



United States  
National Commission on  
Libraries and Information Science

**TAB E**

**U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**MINUTES**

**October 27-28, 1988  
Atlanta, Georgia**

**Commissioners Present:** Daniel H. Carter, Daniel W. Casey, Lee Edwards, Frank Gannon, Bessie B. Moore, George H. Nash, Raymond J. Petersen, Sally Jo Vasicko, Julia Li Wu, Elinor M. Hashim, ex officio, and Jerald C. Newman, presiding

**Commissioners Designate:** Wanda L. Forbes, Margaret Phelan, Charles Reid, Elinor Swaim

**Staff Present:** Susan K. Martin, Jane D. McDuffie, Sandra N. Milevski, Mary Alice H. Reszetar, Christina C. Young

**Guests Present:** Guy Craft, R.W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center; Carol L. Diehl, ALA Legislative Committee; Patrice McDermott, School of Library and Information Studies, Atlanta University; W. David Penniman, ASIS President-Elect; Seleta J. Rogers, Georgia Department of Education; Martha Williams, ASIS President; Hulda A. Wilson, R.W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center

**MEETING  
CONVENED**

Chairman Newman called the meeting of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science to order at 1:40 p.m., at which time he welcomed Commissioners-Designate Charles Reid and Elinor Swaim. Mr. Newman announced that the President has also nominated Commissioners Wanda L. Forbes and Margaret Phelan for reappointment. Mr. Newman recognized and welcomed Winston Tabb, Director of Research Services, Library of Congress, who attended the meeting as an observer on behalf of Librarian of Congress James H. Billington.

**MINUTES**

MOVED by Daniel Casey, seconded by Raymond Petersen, to approve the Minutes of the October 27-28, 1988 Commission meeting. Daniel Carter asked that the following two changes be noted and changed:

Page E 19 - First sentence: change Week of September 12, 1989 to Week of November 11, 1989.

Page E 19 - Sixth paragraph, "Motion NCLIS Travel and Salary Guidelines," change to:

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by George Nash that Commissioners submit travel expenses to NCLIS headquarters for payment on or before the last day of the second month following the dates for which the claims are submitted. Reimbursement claims for salary should be submitted on or before the last day of the first month following the dates for which the claims are submitted. If claims are submitted later than stated, they will not be processed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S  
REPORT**

White House Conference on Library and Information Services II - Chairman Newman announced that the President signed the bill (Public Law 100-382) calling for a second White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held no later than September 1991. Mr. Newman stated that the Commission should take pride that it played the primary role in gaining the President's signature on the new law.

CNN Interview - Chairman Newman reported that he was interviewed by reporters from CNN (Cable Network News) at NCLIS headquarters. CNN has produced a series of 90-second spots on Members of Congress, and is now featuring agency heads. The interview, which has not yet been scheduled for air time, will be shown five times in one day.

IFLA - Mr. Newman noted that both Australia and the Netherlands are interested in establishing Commissions similar to NCLIS. Warren Horton, Director General of the National Library of Australia will travel to the U.S. in November and plans to spend time at NCLIS headquarters, as well as other library and information organizations. Mr. Horton said that he expects Australia to adopt the Glen Erin Declaration.

Advisory Council on Education Statistics - The Advisory Council on Education Statistics has been convened. The Secretary of Education invited Chairman Newman to become a Member of the Council. Mr. Newman designated Dr. Martin to act in his stead. Mr. Newman commented that Mrs. Reszetar is doing an excellent job with NCES activities.

Recognition of Commissioner Nash - Mr. Newman acknowledged the second volume of the Herbert Hoover biography written by Commissioner George Nash, which is now regarded as the definitive work for that particular period of Herbert Hoover's life.

ALA and Soviet Library Delegation - Mr. Newman reported that he attended the meeting of the ALA and Soviet library delegation on July 5. Mr. Newman was one of the greeters and participants. [Dr. Martin was a speaker at that meeting.]

FBI Library Awareness Program - Mr. Newman recounted a letter he wrote to the FBI concerning Dr. C. James Schmidt's (Chairman of ALA's Intellectual Freedom Committee) allegations in USA Today that the FBI placed wiretapes and hidden cameras in libraries. Mr. Newman read the FBI's response to him and the letter the FBI sent to the Editor of USA Today in which it disavowed allegations of Schmidt's claims. Mr. Newman distributed copies of "Shielding the KGB's Right to Know," which appeared in Insight magazine.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S**

Dr. Martin began her report by saying that she is enjoying her job at NCLIS. She described it as, "...exciting, fun, different and challenging." She complimented the staff, describing them as being very dedicated to the Commission. Some of her office impressions are that:

- o there is a certain lack of organization (physically untidy), partly due to a move to an office that doesn't have sufficient storage space;
- o there are four different computer systems, which are not compatible with each other, but steps are being taken to resolve the problem;
- o there is an effort underway to update the mailing list.

