

U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

MINUTES

**November 19-20, 1986
Arlington, Virginia**

- Commissioners Present :** Patricia Barbour, Daniel Carter, Daniel Casey, Lee Edwards, Wanda Forbes, Frank Gannon, John Juergensmeyer, Byron Leeds, Bessie Moore, Jerald Newman, Margaret Phelan, Barbara Taylor, William Welsh, Julia Wu, Charles Benton, ex officio, Elinor Hashim, ex officio, and Kenneth Tomlinson, Presiding
- Staff Present :** Vivian Arterbery, Sarah Bishop, Dorothy Gray, Mary Alice Reszetar, Christina Young, and Jane McDuffie, Recording Secretary
- Guests Present :** Jaia Barrett, Association of Research Libraries; Jane Bortnick, Congressional Research Service/Library of Congress; John Clement, American Federation of Information Processing Societies; Eileen Cooke, American Library Association; Mary Kit Dunn, Chair, White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce; Shirley Echelman, Association of Research Libraries; Warren Haas, Council on Library Resources, Inc.; Richard Johnson, Department of Commerce; Sheila Josephowitz, American Public Welfare Association; Peyton R. Neal; Merrily Smith, Library of Congress; Gerald Sophar; Joe Price, Library of Congress; Peter Winterble, Council on Library Resources, Inc; Milton Wessel, Association of Data Processing Service Organizations

Wednesday, November 19, 1986

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The Commissioners met in Executive Session from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

**MEETING
CALLED TO
ORDER**

Chairman Tomlinson called the November meeting of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked guests to introduce themselves. Guests present for the morning session were Shirley Echelman, ARL, Peyton Neal in behalf of IIA, and Gerald Sophar, former NCLIS staff person.

**RESOLUTION
HONORING
ELINOR HASHIM**

Chairman Tomlinson recognized Vice Chairman Moore who introduced the following resolution recognizing and honoring Miss Hashim's outstanding tenure as Chairman and, most recently, as Interim Executive Director of NCLIS.

MOTION

MOVED by Bessie B. Moore, seconded by Byron Leeds to honor former NCLIS Chairman Elinor M. Hashim with a resolution recognizing her valuable contributions and dedication as Chairman and Interim Director of NCLIS.

WHEREAS, Elinor Hashim has served as Chairman of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for five years with distinction, and

WHEREAS, she has performed her duties with grace and in a quiet but effective manner, and

WHEREAS, she has moved with dispatch to see that the resolutions of the 1979 White House Conference were adopted and that plans for a 1989 White House Conference were given high priority, and

WHEREAS, she has led the Commission in work which has made a difference despite the constant eating away by inflation of its small budget, and

WHEREAS, she has managed crisis situations with a gentle but firm hand which led to needed solutions, and

WHEREAS, she has at personal sacrifice served as Interim Executive Director using her accumulated knowledge and ingenuity to bring the fiscal year to a responsible conclusion, and

WHEREAS, she has been invaluable in effecting a smooth transition to new leadership,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission express its appreciation and devout thanks for her caring and valuable contributions given willingly and generously.

Adopted this day, November 9, 1986 with admiration, respect, and affection.

**HASHIM
REMARKS**

Miss Hashim thanked Commissioners, NCLIS staff, and colleagues in the library and information field for their support and friendship. She expressed special thanks and appreciation to Charles Benton, Bessie Moore and William Welsh for their encouragement, assistance, and support during the past five years.

MINUTES

With the following correction, the minutes of the August 6 and 7, 1986 Commission meeting were approved:

Page B2, under **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**, Meetings, the second sentence should read:

"Others from NCLIS at the meeting were Vice-Chairman Bessie B. Moore, and Commissioners Barbara Taylor and Daniel Casey."

**CHAIRMAN
SUPPORTS ON-
GOING PRO-
GRAMS**

Chairman Tomlinson pledged to support and continue programs initiated by Chairmen Burkhardt, Benton, and Hashim, and expressed his desire to bring new programs to the Commission, specifically projects and programs that will show the President and Congress the work of the Commission.

