



**National Commission
on Libraries and Information Science**

TAB E

**MINUTES
of the
U.S. National Commission on Libraries
and Information Science
Commission Meeting
March 1, 1987**

Members Present: Daniel Carter, Daniel Casey, Lee Edwards,
Wanda Forbes, John Juergensmeyer, Byron
Leeds, Bessie Moore, Jerald Newman, Margaret
Phelan, Barbara Taylor, William Welsh, Julia
Wu, Elinor Hashim, ex officio, George Nash,
Commissioner-Designate, and Kenneth
Tomlinson, Presiding

Staff Present : Vivian Arterbery, Dorothy Gray, Jane
McDuffie, Mary Alice Reszetar, Christina
Young

**MEETING
CONVENES**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Juergensmeyer led the group in prayer.

MINUTES

MOVED by Margaret Phelan, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, that the Minutes of the NCLIS Meeting held November 19-20, 1986 be approved as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITION
OF NCLIS
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
AND STAFF**

The Chairman and Commissioners thanked the Executive Director and staff for their dedication and outstanding work, especially the preparation for the February conference.

MOTION

MOVED by Margaret Phelan, seconded by John Juergensmeyer to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Commission has observed a remarkable turnaround in the leadership of the Commission staff, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has given the staff a new sense of purpose, professionalism and direction, and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to commend the Executive Director and staff for the preparatory work which led to an extraordinary conference,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission salute Vivian Arterbery for her accomplishments in the short time she has been our (NCLIS') Executive Director.

Motion carried unanimously.

GEORGE NASH

On behalf of Commissioners and staff, Chairman Tomlinson recognized and welcomed Commissioner-Designate Nash to the conference.

BYRON LEEDS

Speaking for Commissioners and staff, Chairman Tomlinson extended thanks to Commissioner Leeds for his exemplary work for the Commission, and especially for the enthusiasm and excellence in which he chaired the Public Affairs Committee.

Commissioner Moore presented Mr. Leeds with an engraved NCLIS medallion for distinguished federal service and contributions to the work of the Commission over the past five years.

MOTION

MOVED by Bessie Moore, seconded by Jerald Newman, to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Byron Leeds has been an imaginative, hard-working and effective Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has profited from his wise counsel and creative thinking, and

WHEREAS, Byron Leeds has led us to new heights in projecting a positive image of the Commission, and

WHEREAS, we have enjoyed and profited from his delightful personality and warm friendship,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Byron Leeds be invited and encouraged to attend future Commission meetings -- sans expense -- in order that the Commission may continue to enjoy his quick wit, good humor, and sometimes outlandish mental gymnastics.

Motion adopted unanimously with thanks and affection.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Arterbery thanked the Commissioners for the resolution commending her leadership and the tireless efforts of all of the staff. She asked that the name of each staff member be mentioned in the resolution.

Mrs. Arterbery reported that:

- o Encyclopaedia Britannica will pay the expenses for Commissioners Forbes and Wu to attend the NCLIS/Encyclopaedia Britannica skills video-tape project meeting March 16, 1987.
- o A liaison has been established with Secretary Bennett's office for the Campaign for Libraries.

- o Planning has begun for the third trilateral meeting on Information in the Economy, May 13-15, 1987 in Canada.
- o A liaison was established with the Department of Commerce regarding the seminar on the World Scan Database. The seminar was planned and participants selected, however, the Department of Commerce decided not to go ahead with it at this time because of the current concern about sensitive but not classified information.
- o Staff has prepared articles for the ALA Yearbook and Bowker Annual.
- o Tentative agreements have been reached with two publishers to underwrite NCLIS' annual report -- International Thomson Library Services and Elsevier Science Publishers, Inc. International Thomson published the 1984-85 report and has agreed to assist in the publication of the current report, but cannot absorb the entire cost.
- o Plans for NCLIS' move have been temporarily halted. GSA recently implemented a regulation that limits office space to 135 square feet per person. Because NCLIS has space requirements that exceed the regulation, i.e., library, Commissioner office, copy/computer room, - the Commission filed for an exemption to the regulation. A decision is expected very soon.

BUDGET REPORT

Commissioner Newman, Chair of the Budget Committee, reported that the budget presented to the committee from staff is "the best I have seen since I have been Chairman of this Committee." He stated that expenditures for the first quarter have been below budget.

