

A comprehensive update on the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) was included under tab 7 of the Commission notebook. Also included was the Committee Print of a bill with amendments to LSCA, H.R. 2878, as reported out of the Subcommittee on Post Secondary Education on May 6, 1983.

In response to Mr. Sprague's question, "What is the posture of the Commission with regard to the next steps?", Mrs. Reszetar stated that no Congressional action is anticipated before the August recess.

It was pointed out that the new technology concept requested in the letter from Miss Hashim to Congressman Paul Simon was not included in the Committee Print, nor was the proposed title change to "The Library Services and Technology Act." There was much concern on the part of the Commissioners about these omissions. It was decided that a letter, signed by the Chairman, should be sent to appropriate Senators expressing the Commission's concern of the omissions. Mrs. Warden urged personal contact with Senators and Congressmen, if and when possible. Mr. Benton offered his personal assistance by talking with Mr. Simon to gain his insight before sending the letter. Mr. Keppel reminded the Members, "This Commission reports to the Congress. It is our duty, by law, to report our views." In addition, Mr. Keppel urged that the letter state that the Commission is disappointed that the central thrust of its views on LSCA have not been recognized. Dr. Cuadra added that the letter emphasize technology, how it is more productive, and makes dollars go further.

Dr. Bearman pointed out that the next meeting of the Public Affairs Roundtable will be held on Monday, June 13, and that the LSCA amendments will be the main topic for discussion.

Mrs. Reszetar reminded the Commissioners that both the letter and Mr. Benton's discussion with Mr. Simon should stress the positive elements and our appreciation for NCLIS suggestions included in the Committee Print.

LOCATION  
OF  
COMMISSION  
MEETINGS

Although Miss Hashim stated that her preference would be to hold all Commission meetings in Washington, D.C., several Commissioners urged holding meetings in conjunction with large association conferences for visibility. Mr. Juergensmeyer suggested that one-half of the meetings be held outside of Washington, D.C., with a skeleton staff present (2 or 3 rather than 4 or 5 staff persons).

1984  
COMMISSION  
MEETING  
DATES

By general agreement, the Commission will hold its calendar year 1984 meetings on the following dates in Washington, D.C.:

January 4 - 6, 1984 (Wednesday through Friday)  
April 9 - 11 (Monday through Wednesday)  
July 9 - 11 (Monday through Wednesday)  
October 3 - 5 (Wednesday through Friday)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Friday, June 10, 1983

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

SARAH  
BISHOP  
NAMED  
DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR

The Chairman reported that during the Executive Session held on Thursday, June 9, 1983, the Commission approved the position description for the Deputy Director as required by the Governance Document. The Commission also accepted the Executive Director's recommendation that she appoint Dr. Sarah G. Bishop Deputy Director of NCLIS.

DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE  
SATELLITE  
ARCHIVING

In a letter from Raymond G. Kammer, Jr., Chairman, Source Evaluation Board (SEB) for Civil Space Remote Sensing, U.S. Department of Commerce, dated June 7, 1983, SEB asked if NCLIS could provide them with a study and advice regarding the archiving of the data produced by commercially operated satellites. SEB is preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP), which will be issued in draft form in September 1983 and in final form in November 1983.

Specific requests of the Commission were:

- (1) Provide advice during the summer;
- (2) Explain how the Commission would carry out the requested task;
- (3) Determine the cost of the study; and
- (4) Explain how the Commission would avoid any real or apparent conflict of interest.

DEPART-  
MENT OF  
COMMERCE  
SATELLITE  
ARCHIVING  
(Cont.)

Dr. Bearman explained that SEB is specifically requesting that the Commission identify a group of knowledgeable people to study the problem, reporting to the Commission. Dr. Bearman stated that this type of request is in keeping with NCLIS' role as "honest broker," because NCLIS has no vested interest and works with both the Executive and Legislative Branches. Mr. Keppel stated that this is in keeping with the public law establishing the Commission. "If we refuse this request, we ought to have a good reason," he cautioned.

SEB is offering to cover reasonable expenses required for this study, in the range of \$50,000 to \$70,000.

Dr. Cuadra suggested the following questions be asked of SEB: who uses this material?; how long is it used?; how long does it have to be kept on-line?; could a part of the operation be subsidized by the government?; does this material have any market value at all?; if it is archived now on a rather ad hoc basis, why?; is it because no one needs it, or because one needs it but does not have the money?

MOTION

It was MOVED by Philip Sprague, seconded by Jerald Newman, that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

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The motion was passed unanimously.

ESTABLISH-  
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PANEL

By general agreement, the Commission established a panel to provide oversight on the request from the Source Evaluation Board. The Chairman appointed Carlos Cuadra, Francis Keppel, and Jerald Newman to serve on this panel.