Mr. Tomlinson announced that he will appoint an ad hoc committee to reevaluate NCLIS' committee structure. Commenting on the Chairman's announcement, Commissioner Casey suggested that a list of committees, with an explanation of the function of each, be distributed to Commissioners so they may select the committee(s) to which they would like

to serve. Commissioner Juergensmeyer stated that current committee structure seems to be administrative rather than substantive, and suggested that the purpose for committees should be to insure that projects NCLIS staff are involved in are carried forward. Mr. Benton remarked that committees were revised during his Chairmanship during a Commission retreat, and recommended a retreat as an excellent place for this type of discussion.

MOTION

MOVED by Julia Wu, seconded by Wanda Forbes to support Chairman Tomlinson's plan to create an ad hoc committee to examine current Commission structure and to recommend the establishment of additional or new committees as needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chairman Tomlinson formally introduced Vivian J. Arterbery as NCLIS' new Executive Director and expressed his admiration for her professionalism in the field of library and information science.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Acquiring and Using Information -

Commissioner Edwards requested an elaboration on the meeting held at ALA midwinter to discuss the information skills project. He stated that Commissioners had no prior knowledge of the offer by the Encyclopedia Britannica to produce a videotape on information skills, that such a commitment was made without discussion and/or consent of the Commissioners, and that Commissioners (especially the two librarians) were not consulted before the concept paper was revised and presented in final version. Mr. Benton reported that as a Member of the Board of the Encyclopedia Britannica when the proposal was made, he suggested the Board contact former NCLIS Executive Director, Toni Carbo Bearman with the proposal. Mr. Benton opined that the proposal is exploratory and to date no commitment has been made. Mr. Tomlinson stated that a new policy will be established about informing Commissioners of action items. He assured the Commissioners that all action proposals will be brought before the Commission for clearance before a commitment is made.

Dr. Moore, recognizing Mr. Edwards concern, stated that staff should have the leeway to grasp any opportunity when it occurs.

IMPROVING LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES TO MEET CHANGING NEEDS

Special Populations - Mrs. Arterbery asked Christina Young, Research Associate, NCLIS, to address the Commission on recent developments in the area of literacy. Mrs. Young revealed that a new three-year advertising campaign on literacy has begun. The theme of the campaign is "All You Need Is A Degree of Caring."

Mr. Benton pointed out that Congress has begun to express an interest on the issues of literacy. He further stated that since literacy is one of the proposed White House Conference themes, and because parts of the Executive Director's Report have identified activities of the three themes of the White House Conference, it is important that work in the area of literacy be continued. Commenting that literacy is not just three "r's", but also information literacy (acquiring and using information skills), he suggested that adult literacy and acquiring and using information skills be linked.

Commissioner Taylor praised and thanked Mrs. Young for keeping her informed in the area of literacy. In agreeing with Mr. Benton's idea of keeping the literacy program alive, Mrs. Taylor suggested focusing on other subject matter in literacy such as dyslexia.

Commissioner Juergensmeyer, commenting on School Library Information Skills and Mrs. Taylor's remarks, suggested adding another "r" to the three "r's." As an example, how are information retrieval skills focused in modern society? He suggested the Commission add the fourth "r" to the original three "r's", i.e., "r" for research.

POLICY PLANNING AND ADVICE

White House Conference on Library and Information Services - 1979 and 1989 - Mary Alice Reszetar provided an update of recent White House Conference activities. She stated that the White House Conference bill did not come before the 99th

Congress for a vote. The entire process must begin again. It is anticipated that resubmittal of the bill will take place in January 1987.

International Issues - Messrs. Edwards and Juergensmeyer and Mrs. Wu volunteered to work with staff on interantional issues. Mr. Casey pointed out that three Commission members attended the August IFLA meeting in Tokyo, namely, former Chairman Hashim, Commissioners Casey and Welsh.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Budget - Chairman Tomlinson reported that:

- o the Commission's budget for FY 87 is \$660,000;
- o the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has requested a new budget formula based on the revised retirement plan.

Mr. Tomlinson stressed the importance of a meeting between OMB policymakers and NCLIS representatives to ensure that the important work of the Commission is understood, and appointed Jerald Newman and Frank Gannon as emissaries for this task.

