



United States
National Commission on
Libraries and Information Science

TAB D

U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

MINUTES

May 27, 1987
Washington, D.C.

Commissioners Present: Bessie B. Moore, Daniel H. Carter,
Daniel W. Casey, Lee Edwards, Wanda L.
Forbes, John E. Juergensmeyer, George H.
Nash, Margaret Phelan, Barbara H.
Taylor, William J. Welsh, Elinor M.
Hashim, ex officio, and Jerald C.
Newman, Presiding

Staff Present: Vivian J. Arterbery, Dorothy P. Gray,
Mary Alice H. Reszetar, Christinia C.
Young, and Jane D. McDuffie, Recording
Secretary

Guests Present: Alan Calmes, NARA; Eileen Cooke, ALA;
Joan Durrance, University of Michigan;
George Farr, NEH; Jeffrey Heynen, ARL;
Denis J. Konouck, OMB; Carolyn Morrow
Manns, RLG; Gerald J. Sophar, former
NCLIS staff person; Nettie Taylor,
COSLA;

**MEETING
CONVENED**

NCLIS Chairman Jerald C. Newman called the meeting of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Newman stated that he is very pleased to have been appointed Chairman of the Commission by President Reagan. On behalf of the Commissioners Vice-Chairman Moore stated that, "We are delighted that you have been named Chairman."

The Chairman read a letter from former Chairman, Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, in which he conveyed his personal gratitude and thanks to Commissioners and staff for their support during his tenure. Mr. Tomlinson stated that he wishes to remain involved in NCLIS activities, particularly the Commission's joint project with the United States Information Agency to distribute microfiche of key medical journals to libraries in countries where doctors do not have access to such information, and the National Library Card Campaign.

MINUTES

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by William Welsh, that the Minutes of the March 1, 1987 NCLIS meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION
DANIEL
BOORSTIN**

MOVED by Bessie B. Moore, seconded by Daniel Casey to honor retiring Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Boorstin, the twelfth Librarian of Congress has directed our national library for nearly twelve years;

WHEREAS, he has defended faithfully the value of the printed word against predictions of a paperless society;

WHEREAS, he has reminded all Americans that knowledge is necessary for survival in a free society;

WHEREAS, he has become an articulate spokesman in behalf of libraries and reading on Capitol Hill;

WHEREAS, under his direction, the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress has done much to promote reading and literacy;

WHEREAS, his accounts of history have kindled our imaginations, making the ordinary profound;

WHEREAS, his enthusiasm for the Library of Congress and its roots in our nation's history has resparked national interest in this great library; and

WHEREAS, we applaud yet regret his decision to return to the Republic of Letters;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science commends our twelfth Librarian of Congress, Daniel J. Boorstin, for his stewardship of the Library of Congress, for his leadership in the world of learning, and for his dedication to those principles on which this nation was founded -- liberty and learning.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION
KENNETH Y.
TOMLINSON**

MOVED by Bessie B. Moore, seconded by Barbara H. Taylor to introduce a resolution recognizing the term of former NCLIS Chairman Kenneth Y. Tomlinson:

WHEREAS, Kenneth Y. Tomlinson has served as Chairman of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science from October 1986 to May 1987, and

WHEREAS, though his time was brief the Commission has profited from his vision of the expanded role it should play in the improvement of library service to the people of this country, and

WHEREAS, his unbounded enthusiasm and dynamic approach has lifted our spirit and encouraged us to expand our horizon, and

WHEREAS, his love of libraries and his desire to serve them will not abate, therefore we welcome his continued counsel and participation in the work of the Commission in the future, and

WHEREAS, we regret his leaving we know that he will still be involved in providing information to people as he returns to aid "an old love";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, we thank him for his leadership in his brief tenure and extend our best wishes.