FY 1984-  
1985  
BUDGET  
AND  
PROGRAMS

A planning guide for 1984 and proposed 1985 budget and programs was prepared by the staff and included under tab 8 of the Commission notebook. The first part of the planning guide notes expected accomplishments in fiscal year 1984 and suggestions for continuation of programs in fiscal year 1985. The second part of the guide lists ideas for new initiatives for fiscal year 1985.

## FY 1985

By agreement, the Commission will carry out the following programs for fiscal year 1985:

- A. Work with Executive Branch Agencies, Congress, and Library and Information Community

Executive Branch Agencies

Rural Information Services

- Offer guidance and support (with no financial commitment) to regions and states to develop programs modeled on ICLIS.
- Support (with no financial commitment) selected National Advisory Board Activities.
- Monitor the role for implications. Coordinate with National Center for Education Statistics, depending on Kellogg NRISDP project grant.

State Department

- Brief U.S. delegates selected to attend international library and information conferences and alert interested groups and individuals about forthcoming conferences and the nature of U.S. participation in them.

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- Help support the 1985 Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) by bringing in outside resources.
- Define Commission's role in monitoring specific issue areas within the general area of reciprocity in international information transfer.
- Establish a system at a monitoring level to advise the Executive and Legislative branches and the library and information community on appropriate policies and programs.
- Pay one-half of the 1984 U.S. dues (\$6,000) for the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

MOTION

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The motion was passed unanimously.

IFLA  
DUES

Mr. Benton urged that IFLA dues not be automatically included in the Commission's budget and that it not be an on-going commitment. Dr. Bearman reported that the Council on Library Resources is planning to hold a meeting to discuss U.S. involvement in and support for international activities in the library and information field. A report on this meeting will be furnished by Dr. Bearman to the Commissioners. Dr. Bearman also noted that it is up to the Commissioners to make a decision on future involvement in IFLA due payments.

FY 1985  
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Other Executive Branch Agencies

- Continue work with U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), and other agencies we assist during FY 1984 as appropriate. Stress to NCES the need for and use of trend-line data.
- Establish cooperative relationship with the Department of Commerce/National Telecommunications and Information Administration to identify and define policy issues in the information area.

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The Legislative Branch

- Complete assistance to Congress regarding reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.
- Track new areas of legislation for the purpose of advising the Congress and the Administration and informing the library and information community on areas such as information related to new technologies, literacy, library programs for senior citizens, technology transfer, and productivity.
- Continue to work with the Government Printing Office on governmentally-distributable information.

Library and Information Community

- Continue meetings of the Public Affairs Roundtable and liaison with WHCLIST.
- Meet with the Public Library Association, the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies and other appropriate organizations to assess the implications of the Commission studies on improving library and information services to meet changing needs.

B. Technology, Innovation and Productivity

- Examine reciprocity issues for ties to technology and productivity, technology transfer, and international reciprocity.
- Define role of school libraries in computer literacy.
- Earmark 1% of NCLIS budget for innovative ideas.

C. Dissemination of Federal Information

- Advise OMB and information producing agencies on the development and distribution of Federal information products and services.
- Work with new Federal information policy managers and their private sector counterparts to improve understanding of responsibilities and cooperative enterprises.
- Monitor the implementation of any rules, guidelines, principles, etc. that come out of the Public/Private Sector Task Force Report; results to be included in the Annual Report.

FY 1985  
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D. Other Ideas to be Incorporated into FY 1985 Program

1. Improving Library and Information Services to Meet Changing Needs

- Review the major issues confronting all libraries (public, urban, rural, school, other) that were raised by the Task Force on Cultural Minorities and Community Information and Referral and by the library and information science profession in general. (Monitoring level.)
- Discuss these issues with representatives from the Public Library Association, the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, and other appropriate groups to identify the appropriate role for NCLIS.
- Monitor implementation of recommendations by the two task forces.

2. Library and Information Service Needs of the Aging

- Continue to act as "honest broker" and adviser in the area of promoting the demonstration sites for delivery of library and information services to the elderly. (Monitoring level.)
- Collect data from the Intermountain Rural Community Learning/Information Service project pertaining to the applications of new telecommunications and computer technologies, including implications for the aging, which could have relevance to library and information services delivery to the elderly and share with appropriate organizations and agencies.

3. Libraries and Literacy

- The Commission will continue active participation in the Coalition on Literacy in FY 1984 and 1985. It will also continue to work closely with Mrs. Bush at her request. It may wish to consider encouraging computer literacy starting in FY 1984 and continuing through FY 1985.

NEW  
INITIA-  
TIVES  
FY 1985

The Members agreed to undertake the following ideas for new initiatives for FY 1985:

- Request NCES to gather current data (trend-line).
- Compile synthesis of what is now known. Prepare an update of the NCLIS study on "Alternatives for Financing the Public Library."
- FY 1984 - Commission an issue paper on "The Impact of Fees on Access to Information" and distribute it widely to concerned communities.