Mr. Tomlinson reminded the Commission that funds from NCLIS budget are not to be used toward or for a White House Conference, and any mention of such a Conference in NCLIS budget documentation could be harmful. According to Dr. Moore, many Congressmen thought that NCLIS was established to conduct the last White House Conference, therefore, a special effort must be made to keep NCLIS and the White House Conference separate entities in the minds of Congress and the President.

In response to Mr. Tomlinson's remarks on the importance of informing the President and Congress of the Commission's work, Mrs. Arterbery suggested that Dr. Moore's budget hearing testimony be put into a quality document for Commissioners use when visiting OMB and Capitol Hill.

NCLIS Move - Mrs. Arterbery briefed the Commission on the status of NCLIS' prospective move. Two desirable sites have been located in the northwest corridor of the city. Both sites would provide adequate work space as well as a small conference room. GSA currently leases space in one of the

buildings and has agreed to recomplex that space to NCLIS specifications and pay for the move. Twenty-five hundred dollars has been proposed as a line item in the budget for the move. Mrs. Arterbery suggested that \$2,000 of the \$2,500 be spent for vertical file cabinets and some systems furniture. Mr. Casey initiated a discussion of the pros and cons of Commission meetings held at Commission headquarters rather than at the hotel where the Commissioners were staying.

Newsletter - Chairman Tomlinson suggested the Commission prepare an informal newsletter, for internal use only, that could be used as a vehicle to share information among the Commissioners, tell of outside developments that relate to the Commission's work and interests, and track progress in NCLIS programs.

**COMMITTEE
MEETING RE-
PORTS**

Program Review Committee - Commissioner Carter, Chairman of the Program Review Committee, presented an indepth report of the two Program Review Committee meetings. The Committee decided not to try to prioritize NCLIS programs and recommended that further discussion be part of an NCLIS retreat.

Commissioners discussed what the extent of their involvement in NCLIS programs should be -- advisory or participatory. Mr. Carter recommended that one Commissioner be designated as an overseer of NCLIS programs, responsible for reporting aspects of programs to the Chairman. Mr. Edwards stated that involvement in programs will vary greatly depending on programs, therefore, no hard and fast rule for Commissioner participation should be established. He noted that the Commission currently is involved in 34 programs, an inordinate amount for the size of the NCLIS staff, and suggested paring down the amount of programs. Mr. Tomlinson stressed the importance of going to Capitol Hill with specific programs, not just themes.

MOTION

MOVED by Barbara Taylor, seconded by John Juergensmeyer that the Executive Director be given the discretion to examine Commission programs to determine areas of priorities and areas which may be limited, assign a dollar figure to

programs, and provide said information to NCLIS Commissioners during the NCLIS January meeting/retreat.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CHARLES
BENTON
RECOGNIZED**

Chairman Tomlinson paid special tribute to Charles Benton for his dedication and work with the Commission. Mr. Benton announced that, due to expanding business ventures, his participation in future NCLIS meetings and programs will be very limited.

RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m.

**MEETING
RECONVENED**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Planning Retreat - A decision was made for NCLIS to hold a strategic planning retreat at the Airlie Foundation in Warrenton, Virginia in January. The retreat will be in lieu of the regular January Commission meeting and will focus on the need to get a renewed balance of library and information science.

NEW BUSINESS

Privatization - The Commission discussed what action it should take on the possible privatization of NTIS, which is expected to be announced when the President's budget request to Congress is released in January. There was a general consensus that more information needs to be gathered on the privatization issue and should be presented at the strategic planning retreat for further discussion.

World Scan Data Base - The Commission heard a presentation from Richard Johnson of the Department of Commerce on a proposed "World Scan Database System," which would allow information seekers to find comprehensive scientific, technical and economic information in databases linked together for easy access. The Department of Commerce's Office of Productivity, Technology and Innovation (OPTI) is planning a seminar during 1987 that will bring together potential vendors and users of such a database to discuss the needs,

problems and solutions. NCLIS was invited to be a cosponsor of the seminar. The Commission agreed to work with the Department of Commerce, the private sector, and other groups to explore the need for such a system, and approved the following motion:

MOTION

MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by John Juergensmeyer that NCLIS cosponsor a workshop with the Department of Commerce on the World Scan Database System, subject to an agreeable financial arrangement with the Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAMPAIGN FOR LIBRARIES

Chairman Tomlinson proposed the introduction of a new NCLIS program, "Campaign for Libraries." The campaign would focus on a national effort to provide every child in America with a library card. Mrs. Arterbery asked Dorothy Gray, NCLIS Research Associate, to speak on her research on the idea of a library card for every child, which was recently proposed by Secretary of Education William J. Bennett. The American Library Association and other groups are interested in working with NCLIS to implement such a program on a national scale.