Adopted with affection and respect this 27th day of May 1987.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION
MARGREET
WIJNSTROOM**

MOVED by William Welsh, seconded by Barbara Taylor to introduce the following resolution honoring Margreet Wijnstroom for service as Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA):

WHEREAS, Margreet Wijnstroom has capably served for sixteen years as Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and

WHEREAS, during this period IFLA has developed into a truly worldwide organization, and

WHEREAS, many of IFLA's accomplishments realized during her tenure were due in no small part to the unflagging energy and devotion she exerted as she translated into practical proposals and suggestions the aims and visions of the Presidents she served, and

WHEREAS, her dedication to her work has inspired and stimulated many of her colleagues to spend their professional and personal energies in the interest of IFLA's goals, and

WHEREAS, her retirement in August 1987 will bring an end to both a sterling career and an important period in international librarianship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) honor Margreet Wijnstroom on the occasion of her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCLIS offer congratulations, best wishes, and Godspeed to Margreet in her pursuits after retirement.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN

Reconfirmation of the NCLIS Chairman will take place in July, 1987. Commissioners agreed that a lapse in Chairmanship should not occur, therefore introduced the following motion:

MOTION JERALD C. NEWMAN

MOVED by Lee Edwards, seconded by Barbara Taylor that Jerald C. Newman continue as Chairman of NCLIS after his term expires, July 19, 1987, until confirmation.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On behalf of the NCLIS staff, Executive Director Vivian J. Arterbery welcomed Commissioners and guests to the Commission meeting. Mrs. Arterbery summarized the Commission's programs and accomplishments during the past six months. She reported that staff:

- o planned, hosted and held three Commission meetings, a retreat and hearings;
- o prepared budget justification documents, five testimonies, the Commission's annual report, and three papers for publication;
- o gave 12 talks at meetings;
- o traveled to 10 states and Canada;
- o served on an OTA panel on the First Amendment and the Press;
- o held meetings with Secretary of Education Bennett, Director of USIA Charles Wick, and 65 other library and information community luminaries.

Program Activities:

NTIS - The Commission has not taken any formal position on the privatization of NTIS. NTIS has been instructed to contract out. A recent study commissioned by NTIS concluded that NTIS be set up as an independent government corporation. NCLIS staff will continue to monitor issues related to the privatization of NTIS.

Statistics - Staff hosted two semi annual statistics update meetings. As a result of the May meeting, libraries have been incorporated into H.R. 5 (an omnibus bill to improve elementary and secondary education, which also addresses extensively the Center for Education Statistics). The bill mandates that the NCLIS Chairman be appointed to the Advisory Committee for the Center for Education Statistics.

Finding and Using Skills - The video production project with Encyclopaedia Britannica has been tabled. The Commission plans to meet with a group at ALA in an attempt to get this project back on track.

Commission staff will also hold exploratory talks with members of the American Association of School Libraries on the possibility of conducting a conference with school administrators, chief state school officers and school librarians.

National Library Card Campaign - ALA is taking the leadership role in the implementation of the National Library Card Campaign. A major concern is funding to support the campaign. Mrs. Arterbery asked Commissioners to suggest sources for funding. The Campaign will be introduced to librarians at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco and will be officially launched nationally in October 1987. At the request of Chairman Newman, a letter will be sent to Arthur Gunther explaining the program. At Mr. Gunther's suggestion representatives of Pizza Hut contacted Commission staff about the program. A meeting is scheduled for the first week of June with representatives from ALA, the Pizza Hut Book It Program and the Commission.

Aging and Special Populations - As a result of Commissioner Moore's work, Chairman Newman has approved an amendment to the MOU (memorandum of understanding) with ACTION to include the VISTA Literacy Corps.

Preservation - The Commission was invited to serve on the Advisory Council of the Council on Library Resources' Commission on Preservation and Access. Commissioner Taylor will represent the Commission. She also represented the

Commission at a regional conference in Chicago of the National Committee to Save America's Cultural Collections.

Trilateral Conference - A Commission delegation attended the "Information in the Economy" trilateral meeting in Canada, May 13-15, 1987. (See Commissioner Edward's report.)

Censorship - ALA convened a conference to look at collection of censorship data. As a result of the conference, a common set of data elements will be developed and used to track censorship incidents. Mrs. Arterbery stated many conference participants complimented the Commission on the Censorship report. The report was also used as a starting point for discussions at the meeting.

State Department - The State Department invited the Commission to submit proposals under the Foreign Technical Assistance Act. The Commission submitted proposals totaling \$145,000. The Commission will also submit one supplemental proposal on archives that came in after the original proposals were submitted.

Administrative

NCLIS Move - Mrs. Arterbery commented that the Commission's move to a new location is taking an inordinate amount of time. GSA has submitted layouts for approval for the office space at 1111 18th Street, N.W. Time was set aside for Commission Members to tour the office space.