Dr. Martin perceives NCLIS' image from the outside as very low profile, reactive rather than proactive, and an organization that people do not understand.

Dr. Martin listed her five priority areas as: (1) **Preservation** (the ongoing need for efforts at both the national and international levels); (2) **Electronic Data** (concerned about the amount of information created, edited and disseminated solely in electronic format); (3) **National and International Standards** (affecting transnational data communication); (4) **National Information Policy**; and (5) **the Role of the Library of Congress**.

Dr. Martin proposed that the Commission examine the possibility of holding its quarterly meetings at different kinds of institutions, such as an academic library, publishing house, papermaker, or information industry company.

**Annual Report** - Dr. Martin explained that because of a myriad of problems with the printer, the Commission's 1986-1987 Annual Report is still not available. Because of continued delays in publishing, Dr. Martin would like the Commission to purchase desktop software for use in producing camera ready text for the printer.

**Sensitive But Not Classified Information** - Dr. Martin displayed a copy of the recently published **Sensitive But Not Classified Information** transcript from hearings sponsored by NCLIS in May, 1987.

Commissioner Petersen complimented Dr. Martin for the updates she provides to Commissioners, and stated that they are "very informative, well written, they keep us up to date, and are very much appreciated."

PROGRAM  
REVIEW COM-  
MITTEE RE-  
PORT

Commissioners Carter and Phelan reported on NCLIS programs, indicating that TAB M includes documents for each of the programs staff has been working on; plans have been revised to be current with this months status and plans. Mr. Carter distributed a NCLIS Program Continuity document. The document displays what has happened over the last few meetings and program committee sessions, and traces within the four program areas what NCLIS has worked on, what it was going to work on, and information included in the 1990 budget request.

The Program Committee reaffirmed that priority programs for NCLIS should be:

- o Literacy
  - Statistical Data Collection
  - School administrative and library issues
  - Volunteers in literacy programs
  
- o Democracy
  - Information for Governance
  
- o Productivity
  - Information in the Economy
  - Library and information needs of handicapped
  - Library and information services for special populations
  
- o Policy Planning and Advice
  - WHCLIS II
  - International

Chairman Newman lauded Commissioners Carter and Phelan for an outstanding job in determining programs and compiling readable documents.

Miss Hashim pointed out two important areas missing from the Commission's plans: (1) assisting and developing information policies and information-related legislation under Policy Planning and Advice (areas that, by law, the Commission should be concerned with); and (2) information policy. Miss Hashim stated that policies are critically

important not only to the library and information community, but to the government and general public.

**RECOGNITION  
AWARD COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Commissioner Phelan stated that the Recognition Award Committee recommends to the Commission that: (1) two awards be given this year, one to a corporation and the other to an individual (can be a trustee or someone who is not a salaried library employee); (2) the Committee review the applicants and present three finalists for Members to vote on. Ms. Phelan noted that the cut-off date for accepting recommendations is January 15.

The Committee requested a budget of \$2300 for awards, transportation and hotel accommodations.

Chairman Newman informed Commissioners that final voting on awardees will be held during the executive session at the January meeting.

**SCHOOL MEDIA  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Commissioner Forbes reviewed the history of the School Media Committee and the Commission's decision to co-sponsor a symposium in April, 1989, with AASL. The invitation-only symposium will be restricted to 100 participants. Mrs. Forbes thanked Commissioner Casey for his assistance in obtaining a \$5000 donation from Gaylord Bros. for the symposium.

Chris Young informed Commissioners that letters were sent to 18 foundations. Of the 18, 15 said no, two have not replied, and one has been presented before the foundation's board. The cost of the symposium will be approximately \$20,000 (must be secured from donors). Mrs. Young asked for the Commissioners assistance in identifying additional resources.

**ASIS  
MARTHA  
WILLIAMS**

Dr. Martin introduced ASIS President Martha Williams, and ASIS President-elect David Penniman, and thanked them for taking time from the ASIS meeting to provide an overview of ASIS activities and programs.

Dr. Williams reported that:

- o ASIS is working toward retaining current and attracting new members;
- o the Association has recovered from a severe financial crisis;

- o a project, ASIS 2000, was initiated last spring; the end result will be a model of what ASIS should be by the year 2000.

ASIS  
DAVID  
PENNIMAN

Mr. Penniman expressed his intent to continue the momentum and programs Dr. Williams has started. Mr. Penniman pointed to four goals he has established for ASIS:

- (1) To create a society that represents the full range of information science disciplines and interests, the objective of which is to assure that a clear vision of ASIS in the year 2000 is in place and being pursued by the end of 1989.
- (2) To provide an orderly leadership transition at ASIS headquarters upon the departure of its current Executive Director Linda Resnik, by having a new Executive Director appointed by the end of February, 1989. A search committee has been formed. Mr. Penniman urged Commissioners to submit names for consideration.
- (3) To streamline the ASIS committee structure by implementing plans in 1989 that are consistent with the task force report that was submitted to the Board.
- (4) To create a larger membership for ASIS by doubling the size of the organization during his tenure.