Commissioner Juergensmeyer voiced concern about the lack of, or in some regions, underdeveloped library services in many areas of the United States. Citing his homestate as an example, Mr. Juergensmeyer distributed a map depicting areas in the southern portion of Illinois that lack adequate library services. Mr. Juergensmeyer perceives "Campaign for Libraries" as a starting point that could focus on areas with limited services. He would like the Commission to become involved in a program that would see that there is at least the availability of a public library in every area of the United States.

Mr. Juergensmeyer recognized Gerry Sophar's efforts in the area of providing library services to rural areas in conjunction with the Intermountain Community Learning/Information Services (ICLIS) project.

Chairman Tomlinson announced that he and Commissioner Gannon will explore "Campaign for Libraries" further and report back to the Commission during its January retreat.

**TOPICS FOR
FUTURE MEET-
INGS**

Information for Governance -

Commissioner Juergensmeyer directed the Commission's attention to a recent letter from Joan Durrance of the University of Michigan in which she explained her current efforts to develop and seek funding for several research proposals designed to provide libraries with the information they need to operate effectively in information for governance. Mrs. Durrance would like the Commission to support her efforts in this endeavor. On behalf of her request, the following motion was introduced:

MOTION

MOVED by John Jergensmeyer, seconded by Daniel Carter to invite Joan Durrance, of the University of Michigan School of Library Science, to a future Commission meeting to present her research proposal on Information for Local Governance, and to provide a productive exchange of information with the Commission on this subject.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING
RECESSED**

The Commission meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 1986

**MEETING
RECONVENED**

Chairman Tomlinson called the second day of the Commission meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

PRESERVATION

Warren J. Haas, President of the Council on Library Resources (CLR), briefed Commission Members on the foundation, functions, and activities of CLR. CLR began to fund research in paper chemistry in the 1950's. Exiting the field of chemistry and entering planning, they became more aware of the magnitude of the preservation problem. Three principal areas of major concern to CLR are:

1. Long-range planning for academic and research libraries; acknowledging that times have changed; reshaping the way the library and information structure works, especially on behalf of scholarship and teaching.
2. Cooperation: building a set of new capabilities that allow for collaborative action among libraries on behalf of their

users, to improve the management of new libraries, and to provide equitable access to information.

3. Profession of librarianship: underestimated in the public eye. The best individuals in the profession need help in constantly building their skills and understanding. Simultaneously, the machinery used for professional education needs to be brought up to speed.

Two years ago CLR established a Commission on Preservation and Access. The Commission is comprised of eight members, one of whom is NCLIS Commissioner William Welsh. The Commission, which has funding for two to three years of work, will establish the general conditions, policies, and procedures governing preservation work for the guidance of libraries, publishers and other agencies interested in participating in the brittle books program and develop and promote a funding plan to give continuity and cohesion to the effort.

Joseph Price, Chief of the Science and Technology Division at the Library of Congress, gave an informative presentation on the Library of Congress' Optical Disk Pilot Program in image preservation and retrieval. Two types of disk storage are being tested in the Optical Disk Program. Print or text based materials are being stored on optical digital disks, and pictorial and other image based materials are being stored on analog videodisks. The print project is a Library-wide experiment in the use of state of the art digital scanning for storage on optical disks and subsequent retrieval on high resolution display terminals. The system produces electronic facsimiles of text pages or images and delivers them to the optical disk terminals. The retrieval of images is linked to one of the Library's major retrieval systems--SCORPIO.