NCLIS Personnel Vacancies - Two positions are currently open at the Commission - Deputy Director and Research Associate. Due to the heavy work load at the Department of Education the Deputy Director's position has not been posted. Forty-six applications were received for the Research Associate position. The Executive Director and program staff will review the applications after they have been screened by the Department of Education and schedule interviews.

Commissioner Casey expressed concern about the lack of adequate support staff. Mr. Casey questioned the wisdom of hiring a Deputy Director in lieu of another secretary or clerk typist. Mrs. Arterbery assured Commissioner Casey that

the work of the Deputy is critical to the Commission. After further discussion about funds for additional support staff, Commissioner Welsh suggested that the topic be taken up in Executive session.

INTERNS

Commissioner Edwards emphasized the need for interns to assist in Commission programs. Ideally the candidate(s) should come from schools of library/information science.

**MOTION
INTERNS**

MOVED by Lee Edwards, seconded by John Juergensmeyer that the Commission formally explore the possibility of setting up an internship program with library and information science schools.

Motion carried unanimously.

Computer Resources - Mrs. Arterbery provided background information on the Commission's office automation system, explaining that the present system (AT&T computer/Quadratron software) is not operational. AT&T officials are now looking into the options for correcting the problems. NCLIS does not have funds to support a computer system for the remainder of FY 87. Funds for computers will be obligated in FY 88.

Annual Report - Mrs. Arterbery announced that International Thomson and Elsevier have agreed to partially support publication of the Commission's 1985-86 Annual Report. Commissioner Welsh raised concern that there could be a conflict of interest if foreign publishers are used, especially Elsevier. Miss Hashim agreed with Mr. Welsh adding, "As a U.S. Government agency, we should use GPO." Chairman Newman declared that: (1) the Commission should not accept a foreign publisher; (2) the Commission should find a domestic publisher to subsidize the expense of publishing the report; and (3) the Commission will pay for the expense of the Annual Report.

**RURAL
PROGRAMS**

Chairman Newman asked Gerald Sophar, former NCLIS staff member and Senior Advisor, to provide an update on the Department of Agriculture's rural program. Mr. Sophar reported that the Department of Agriculture is undergoing internal problems causing the program to remain unsettled. The thrust

now is coming from the Hill to establish a Rural Development Administration within the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Sophar stated that rural development is moving very much to the forefront, becoming a high level political issue.

**ELECTRONIC
MAIL**

Commissioner Carter expressed interest in obtaining electronic mail services (i.e., ALANET) for Commissioners access. Mrs. Arterbery described services and estimated that the cost of providing all Commissioners with electronic mail would be approximately \$2,000 per year. Commissioner Phelan pointed out that the Commission must be very careful about the expense of using electronic mail. Chairman Newman noted that the cost of using express mail is minimal and also satisfactory. Mr. Newman referred the matter to the Budget and Finance Committee for cost analysis.

**BUDGET AND
FINANCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Chairman Newman presented the Budget and Finance report to the Commission. He stated that because of the two vacancies at the Commission, the budget has remained on target.

**LOCAL
GOVERNANCE**

Chairman Newman introduced Dr. Joan Durrance, faculty member at the University of Michigan School of Information and Library Studies. Dr. Durrance presented an overview of current activities in the area of local governance. She reported that:

- o even though libraries have been interested in local governance for a long time, there are a number of barriers;
- o need to have demonstration sites that have proper materials;
- o Maryland is the only state that has developed guidelines for local government reference services for libraries;
- o the White House Conference will bring attention to governance at all levels;
- o need technology to bring libraries together;
- o states are moving more into electronic format at the state and local levels; libraries are not keeping up with these changes;

- o two problems at the local level: (1) libraries have not assumed a proper responsibility for most of the materials regardless of format, and (2) there are no good model programs;
- o no adequate tools exist to help librarians bring together the information available from local levels of government;
- o access to information should not be limited to those who can pay for it;
- o need to train leaders at the state level to coordinate training.

Dr. Durrance stated that she has been unsuccessful in obtaining financial assistance for several research proposals designed to provide information that libraries need to operate government programs effectively.