COMMISSION MEETING/ HEARINGS

The concern and clarification provided by guest speakers on National Security Decision Directive 145, National Policy on Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems Security, which "gives federal departments broad new powers to limit release of government data and creates a new

'sensitive' classification to restrict access to national security related information" led to the introduction of the following motion:

MOTION

MOVED by Lee Edwards, seconded by Barbara Taylor that the Commission, in response to recent Federal government directives that would affect access to information and databases on the basis of national security, hold a hearing in Washington to examine the national security, First Amendment and economic implications and consequences of these government information decisions on libraries and information services.

Motion carried unanimously.

**APRIL
COMMISSION
MEETING RE-
SCHEDULED**

The Commissioners agreed to reschedule the April Commission meeting to late May.

**NCLIS
MAILINGS**

Policy

The Commissioners asked staff to institute a new policy on Commission "mailings." Press releases about Commission meetings and other important newsworthy meetings and/or information should be mailed to the media immediately after the event to ensure that the "news" is current and desirable for immediate print. Mrs. Arterbery explained that "clearance" has prevented material from being mailed immediately. Chairman Tomlinson yielded his clearance of material to Mrs. Arterbery. General mailings to Commissioners may continue to be packaged for weekly and/or monthly distribution. Staff will use discretion in mailing immediate, weekly or monthly packages.

**NCLIS
COMMITTEES**

Chairman Tomlinson made the following committee appointments:

Executive Committee:

Kenneth Tomlinson, Chairman
Lee Edwards
Bessie Moore
Jerald Newman
Margaret Phelan

International Committee

Lee Edwards, Chairman
John Juergensmeyer
Julia Wu

Chairman Tomlinson reported that he is working on a committee structure that will broaden the scope of committees and give Commissioners more individual activities. The overall committee structure will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

AGING

Vice Chairman Moore reported that:

- o the Aging program scheduled during the ALA meeting in San Francisco, California, will be held June 28, 1987. Four hundred people are expected to attend. There will be 40 tables on 35 topics. State librarians have been asked to assist to ensure that one person from every state is represented. Congressman Claude Pepper, (D-FL), will be the keynote speaker;
- o NCLIS continues to meet with representatives from the Administration on Aging;
- o the May issue of Library Journal will feature an article co-authored by Dr. Moore and Carol Frazer Fisk;
- o a meeting will be held with ACTION staff later this week (March 2, 1987).

Dr. Moore thanked the Commissioners for their continued support of the Aging program.

DANIEL CASEY

Mr. Tomlinson thanked Commissioner Casey for all of the work he does on behalf of the Commission.

1989 WHITE
HOUSE CON-
FERENCE

Commissioner Casey thanked Commissioners for their assistance this past year in securing co-sponsors for the 1989 White House Conference. He encouraged staff and Commissioners to:

- o begin signing up co-sponsors immediately for upcoming legislation;

- o read the information included in conference packets detailing what has happened, what is happening and what will happen;
- o reread the White House Conference Preliminary Design Group Report;
- o think of sources for donations toward a White House Conference.

Mary Alice Reszetar, Associate Director of the Commission, reported that:

- o Twenty-five Senators and eight House Members have signed as co-sponsors;
- o The "Dear Colleague" letter from the House has not gone out because of the change of Chairmanship;
- o White House Conference hearings before the Senate have been tentatively set for March 12.

Mr. Casey explained that the White House Conference Advisory Committee will have the paramount role in deciding the agenda and topics of the conference. NCLIS' Chairman is standing Vice Chairman of the Advisory Committee and has the authority to appoint eight people to serve on the Committee. Consequently, the Commission has input into the agenda and topics to be discussed.

Commissioners expressed concerns including:

- o not being notified of the upcoming Senate hearing on a 1989 White House Conference;
- o not enough time to prepare sufficiently for the hearings;
- o not being notified of, nor Chairman asked to testify at last year's House hearings on the White House Conference;
- o no Commission visibility in Congress if a Commission Member does not testify;
- o the reality of a 1989 conference in less than two years;

- o to what extent the Commission should be involved in pushing for White House Conference legislation and securing co-sponsors.

Commissioner Juergensmeyer commented that the Commission has taken on a "spectator role" in reference to a White House Conference, even though the proposed legislation (P.L. 93-568) authorizing a White House Conference on Library and Information Services is "...to be planned and conducted by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science..." He further stated that "our prestige is on the line and we cannot sit idly by and watch." Mr. Juergensmeyer strongly recommends that the Commission become involved very soon.

Commissioner Carter, a Member of the White House Conference Preliminary Design Group, reminded Commission Members that, after preliminary efforts, the group pressed NCLIS' Chairman (Hashim) and Executive Director (Bearman) to carry on and "get some things going." The group was advised that it was useless to do anything until the legislation had passed.