In the non-print project, visual media have been put on analog laser videodisks and sound recordings on compact digital audio disks using off-the-shelf equipment and currently available technology. Up to 54,000 separate black-and-white or color images may be stored on each side of a videodisk and displayed on a standard TV monitor, using commercially available equipment.

Mr. Price invited NCLIS Members and staff to visit the Library of Congress to view the Optical Disk program. He stated that the Library invites the public to assist in the testing phase.

Ms. Merrily Smith, National Preservation Program Specialist from the Library of Congress, gave an enlightening slide presentation showing the method of preserving books, and the rationale for selecting which books are to be preserved.

Chairman Tomlinson thanked the guests for their most informative presentations and commented that at its strategic planning retreat, the Commission will discuss ways in which it can increase its involvement in a public awareness program in the area of preservation.

MEETING REPORTS

Information in the Economy - Commissioner Edwards, head of the U.S. Delegation, reported on the Conference on the Role of the Public Sector in the National Infrastructure held in London, October 31-November 1. The conference was the second of three trilateral meetings co-sponsored by NCLIS, the British Library and the Institute for Research on Public Policy (Canada). The general theme of the meetings is the "Role of Information in the Economy". Discussions were held on the similarities between the public sectors of the three nations. A goal of the meetings is to define the Library of the Future and to describe the Information Network of the Future. Mr. Edwards stated that a range of background papers will be presented and circulated prior to the next meeting scheduled to be held in Toronto, Canada, May 11-13, 1987. The papers will include:

- o profit/loss accounts and balance sheets for national information resources;
- o graphic representations of national information structures with comparable statistics;
- o the role of the public sector;
- o the national position of libraries and a first draft of policy issues for inclusion in the final report(s);

- o business plans for libraries;
- o a description of the 'user environment' - needs and expectations both now and in the future -- examination of the information 'poor';
- o alternative scenarios for the 'library of the future'; and
- o the contribution of libraries toward productivity -- how librarians contribute toward solving the needs of users.

Commissioner Edwards suggested that defining libraries and information networks of the future be placed on the agenda for discussion at the strategic planning retreat.

COSLA Meeting - Vice Chairman Moore reported on COSLA's annual meeting held in Seattle, Washington. She remarked that the program organized by the Washington Department of Libraries on fee services was exceptionally good. Dr. Moore and Barbara Weaver, President of COSLA, met to discuss ways in which NCLIS and COSLA can establish stronger ties with one another. Dr. Moore emphasized the importance of COSLA appointing a liaison to the Commission. Ms. Weaver stated that it is important for COSLA and NCLIS to share a mutual exchange of information at meetings, and, in this vein, urged that provisions be made to give COSLA's liaison time to address NCLIS Members on COSLA activities during NCLIS Commission meetings. Ms. Weaver reminded Dr. Moore that the NCLIS liaison is given time at COSLA meetings to brief its members on Commission activities. A meeting between Ms. Weaver and Chairman Tomlinson will be scheduled.

White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) Meeting - Commissioner Casey, Chairman of the 1989 National Conference Committee, reported on WHCLIST's Annual Meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona, September 10-13. He referred Commissioners to printed material behind TAB I in the meeting notebooks, which included a meeting report from the conference, the 7th Annual Report from the States 1986 Summary, a resolution on the 1989 White House Conference on Library and Information Services adopted by the

Council of the American Library Association, White House Conference on Library and Information Services: SLA Resolution, and a summary of the 1986 Conference of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce provided by WHCLIST. Mary Alice Reszetar, NCLIS Associate Director, reviewed progress made since July 1984 when the Commission formally adopted a motion to ask the President and Congress to call a White House Conference. She reported that:

- o WHCLIST is working on implementing the White House Conference Preliminary Design Group's recommendations.
- o Total of 222 House and Senate cosponsors were obtained -- 178 in the House and 50 in the Senate. Forty-five states are represented on the cosponsor list, five of which have 100 percent of their delegation.
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- o NCLIS Chairman wrote all members of the House and Senate Authorization and Rules Committee asking them to cosponsor.
- o The NCLIS Committee has developed 25 "next steps", which WHCLIST and others are working on to implement.
- o Have to begin process of enlisting cosponsors again.