Commissioner Juergensmeyer commented that the Commission should take a long look at Dr. Durrance's proposal. Mr. Juergensmeyer asked Dr. Durrance what kind of assistance she is seeking from the Commission. Dr. Durrance replied that (1) Commission support would be invaluable toward her quest for funds, (2) the Commission would lend prestige to a study of this nature.

COSLA

Chairman Newman introduced Nettie Taylor, COSLA liaison to the Commission and Maryland State Librarian.

Ms. Taylor thanked the Commission for extending an invitation to speak on COSLA activities. She expressed an interest in COSLA and NCLIS working together on projects and activities.

Ms. Taylor also briefed the Commission on COSLA:

- o standing committees are set up to: (1) provide a liaison relationship with other national agencies and organizations (NCLIS, LC, USED, ALA), (2) address certain specialized interests in which COSLA is interested, i.e., network development; legislation; continuing education; and special interests as the need arises;

- o legislative interests; include funding for LSCA; support for the new technology title proposed under LSCA; and support for the White House Conference (COSLA has not adopted a firm resolution in support of a White House Conference, however, most Members are working individually for a conference.)

Mrs. Arterbery reported that she had attended a preliminary meeting with Tom Galvin and Barbara Weaver, COSLA Chairman and State Librarian of New Jersey. Another meeting is scheduled for September in Washington with two representatives from ALA, COSLA, NCLIS and SLA to determine how the respective organizations might work together more effectively on national issues.

**INFORMATION
AGE COMMISS-
SION**

Commissioner Carter reported that:

- o the Information Age Commission bill did not pass in the 99th Congress;
- o consideration was given to reintroduce the bill in the 100th Congress. Sponsors of the bill were persuaded not to introduce it at this time;
- o the Commission has represented itself in the meetings as being an agency which could provide some of the services called for in the bill and is looked upon by Senator Nunn's office as a leader in this area;
- o the private sector has expressed interest in taking the lead and is working toward attaining that position.

Mr. Carter suggested that the Commission (1) prepare a program document outlining the objectives of the effort, defining the organization, task force, and steering committee, as well as work with the public and private sector to define activities that this entity would deal with, i.e., seminars, hearings, recommendations, and publications, (2) publicize the Commission's leadership role in this effort, (3) conduct initial task force meetings within the membership of the Commission and some of the public and private sector entities, and (4) sponsor and conduct hearings.

MOTION

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Daniel Casey to introduce a resolution that NCLIS appoint a committee to develop a program document with the intent to develop the leadership role on issues related to the Information Age Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING
RECESSED**

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m.

**MEETING
RECONVENED**

Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**BICENTENNIAL
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Reporting for the Bicentennial Committee, Co-Chairman Forbes stated that the committee is continuing their effort to institute programs for libraries in the Bicentennial program. Mrs. Forbes recognized Commissioners Casey and Taylor for their work in establishing ties with the Bicentennial Commission in the library area.

Commissioner Casey described library activities in New York as an example of how the Commission could integrate the Bicentennial into public appearances. A program, "The Year of the Reader", was instituted jointly by a New York public library and a newspaper. Mr. Casey accepted an invitation to speak at the program and was able to explain the link between libraries and the Bicentennial.

Commissioner Juergensmeyer reported that the NCLIS proposal for a recognition program for exemplary school collections was not favorably received by the Association of School Libraries and the Department of Education.

The Committee proposed the development of a program that would be a combination of a recognition for participation in the Bicentennial by school libraries and a Bicentennial bookshelf or recommended reading list. To successfully develop a program of this nature, the project would need endorsement from a publisher or other sponsor. The project would be minimal in cost and staff time while creating visibility for the Commission.

Mrs. Arterbery suggested that since plans for the National Library Card Campaign are already underway, no new programs be introduced until after the Campaign is launched.

Commissioner Taylor announced that the DAR library will be made available for a joint NCLIS-DAR symposium on the Constitution specifically as it relates to libraries.

MOTION

MOVED by Barbara Taylor, seconded by Daniel Casey that the Commission explore the feasibility of conducting a seminar dealing with the Bicentennial of the Constitution in the fall, under the auspices of the NCLIS Bicentennial Committee, and endorsed by the Bicentennial Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

**INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Commissioner Edwards reported on the third of the trilateral meetings on Information in the Economy cosponsored by NCLIS, the British Library and the Institute for Research on Public Policy in Canada. The purpose of these meetings was to foster and improve understanding of the role of information in the economy and society and to develop an agenda of public policy issues and initiatives aimed at maximizing the benefits to society from the changing role and character of information and information technology.

