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on Libraries and Information Science**

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TO : NCLIS Members

FROM : *TCB*
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Executive Director

SUBJECT: Formal Motions and Actions, April 17 and 18, 1985
(Revised)

Thank you for your comments on the draft Formal Motions and Actions taken during the Commission meeting held April 17-18, 1985. We have incorporated your comments into the final revised version attached.

Attachment

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

FORMAL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

April 17 and 18, 1985
Washington, D.C.

- (1) It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, to approve the Minutes of the January 17-18, 1985 meeting of the Commission, as corrected. The motion was passed unanimously.
- (2) During an Executive Session, the Commissioners agreed to the following actions:
 - (a) Approved the Performance Appraisal System for the Executive Director, as amended by the Office of Personnel Management;
 - (b) Pending the completion of a new Performance Agreement for the Executive Director, a new element with three objectives was added to the current Performance Agreement; and
 - (c) Empowered the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the entire Commission with regard to approving a new Performance Agreement for the Executive Director for the remainder of FY 1985.
- (3) It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, to adopt Draft #3 of the NCLIS Action Plan on Information for Local Governance. Mr. Ambach accepted an amendment by Daniel Carter, and seconded by John Juergensmeyer, to delete item #2 on page 2.

The following amendment to the Action Plan at page 2, 1st paragraph, was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by John Juergensmeyer:

"Library and information services have an essential role in providing information to assist with: (1) definition and evaluation of issues and the making of public policy; (2) making informed choices among candidates for public office, political parties, proposals of various interest groups, and applicants for appointment to governmental positions; (3) decisions about provision of governmental facilities and services; and (4) strengthening problem-solving capabilities of government."

The amendment was passed with one (1) Member in opposition (Daniel Carter; and one (1) in abstention (Patricia Barbour).

The Action Plan was then approved as amended with (1) Member voting in opposition (Daniel Carter).

- (4) It was MOVED by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Daniel Casey, that the Commission accept and endorse the report of the National Advisory Board on Rural Information Needs (NABRIN) Planning Committee and the proposed NABRIN charter; and also that the report and charter be forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture with a recommendation that a NABRIN be established within the United States Department of Agriculture at the earliest opportunity.

It was also voted to dissolve the NABRIN Planning Committee with thanks for its work and the results of its efforts.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (5) It was MOVED by Paulette Holahan, seconded by Gordon Ambach, to adopt the following motion (as amended) on "The Role of Fees In Supporting Library and Information Services in Public and Academic Libraries":

The NCLIS hereby (1) Accepts the report on "The Role of Fees in Supporting Library and Information Services in Public and Academic Libraries; (2) commends the review panel members for their exceptional effort and requests that the panel be available to consider an expanded charge relative to the fee issues; (3) plans to publish and disseminate the report widely and to request interested parties to comment in a timely manner to help inform the NCLIS Program Review Committee on its charges as set forth in (5) below; (4) encourages discussion of the fee issue in the library and information community; and (5) directs the NCLIS Program Review Committee to prepare plans for FY 1986 and FY 1987 activities of the Commission in response to this report, including additional research or studies, a continuing charge for the Review Panel, and procedures for hearings and additional requests of the Commission. Such plans are to be presented by the Committee to the Commission for review and action at the August 1985 meeting.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (6) The Commissioners presented Robert L. Wedgeworth, Executive Director, American Library Association, with the following resolution in recognition of his outstanding leadership and contributions in the field of library and information services:

WHEREAS, under the Directorship of Robert L. Wedgeworth, the American Library Association (ALA) has grown, flourished, and received national acclaim for its promotion of libraries and librarianship;

WHEREAS, he has made major contributions to the field as an expert librarian and dynamic leader;

WHEREAS, he has been a leading spokesman for the U.S. library and information community in international activities and programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) has enjoyed working with an individual of such high standards, integrity, and outstanding personal qualities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science extends its appreciation to Robert Wedgeworth -- known as both the "national communicator of library interests" and as "a great ambassador for libraries and librarians" -- for his extensive efforts on behalf of the U.S. library and information community; compliments him for his outstanding leadership and contributions; and extends its very best wishes to him in his future endeavors.

- (7) The Commissioners presented Carl C. Thompson, NCLIS Administrative Officer, with the following resolution, introduced by Dr. Bessie B. Moore.

WHEREAS, Carl C. Thompson, a valued member of the staff of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) has submitted his resignation after eleven years, effective June 21, 1985, and

WHEREAS, Carl C. Thompson has arranged the meetings of NCLIS for these 44 interminable months, and

WHEREAS, he has labored with our sketchily prepared expense accounts, and until recently, our paychecks, for supposedly rendered services, and

WHEREAS, he has performed these duties with dispatch and sometimes thinly veiled annoyance, nevertheless with sober thought,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Members of the Commission commend Carl C. Thompson for his willing acceptance of our individual frailties and wish him well in his new position which will provide more and higher quality shekels for good and perhaps occasional riotous living; with serious intent, we do now thank him for his thoughtful, efficient, and loyal service to us from July 1, 1974 to June 21, 1985.

God Speed.

- (8) The Commission agreed to the following meeting dates in 1986:

February 6 and 7 (Thursday and Friday);

April 9 and 10 (Wednesday and Thursday);

August 7 and 8 (Thursday and Friday); and

November 6 and 7 (Thursday and Friday).

Note: Locations have not yet been determined.

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