FY 1985  
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(Dr. Cuadra offered to undertake a paper on the issue of the impact of fees on access to information. The purpose of this technical paper will be to clarify issues and present guidelines for commissioning a paper from an individual outside the Commission. The staff was assigned the responsibility for providing names of experts to write the second paper. Mrs. Warden suggested that author James Michener be considered.)

- FY 1985 - Assess the impact of fees on access to information.

#### B. Library and Information Science Education

- Examine the New Directions Study (King) for its implications for NCLIS. Pending the King Study:

--Organize a meeting with business leaders, library/information educators, computer science representatives and individuals from foundations to determine what those hiring library/information graduates find are the strengths and weaknesses of their new employees, and to identify ways to overcome the weaknesses.

--Identify academic/corporate cooperative efforts in the library/information field and compile a brief report to share information with other graduate programs.

- Expand the NCLIS project with IBM and Drexel to include a faculty exchange component and to include other library/information schools.
- Encourage foundations to support programs for public and school libraries similar to the Council on Library Resources, program for strengthening library school programs for research libraries. CLR's program establishes "teaching libraries" and expands the masters' program to two years.

1:30 p.m.

#### C. Resource Sharing and Networking

- Ask the Network Advisory Committee to review the recommendations of past work in this area and to make recommendations for future directions to NCLIS.
- Summarize the various studies of networking the Commission has done in the past.

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- Review the recommendations to determine which ones have been implemented and whether those which have not should be reemphasized to the community.
- Reexamine the program document in light of the chapter on NCLIS/WHCLIS perceptions in the report of the NCLIS/SLA Task Force and in light of the major changes in networking over the past decade.

#### D. Information Policy

- Devote a significant portion of a Commission meeting to discussion of the Domestic Council Committee on the Right of Privacy entitled, "National Information Policy."
- Review the National Information Policy Report and NCLIS' national program document, "Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action," for possible updating.
- Direct staff to prepare suggested actions which might be taken based on the NIP report.
- Work with the Administration to focus attention on information policy issues, perhaps recommending a Vice Presidential-level task force to reexamine the issues.
- Work with Congress to focus attention on information policy issues and to determine whether legislation is needed in this area.

Mr. Juergensmeyer suggested that the Chairman appoint subcommittees for the various NCLIS projects "so we can get some work done." Mr. Juergensmeyer also stated, "I have strong feelings in the area of where we should be going. I have a dream about what library and information services should be all about. First level - everybody should have access to a tax-supported library. I do not see that the Commission is doing anything about this now. Second level - once there is access, anyone should be able to walk into a library and get, in a reasonable amount of time and at a reasonable cost, anything in print, perhaps via computer linking. Library loan networking should become a quick way of getting material any place in the world to the user. Third level - through computer linkage, anyone should be able to call up any published material, or database, and do serious research equivalent to what can be done in a university library. We have that capacity, and we should move toward providing it. Fourth level - capability to do all this from home with a telephonic link. There is no reason why we shouldn't be moving toward these levels. I would like to see us set a gameplan of how this can be brought about."

ALLOCA-  
TION OF  
NCLIS  
BUDGET

The Commissioners decided to allocate the budget as follows:

Work with Executive Branch Agencies, Congress,  
and Library and Information Community.....35%

Internal Operations.....15%

Technology, Innovation, and Productivity.....25%

Library Funding and Access to Information.....17%

Library/Information Science Education..... 8%

PRESER-  
VATION

The topic of preservation by William Welsh, including a slide show and a tour of the facilities of the Library of Congress, will be included on the Commission's January 1984 agenda.

PROGRAM  
DOCUMENT  
UPDATE

Miss Hashim stated that it is important that the national program document, "Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action" be updated. Mr. Alpers suggested that the revised version be written so that it would be a useful document for library directors.

TIMELINE  
FOR  
BUDGET  
PREPARA-  
TION

A timeline for budget preparation and submittal was developed by the staff. The timeline calls for the draft budget to be prepared by July 15 to be sent to Commissioners for review. Commissioners will be asked to return the draft, with comments, by August 5. Final budget document due by August 19 for Chairman's approval, incorporating all suggested changes. Miss Hashim suggested a subcommittee of two to three Commissioners be established to review the final draft document.

TRIBUTE  
TO  
COMMIS-  
SIONERS  
MOORE,  
KEPPEL &  
SPRAGUE

Miss Hashim publicly paid tribute to Commissioners Bessie Boehm Moore, Francis Keppel, and Philip Sprague, whose terms expire July 19, 1983. Each Commissioner was noted for their dedicated service and contribution to the National Commission. According to a ruling by the Department of Justice, Commissioners whose terms expire continue to serve, without vote, until their replacements are confirmed.