Commissioner Edwards distributed copies of the Glennerin Declaration. The declaration, which evolved from the series of meetings, contains very specific programs which can bring the three participating nations together. (See attached draft document, TAB L).

Mr. Edwards also reported that several very important papers were delivered by representatives of the three countries. The papers will be published in book form within the year. The book will be of interest and importance to the Commission's work on the Information Age Commission since some of the ideas, problems and concerns are expressed.

Commissioner Carter and Mrs. Arterbery also participated in the meeting.

**INTERNATIONAL
ACTIVITIES**

Commissioner Edwards reported that the Commission is currently supporting with Department of State in funding a number of programs in support of international information activities. The Commission is also considering a proposed program in cooperation with the United States Information Agency (USIA) and the Agency for International Development (AID) that would provide a library of medical textbooks for foreign medical schools. Mr. Edwards listed three programs that the Commission may wish to consider:

- (1) A survey of resources of national libraries in the English speaking world.
- (2) A bibliography of literature on democracy in action from around the world.
- (3) Analysis of UNESCO, its initial objectives and performance.

**WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE**

Commissioner Casey, Chairman of the 1989 White House Conference Committee reported that:

- o Vice Chairman Bessie B. Moore, former NCLIS Chairman Charles Benton and Commissioner Daniel Casey testified at an April 3 hearing in support of a White House Conference on Library and Information Services. (Mr. Casey circulated copies of the witnesses' testimony.)
- o Mr. Casey and Mrs. Reszetar attended the Association of Research Libraries Board of Director's meeting in Pittsburgh to discuss ARL's participation in the White House Conference process.
- o Commissioner Casey spoke about the White House Conference planning meeting in Clearwater, Florida.

Mrs. Reszetar provided the Commission with an update on cosponsors in support of a White House Conference. To date 47 Senators and 177 House Members have signed on as cosponsors. Mrs. Reszetar stated that the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) has appointed a task force to work toward WHCLIS II. Membership on the task force is comprised of 38 federal agencies. So far there are 41 states who have cosponsors for the legislation. Wording in the bill

states that the national conference must be held not prior to September 1, 1989, but no later than September 30, 1991.

Commissioner Casey asked Eileen Cooke, Associate Executive Director of the American Library Association, to speak about the prospects for the White House Conference. Ms. Cooke reported that Congressional staff members are more optimistic that the White House Conference bill will pass, but the next big hurdle will be funding.

Ms. Cooke thanked the NCLIS White House Conference Committee for their efforts toward bringing about a conference.

Mr. Casey refuted reports that the conference will cost the government \$15 million and stated that a more realistic figure might be \$5 million.

**NATIONAL
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Miss Hashim provided details on the Network Advisory Committee's revised program document. She asked the Commission to endorse the NAC statement and thank them for the work it has done. After discussing wording in the statement, the following motion was introduced:

MOTION

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by John Juergensmeyer that NCLIS accept the statement prepared by the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee, "Library Networking: Statement of a Common Vision", subject to the following changes:

- o preface the word "libraries" (second paragraph, second line, first word) with "our nation's", to read, "Our common vision of networking is an environment in which our nation's libraries can provide each individual in the United States with equal opportunity of access to resources that will satisfy their and society's information needs and interests."
- o change the word "will" (last paragraph, seventh line, second word) to "would" to read, "As this vision becomes a reality, there would emerge a diverse but coordinated structure of networks rather than a monolithic one."

Motion carried unanimously.

**PROGRAM
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

After hearing a report from Commissioner Carter on NCLIS' 1989 programs, and engaging in a lengthy discussion, the Commission decided to list program interests individually in priority order. The list was ranked and prioritized for discussion at the evening session.

**NCLIS
COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Newman made the following NCLIS committee appointments:

- o Commissioner Casey, Chair, Public Affairs Committee
- o Commissioner Carter, Chair, Finance Committee
- o Commissioner Phelan, Chair; Commissioner, Carter, Co-Chair, Program Committee
- o Executive Committee - Bessie B. Moore, Lee Edwards, Daniel Carter, Margaret Phelan

**ELECTION OF
VICE CHAIR-
MAN**

MOVED by Margaret Phelan, seconded by Daniel Carter to reelect Bessie B. Moore to serve as Vice Chairman of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science until July 19, 1988.