Commissioner Casey assured Commission Members that NCLIS will become more involved in the planning efforts of a White House Conference once legislation is passed.

In response to Commissioner Newman's question on the cost for Commission support to WHCLIST, Mrs. Arterbery reported that NCLIS supports a monthly conference call with the WHCLIST Executive Board, supplies NCLIS-franked envelopes for WHCLIST mailings, and the services of Mrs. Reszetar as liaison. At Mr. Newman's request, Mrs. Arterbery will provide Commissioners with the NCLIS-WHCLIST cost at the May Commission meeting.

Chairman Tomlinson advised the NCLIS White House Conference Committee to make it clear that a White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services is not necessarily tied to the year 1989.

CLEARANCE

Chairman Tomlinson reminded Commissioners and staff to clear and brief all new projects, meetings, etc. through the Executive Director and/or the Chairman.

**CAMPAIGN FOR
LIBRARIES**

Chairman Tomlinson reported that ALA leadership and other library groups attending the Campaign for Libraries meeting at ALA Midwinter responded in an enthusiastic and supportive manner toward the Commission's campaign and are eager to join both the long-term Campaign for Libraries and the first implementation of the campaign, that of the Library Card Campaign.

Mr. Tomlinson also expressed thanks to Commissioner Casey for his efforts in generating interest among conference participants. Chairman Tomlinson further stated that "our goal is to get Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives, together working for libraries."

Mrs. Arterbery stated that the Campaign for Libraries will cost approximately \$100,000. She asked the Commissioners for assistance in identifying fundraising sources.

Mrs. Arterbery began the report on the Commission's National Library Card Campaign by presenting each Commissioner with a campaign library card. She told Commissioners that on Tuesday, March 4 at NCLIS' Senate hearings, Chairman Tomlinson will present each Senator with an honorary library card bearing the name of his or her local library.

MOTION

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Jerald Newman, that the NCLIS Chairman send a letter to Arthur Gunther, CEO, Le Petite Boulangerie, Inc., congratulating him on the success of the "Book It" program and citing it as an example of an effective private/public sector partnership. We should also offer the Commission's assistance.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AWARD(S)
PROGRAM**

Commissioner Juergensmeyer opined that the establishment of an annual Commission awards program recognizing the person or library that has contributed the most toward library and information services is very important. He asked the Chairman to consider the possibility of creating such a Commission program.

MOTION

MOVED by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Lee Edwards, that the Chairman appoint a committee to study the feasibility of the Commission establishing an annual award of excellence to the person and/or library in the nation that has contributed the most toward library and information services.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tomlinson stated that a committee will be appointed to discuss the program and report back at the next Commission meeting.

**INFORMATION
AGE COMMIS-
SION**

Commissioner Carter reported on a meeting held January 16 at ADAPSO, regarding the proposed Information Age Commission. He stated that the view of the majority of meeting participants is that the bill submitted is not acceptable. The group asked John Imlay to withhold the bill that was introduced; but he declined and plans to ask Senator Nunn to go ahead with the bill. In the interest of the Commission, Commissioner Carter volunteered to follow developments in this area.

Chairman Tomlinson expressed concern that the establishment of an Information Age Commission would write out this Commission.

**SCHOOL
LIBRARIES**

Commissioner Forbes addressed a concern that she and Commissioner Wu have about the problems of school libraries. Their recommendation is to create a panel to promote teaching skills and articulation of the problems that exist between schools of education and library schools, and libraries and education decision makers, such as Chief State School Officers, the Association of School Administrators, school boards, the American Association of Elementary and Secondary Principals and parent-teacher organizations. Ideas and ways to solve some of the problems could be incorporated into the Campaign for Libraries program.

RETREAT

Commissioner Edwards suggested that information from the NCLIS retreat be prepared for publication. Chairman Tomlinson asked the Executive Director to pursue Mr. Edward's recommendation by checking on talent and funds available for this project.

- NTIS** In response to Commissioner Juergensmeyer's request for an update on the privatization of NTIS, Mrs. Arterbery reported that OMB has recommended that NTIS be contracted out beginning in FY 1988.
- OFFICE PROCEDURES** Commissioner Juergensmeyer asked that meeting notebooks, in lieu of folders be reinstated, and author and date be placed on each document distributed to Commissioners.
- MAY MEETING** Chairman Tomlinson authorized Mrs. Arterbery to call the next meeting to coincide with the meeting of the hearings.
- BUDGET** Dr. Moore distributed a chart showing the Commission's loss of purchasing power over the past 15 years and what appropriation would be necessary to match the Commission's original appropriation.
- MEETING ADJOURNED** The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.