Commissioner Casey introduced and welcomed Mary Kit Dunn, President of the White House Conference and Library Services Taskforce (WHCLIST). Mrs. Dunn spoke to the Commission about the activities of WHCLIST and the prospect of a White House Conference. She thanked the Commission for their ongoing support to WHCLIST.

Commissioner Casey stated that it is essential for the White House Conference Preliminary Design Group Report to be updated, especially in terms of timetable. He urged fellow Commissioners to begin communicating with their congressmen in order to gain cosponsorship early.

Public Affairs - Byron Leeds, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, reported that the NCLIS 15th Anniversary party was a huge success, thanks to the fine efforts of the Public Affairs Committee and the Center for the Book. Mr Leeds told the Commission that OCLC will be contributing \$500 to help underwrite the party. As co-host, NCLIS shared expenses with the Center for the Book. Since there still is an outstanding debt, Commissioner Edwards suggested that each Commissioner contribute enough to pay the remaining amount due.

MOTION

MOVED by Bessie B. Moore, seconded by William Welsh that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to John Cole, Director of the Center for the Book and staff, for their assistance and expertise in co-hosting NCLIS' 15-year anniversary party.

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget and Finance Committee - Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee Jerald Newman reported that out of a FY 86 budget of \$660,000, the Commission spent \$657,340. He commended staff for budgeting so precisely. Total expenses anticipated for FY 87 are \$665,000. Other than actual expenses for FY 87, the Budget and Finance Committee have created a "wish list." The wish list total is approximately \$25,000. Commissioner Newman reported that since Wednesday's briefing on the Department of Commerce's World Scan Data Base, Mrs. Arterbery and Dr. Bishop have spoken with Department of Commerce personnel to reaffirm the Commission's interest in participating in the World Scan seminars. Other than a monetary contribution, it is believed that there will be an opportunity for NCLIS to give inkind services, which are already in the budget, and if necessary, find a sponsor to print the proceedings.

**LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Commissioner Wu reported on two recent disasters within the past year that have occurred at the Los Angeles Public Library. The library sustained a ten million dollar loss. To date, the library has received contributions in excess of five million dollars. The following motion was adopted:

MOTION

MOVED by Julia Wu, seconded by Daniel Carter that the Chairman of NCLIS send a letter to the Director of the Los Angeles Public Library expressing concern for recent disasters that have occurred at the library.

Motion carried unanimously

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**MEETING
RECONVENED**

Chairman Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Bicentennial Committee - Wanda Forbes, Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, reported that the Committee will begin work on the "exemplary school library project." The Committee is working with key individuals from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Department of Education, and the library/information community to explore the proposed development of a nationwide recognition program of exemplary school library/media Bicentennial programs and collections. She also reported that the televised panel program, hosted by NCLIS which would interact with hundreds of colleges, schools and libraries across the nation via satellite, which is being coordinated by Charles Benton, has not been firmed up yet.

Commissioner Taylor provided the Commission with a very extensive and informative report on the week long convention on the Bicentennial of the Constitution held in Annapolis, Maryland. Mrs. Taylor covered the historical background of the Bicentennial from its evolution to current celebration activities. She also furnished Commission Members and NCLIS staff with packets of information gathered at the Annapolis convention. Resulting from meetings held during the Convention, Commissioner Taylor made the following recommendations:

- o since many private organizations are contributing funds toward the Bicentennial celebration, NCLIS should apply to some of these groups for funding its Bicentennial projects;

- o the Commission obtain a copy of the bibliography on the Bicentennial of the Constitution that the American Bar Association is preparing for distribution to libraries;
- o NCLIS develop its own publication for libraries informing them what is available;
- o NCLIS communicate with State Bicentennial Commissions for project funds;
- o at the conclusion of the Bicentennial celebration, NCLIS carry forward and expand on the themes of the Bicentennial, and encourage libraries to continue the themes by organizing and keeping as permanent collections, Bicentennial material for Constitutional analysis and further study.

Commissioner Juergensmeyer praised Mrs. Taylor's efforts for attending and reporting on the Annapolis convention as "spectacular" and "exemplary," and pointed out that, in addition to her oral report and the packets of material that she furnished each Commissioner, she also filed a ten-page written report, along with recommendations, to NCLIS' Bicentennial Committee.