Motion carried unanimously.

**OMB
CLEARANCE**

Chairman Newman appointed an ad hoc committee to explore and make a determination on what the relationship should be under the law and as perceived by Congressional and Executive intent regarding OMB clearance of NCLIS' financial and budget materials before they are forwarded to the Congress.

Members of the ad hoc committee are Lee Edwards, Chair; Daniel Carter, John Juergensmeyer, and Bessie Moore. The committee will provide a report to the Commission at its next meeting. The committee will also review the role of the Commission in advising the Executive and legislative branches of the government on library matters.

RECOGNITION
AWARDS COM-
MITTEE RE-
PORT

Commissioner Phelan, Chairman of the Recognition Awards Committee, explained the committee's mission as one to study the feasibility of the Commission establishing an annual "Award of Excellence" to the person and/or library that has contributed the most to library and information science. The Committee concluded that such a program is feasible and that an award should be established and presented.

After researching existing awards, the Committee found that every aspect of librarianship is being awarded or rewarded by other organizations. The one area in which the Commission should focus is an awards program for private sector cooperation or initiative -- an award in this area has not been given.

The tentative wording for an award is:

The NCLIS annual award shall be given for the best initiative taken by a non government, non-library organization in improving and promoting the nation's library and information service in the previous calendar year.

The committee concluded that:

- o the award should be an annual ongoing award;
- o the emphasis of the award will change yearly; the wording will remain the same;
- o this year's theme will focus on the Campaign for Libraries or the Year of the Reader;
- o the Commission will present one award yearly;
- o character of the award will be a plaque;
- o award should be presented to a United States organization or corporation;
- o budget and cost may present a problem;
- o presentation of award should be made in Washington each Spring;
- o anyone can make a nomination for the award;
- o nominations will be judged by the Award Committee.

MOTION

MOVED by Margaret Phelan, seconded by George Nash that NCLIS adopt the recommendations presented by the Recognitions Award Committee and allow the Committee to proceed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**LOCAL
GOVERNANCE**

Commissioner Juergensmeyer asked the Commission to take action on an appropriate way to proceed with a governance program and suggested the establishment of a committee or task force to explore the issue and make specific recommendations.

Miss Hashim outlined the effectiveness of previous NCLIS task force groups, stating that they were "extremely effective." Because of budget constraints the Commission has not been able to reinstitute the use of such groups.

MOTION

MOVED by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Barbara Taylor that the Commission Chairman appoint an appropriate committee to review the area of Information for Local Governance:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Commission Chairman appoint an appropriate committee of Commissioners or others to review the area of Information for Local Governance and to recommend specific programs in this area.
2. The Commission encourage further research into identifying the information needs of elected and appointed local government officials.
3. The Commission encourage the development of demonstration projects based on identified needs for public policy decision-makers and citizens.
4. The Commission encourage action by state library agencies to increase the effectiveness of local public libraries as providers of local government information.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING
RECESSED**

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m.

**MEETING
RECONVENES**

Chairman Newman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced a panel of experts on preservation -- Jeffrey Heynen, ARL; Alan Calmes, NARA; George Farr, NEH; and Carolyn Morrow Manns, RLG.

PRESERVATION

The following comments were made by the panelists:

George Farr, National Endowment for the Humanities
(NEH)

NEH began to make model grants in 1979. Two years ago the Endowment created a separate Office of Preservation and committed itself to more comprehensive support of preservation projects. In the past two years the Endowment has made 66 grants. The Agency's annual budget is four million dollars. The purpose of the grants is to help ensure the preservation of materials that are deemed of first importance for advance research in the humanities, and to find a way of supporting activities that will help institutionalize the work of preservation across the country. The Office of Preservation funds projects to preserve newspapers, journals and other historical documents. The Endowment makes grants to individuals, groups or institutions, schools, colleges, universities, museums, public television stations, libraries, public agencies and nonprofit groups.

Carolyn Morrow Manns, Research Libraries Group,
Inc. (RLG)

RLG is located in the National Preservation Office of the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress has several cooperative programs with the Research Libraries Group, one of which is preservation.