ADJOURN-  
MENT

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



**National Commission  
on Libraries and Information Science**

22 June 1983

TO : NCLIS Members

FROM : Toni Carbo Bearman  
Executive Director

*TCB*

SUBJECT: Formal Motions and Actions  
NCLIS Commission Meeting, June 9 and 10, 1983

Please review the enclosed Formal Motions and Actions taken during the June 9 and 10, 1983, Commission meeting in New Orleans. If you have any corrections, please call Barbara Whiteleather (202-382-0840). As noted, the recommendations of the NCLIS/SLA Task Force Report will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

Enclosure



**National Commission  
on Libraries and Information Science**

FORMAL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

June 9 and 10, 1983

- (1) It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by Julia Wu, that the meeting agenda be approved as corrected. The motion was passed unanimously.
- (2) By unanimous agreement, it was decided that formal approval of Commission meeting agendas is not necessary.
- (3) It was MOVED by Philip Sprague, seconded by William Welsh, that the Minutes of the April 20-21, 1983, Commission meeting be approved as corrected. The motion was passed unanimously.
- (4) It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by William Welsh, that Bessie Boehm Moore be re-elected Vice Chairman for a term of one year (July 19, 1983 to July 20, 1984). The motion was passed unanimously.
- (5) It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the Commission accept Recommendation 1 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning The Evidence of Special Library Participation. 1/

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (6) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by William Welsh, that the Commission accept Recommendation 2 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning The Evidence of Special Library Participation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (7) It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Julia Wu, that the Commission accept Recommendation 3 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning The Evidence of Special Library Participation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

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1/ Full text of each recommendation will be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

- (8) It was MOVED by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Julia Wu, that the Commission accept Recommendation 4 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning The Evidence of Special Library Nonparticipation.

The motion was defeated (3 for; 6 opposed; 1 abstention).

It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by William Welsh, that the Commission reconsider Recommendation 4 after discussion with SLA representatives.

The motion was passed unanimously.

It was MOVED by Philip Sprague, seconded by Charles Benton, that the Commission accept Recommendation 4 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning The Evidence of Special Library Nonparticipation, eliminating the word "senior" from the text.

The motion carried (9 for; 2 abstentions).

- (9) It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Carlos Cuadra, that the Commission accept Recommendation 5 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning Benefits, Barriers, and Constraints.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (10) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, that the Commission accept Recommendation 6 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning Benefits, Barriers, and Constraints, on the assumption that this recommendation does not necessarily imply a recommendation for additional government funds.

The motion carried (8 for; 3 opposed).

- (11) It was MOVED by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Charles Benton, that the Commission accept Recommendation 7 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning Benefits, Barriers, and Constraints, with the understanding that this acceptance does not commit NCLIS in advance to the support of any particular legislation or litigation, especially at the state level.

The motion carried (7 for; 4 abstentions).

- (12) It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Philip Sprague, that the Commission accept Recommendation 8 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning The Push-Pull of Technology.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (13) It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Jerald Newman, that the Commission accept Recommendation 9 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning The Push-Pull of Technology.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (14) It was MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the Commission accept Recommendation 10 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning The Push-Pull of Technology.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (15) It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Jerald Newman, that the Commission take no action on Recommendation 11 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning The Push-Pull of Technology.

The motion was defeated (3 for; 5 opposed; 4 abstentions).

It was MOVED by William Welsh, and seconded by Gordon Ambach, that the Commission accept Recommendation 11 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning The Push-Pull of Technology.

The motion carried (10 for; 1 opposed; 1 abstention).

- (16) It was MOVED by Carlos Cuadra, seconded by Gordon Ambach, that the Commission accept Recommendation 13 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning Future Network Implementation Needs.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (17) It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Julia Wu, that the Commission table Recommendation 12 of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force Report concerning Future Network Implementation Needs.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (18) It was MOVED by Helmut Alpers, and severally seconded, that the Commission accept with appreciation the final report of the NCLIS/Special Libraries Association Task Force on The Role of the Special Library in Networks and Cooperatives and commend the members of the Task Force and its dedicated chairman for their achievement in clarifying the present and future roles of special libraries in networks and cooperative programs. Further, that the SLA and NCLIS discharge the Task Force with gratitude for its outstanding success in fulfilling its charge.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (19) By general agreement, the Commission will hold its calendar year 1984 meetings on the following dates in Washington, D.C.:

January 4 - 6, 1984	(Wednesday through Friday)
April 9 - 11	(Monday through Wednesday)
July 9 - 11	(Monday through Wednesday)
October 3 - 5	(Wednesday through Friday)

- (20) During the Executive Session held on Thursday, June 9, 1983, the Commission approved the position description for the Deputy Director as required by the Governance Document. The Commission also accepted the Executive Director's recommendation that she appoint Dr. Sarah G. Bishop Deputy Director of NCLIS.
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