MOTION

MOVED by Wanda Forbes, seconded by Daniel Carter to name Barbara Taylor Co-Chairman of the Commission's Bicentennial Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION AGE BILL

Chairman Tomlinson welcomed Jane Bortnick, CRS, John Clement, AFIPS, Ralph Petta of Senator Nunn's office, and Milton Wessell, ADAPSO, as members of a panel of experts invited to address the Commission on the Information Age Bill. The presentation generated a lively discussion among Commission Members and panelists. The panelists reported that:

- o the bill was passed by the Senate during the 99th Congress;

- o the bill was introduced in the House, however, there was no action.
- o the same bill, using the same language, may be reintroduced during the 100th Congress;
- o hearings are favorable as a means of arousing interest in the topic, but unlikely;
- o bill designed to create an "awareness" Commission, whose function would be to alert society to events in computer and communications areas;
- o legislation, as presented, provides no funds - private sector effort will be required.

Commissioner concern focused on whether NCLIS should be the Commission to undertake the mission stated in the bill. Mr. Wessell sees the Commission's involvement at the present time as that of a leader who could link other government agencies concerned with many of the issues to work toward a common goal, and to encourage public hearings on the bill.

Mrs. Arterbery stated that the concept of an Information Age Commission seems like "a very exciting idea," and suggested that John Imlay be contacted to discuss NCLIS's role in an Information Age Commission.

Commissioner Carter reported that Congressman Brown responded favorably to NCLIS being the source of an IAC.

MOTION

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Jerald Newman that the Executive Director be asked to construct an effort in relevant geographical areas relating to the desire of NCLIS to participate and assist, as appropriate, in the efforts to bring about the effects to which the Information Age Bill subscribes.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN
EMERITUS**

Citing her dedication to and knowledge of Commission programs, NCLIS Commissioners voted in favor to appoint Chairman Elinor M. Hashim as Chairman Emeritus. The following motion was introduced:

MOTION

MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Margaret Phelan to (a) appoint Elinor M. Hashim Chairman Emeritus of NCLIS, (2) that she be entitled to sit as a non-voting Member at all public sessions, and (3) that the NCLIS financial guidelines of nonreimbursement be followed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**HASHIM
REMARKS**

Miss Hashim thanked the Commission for the distinguished honor of being named Chairman Emeritus.

The Commission introduced the following motion:

MOTION

MOVED by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Patricia Barbour to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to OCLC for their generosity in allowing Elinor Hashim time needed to fulfill her duties as Chairman and Interim Executive Director of NCLIS.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RURAL
DEVELOPMENTS**

Commissioner Carter spoke of the Commission's past interest in rural projects and activities in the library and information area, and the role(s) NCLIS has played in some very important rural developments, e.g., ICLIS, Kellogg Foundation Grant, and the National Advisory Board for Rural Information Needs (NABRIN). He reminded staff and Commissioners that NABRIN recommended that the Department of Agriculture form an Advisory Council to recognize and respond to the needs of the rural community. Mr. Carter reported that the new Secretary of Agriculture has proposed to develop an Advisory Council on Rural Development, and has asked recipients of this notice to respond with comments regarding this effort.

MOTION

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by John Juergensmeyer to direct staff to prepare a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture expressing the Commission's positive views toward the establishment of an Advisory Council on Rural Development, and upon creation of such a Council, recommend that a representative from NCLIS be appointed as a permanent Member.

Motion carried unanimously.

ALA PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY SERVICES TO MINORITIES

Elinor M. Hashim referred Commissioners to TAB L in their meeting notebook, and provided a history of the Cultural Minorities Report prepared by NCLIS. After Commissioner discussion and remarks by Eileen Cooke, Director of ALA's Washington office, the following motion was introduced:

MOTION

MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Wanda Forbes that the Chairman send a letter to the Executive Director of ALA thanking the President's Committee on Library Service to Minorities for taking into consideration NCLIS objections to various recommendations in the original NCLIS report on Cultural Minorities, and to convey that the Commission looks forward to working with ALA in the future to improve the involvement of minorities in libraries and information science.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, a strategic planning retreat, will take place February 26-March 1, 1987, at the Airlie Foundation in Warrenton, Virginia.