RLG operates four major program areas: bibliographic control; collection development and management; shared resources; and preservation. RLG's main interest in the area of preservation has been in cooperative preservation in microfilming. RLG's great strength is in terms of peer

group influence. In 1983 RLG started a cooperative preservation microfilming project focusing on American imprints. Microfilming is the method of preservation used in brittle books and materials when they cannot be preserved in their original form.

RLG's membership is comprised of 36 full research libraries and 40 associate members. It owns and operates RLIN. The Group is interested in networking and coordinating with other national initiatives.

Alan Calmes, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

One of NARA's responsibilities is to arrange, describe, preserve, and make available to the public the historically valuable records of all three branches of the Government.

NARA has:

- o evaluated the best method(s) of preservation (paper and film);
- o evaluated environmental conditions for the storage of paper;
- o worked with the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) in developing film standards.

Mr. Calmes also reported that:

- o the National Bureau of Standards is designing a test mechanism for NARA that will determine the life expectancy of magnetic tape;
- o GPO is evaluating copiers for the life expectancy of photocopies;
- o the Jet Propulsion Laboratory is conducting studies on image processing on documents to understand the aging of documents.

Jeffrey Heynen, Association of Research Libraries (ARL)

ARL has given preservation a high priority for action. Its preservation planning program is working on a project to supply preservation workbooks and manuals to libraries for self study.

ARL has produced a guide to microfilming as a means of preservation.

ARL's purpose is to identify and solve problems fundamental to large research libraries, so that the libraries may effectively serve the needs of students, faculty and the research community generally; to strengthen and extend the capacity of its member libraries to provide the recorded information needed, both now and in the future, by the research community.

**EMBASSY
ROW HOTEL**

Commissioners and staff agreed that meeting and hotel accommodations at the Embassy Row were extraordinary, and introduced the following resolution:

MOVED by Bessie Moore, seconded by Lee Edwards that a letter from the Chairman of NCLIS be sent to the Manager of the Embassy Row Hotel expressing thanks for excellent service.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NCLIS
COMMISSION
MEETING**

The Commission canceled the July 15-16, 1987 Commission meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 27-29, 1987 at the Embassy Row Hotel.

**BESSIE B.
MOORE
RECOGNIZED**

Commissioner Casey announced that Vice Chairman Bessie B. Moore has been chosen by the Women's National Book Association as one of seventy women in the United States who have made a difference in the area of books. Commissioner Casey submitted Dr. Moore's name. Dr. Moore's name was submitted by Mrs. Arterbery for the Artist of Life Award. She was one of 12 winners in the U.S.

**FUTURE NCLIS
COMMISSION
SITES**

Commissioner Casey suggested that the Commission consider holding at least one Commission meeting a year at a Presidential library in the U.S. Commissioner Juergensmeyer added to Mr. Casey's suggestion that a meeting site should be chosen in parts of the country where the Commission will get the most exposure -- i.e., a large population area, home areas of Commissioners, Congressional districts of Congressional Members of Appropriations Committees.

1989
PROGRAMS

Commissioners voted on programs for FY 89.
Prioritized 1989 programs are:

I. Literacy

1. Work with the Department of Labor on extension or expansion of information skills as a means of working smarter.
2. School Librarian of the Year Award.

II. Democracy

1. Promote public libraries as access to information for local governance.
2. Promote the library as a critical component of learning and information society.
3. Articulate the needs, problems, values of libraries and information professionals to decision-makers and policymakers.
4. Promote networking and resource sharing through use of new technologies.
5. Bill of Rights commemoration and library involvement.

III. Productivity

1. Information Age Issues - Publish report on findings of Information Age Task Force or hearings.
2. Cooperate with other groups whose major focus is maintaining access to government information for the people of the United States.

IV. Policy, Planning and Advice

1. White House Conference.
2. Work with USIA, Department of State and other Federal agencies.

The Program Review Committee will review the list of programs and determine priorities.

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Commissioner Casey suggested that the Commission send a progress report on the Information Age Commission to Senator Nunn, with copies to Senators Lautenberg, Swindall and Barnard.

SLOW FIRES

The meeting concluded with a showing of the movie on preservation, "Slow Fires."