The next regular meeting of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science will be held April 8 and 9, 1987 at the Embassy Row Hotel.



**National Commission
on Libraries and Information Science**

MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

U.S. National Commission on Libraries and
Information Science Meeting
November 19-20, 1986

1. It was MOVED by Bessie B. Moore, seconded by Byron Leeds to honor former NCLIS Chairman Elinor M. Hashim with a resolution recognizing her valuable contributions and dedication as Chairman and Interim Director of NCLIS. (Resolution attached)

Motion carried unanimously.

2. It was MOVED by Julia Wu, seconded by Wanda Forbes to support Chairman Tomlinson's plan to create an ad hoc committee to examine current Commission structure and to recommend the establishment of additional or new committees as needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by John Juergensmeyer that NCLIS cosponsor a workshop with the Department of Commerce on the World Scan Database System, subject to an agreeable financial arrangement with the Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. It was MOVED by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Daniel Carter to invite Joan Durrance, of the University of Michigan School of Library Science, to a future Commission meeting to present her research proposal on Information for Local Governance, and to provide a productive exchange of information with the Commission on this subject.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. It was MOVED by Julia Wu, seconded by Daniel Carter that the Chairman of NCLIS send a letter to the Director of the Los Angeles Public Library expressing concern for recent disasters that have occurred at the library.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. It was MOVED by Bessie B. Moore, seconded by William Welsh that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to John Cole, Director of the Center for the Book and staff, for their assistance and expertise in co-hosting NCLIS' 15-year anniversary party.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. It was MOVED by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Patricia Barbour to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to OCLC for their generosity in allowing Elinor Hashim time needed to fulfill her duties as Chairman and Interim Director of NCLIS.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. It was MOVED by Wanda Forbes, seconded by Daniel Carter to name Barbara Taylor Co-Chairman of the Commission's Bicentennial Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Margaret Phelan to (1) appoint Elinor M. Hashim Chairman Emeritus of NCLIS, (2) that she be entitled to sit as a non-voting Member at all public sessions, and (3) that the NCLIS financial guidelines of nonreimbursement be followed.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. It was MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by John Juergensmeyer to direct staff to prepare a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture expressing the Commission's positive views toward the establishment of an Advisory Council on Development, and upon creation of such a Council, recommend that a representative from NCLIS be appointed as a permanent Member.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. It was MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Jerald Newman that the Executive Director be asked to construct an effort in relevant geographical areas relating to the desire of NCLIS to participate and assist, as appropriate, in the efforts to bring about the effects to which the Information Age Bill subscribes.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. It was MOVED by Barbara Taylor, seconded by John Juergensmeyer that the Executive Director be given the discretion to examine Commission programs to determine areas of priorities and areas which may be limited, assign a dollar figure to programs, and provide said information to NCLIS Commissioners during the NCLIS January meeting/retreat.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Wanda Forbes that the Chairman send a letter to the Executive Director of ALA thanking the President's Committee on Library Service to Minorities for taking into consideration NCLIS objections to various recommendations in the original NCLIS report on Cultural Minorities, and

to convey that the Commission looks forward to working with ALA in the future to improve the involvement of minorities in libraries and information science.

Motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS Elinor Hashim has served as chairman of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for five years with distinction, and

WHEREAS she has performed her duties with grace and in a quiet but effective manner, and

WHEREAS she has moved with dispatch to see that the resolutions of the 1979 White House Conference were adopted and that plans for a 1989 White House Conference were given high priority, and

WHEREAS she has led the Commission in work which has made a difference despite the constant eating away by inflation of its small budget, and

WHEREAS she has managed crisis situations with a gentle but firm hand which led to needed solutions, and

WHEREAS she has at personal sacrifice served as interim executive director using her accumulated knowledge and ingenuity to bring the fiscal year to a responsible conclusion, and

WHEREAS she has been invaluable in effecting a smooth transition to new leadership, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Commission express its appreciation and devout thanks for her caring and valuable contributions given willingly and generously.

Adopted this day _____ with admiration, respect, and affection.