BUDGET AND  
FINANCE

Commissioner Carter explained budget documents prepared for the Commission meeting as:

- o FY 1988 Budget Report - a report showing the amount of money (\$974,000) expended in FY 88.
- o FY 1989 Appropriation Estimate by Quarter - a breakdown of planned expenditures by quarter. The Commission has been authorized \$741,000, the highest appropriation in its history.
- o FY 1990 Budget - a representation of what the Commission has asked for the its 1990 budget request to OMB. The document compares FY 88, estimated FY 89, and what was requested for FY 90.

Mr. Carter informed Members that OMB requested the Commission to provide a planning ceiling (which totals \$755,000), and an agency request (\$820,000 - reflects what the Commission needs to have to initiate and complete projected programs).

Chairman Newman complimented Mr. Carter for the accurate and understandable report and documents.

Dr. Martin pointed out that the Commission cannot be reimbursed by White House Conference II for expenditures it (NCLIS) absorbs. NCLIS can request that personnel from other federal agencies be detailed to assist with the start up of the conference.

**INFORMATION  
AGE TASK  
FORCE**

Commissioner Carter, reporting on the NCLIS Information Age Task Force, noted that the task force was created two years ago in response to Senator Sam Nunn's bill in the Senate to create an Information Age Commission, which would study various technologies -- information, and computer-based and communications technologies -- that would impact on society. NCLIS, believing that it is the agency to provide these tasks, has formed a Steering Committee to determine the guidelines and boundaries of this program.

The Steering Committee is generating a matrix of information, which will assist in establishing the boundaries and areas the Committee wants to examine.

Mr. Carter stated that NCLIS staff is developing a list of people representing the private sector, government, library groups, citizen groups, trade associations, and professional associations as possible members for a task force. Mr. Carter welcomed additional names from Commissioners.

**PUBLIC  
AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Commissioner Casey thanked Dr. Martin for attending the Public Affairs Committee meeting, and providing four proposals for discussion and consideration. Dr. Martin's proposals are:

- (1) To send a quarterly information digest to 3000 institutions to inform the library and information profession, elected officials and citizens of the nation, of the activities of NCLIS. Estimated cost: \$5,000. Commissioner Carter will take under advisement, consult

with Chairman Newman and Dr. Martin, and present the proposal, if it can be funded, under New Business.

- (2) Exhibit publications, brochures, etc. at annual association conferences and meetings; estimated cost: \$800, plus a one-time cost of building a booth.
- (3) Install an 800 telephone number. A cost proposal will be submitted in January.
- (4) Hold public forums - either in conjunction with national meetings or in a major market (i.e., Chicago Public Library). Dr. Martin will prepare and present a proposal for consideration at the January meeting.

Mr. Casey circulated the Commission's 1988 scrap book.

**MAP  
WINSTON TABB**

Chairman Newman introduced Winston Tabb, Co-Chair of the Library of Congress' Management and Planning Committee (MAP), and Director of Research Services at the Library of Congress. Mr. Tabb presented an overview of the Management and Planning Committee's charge from Dr. James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress. The review consist of four components: (1) an internal staff Management and Planning Committee; (2) an external National Advisory Committee; (3) regional forums with local library communities, and (4) a management consultant firm.

MAP acts as the coordinating unit for this effort, integrating the ideas and concerns of staff, libraries, and other constituencies, and developing recommendations for the Librarian. The committee consists of 27 mid-level library staff and managers. The committee organized itself into six subcommittees: basic services, collections, development of services, human resources strategy, leadership and organizational development, and mission and priorities. Subcommittees developed vision statements for the Library in the year 2000, which have been integrated into a single vision to serve as a basis for recommendations to the Librarian. Dr. Billington's charge to the MAP committee is:

- o Increase LC's administrative efficiency and economy;
- o Improve methods for selecting, cataloging, preserving, and maintaining LC's collections;
- o Increase and deepen the direct scholarly use of LC;
- o Improve LC's service to the Congress and other government agencies; and
- o Broaden and rationalize LC's national library service to its external constituencies.

MAP is soliciting ideas from staff through suggestions boxes and a series of staff coffees with the Librarian. As of June it had received over 600 suggestions. In addition to the input from the staff, the Librarian has assembled the National Advisory Committee (NAC), a group of 29 distinguished librarians, scholars, public officials, and business people. NAC members are submitting their thoughts and suggestions, reflecting their personal views, as well as those of colleagues in their fields and regions, for consideration by MAP and will act as a sounding board for the preliminary recommendations of the MAP committee. The second external source of input has been a series of extremely successful regional forums with librarians and library groups. The forums enable the Librarian to hear and act upon the concerns of the library community on a local level.

MAP has developed approximately 150 recommendations. These recommendations will be presented simultaneously to the Librarian and to top managers at the library in November for a retreat in early December. Of the 150 recommendations, the Librarian will choose and focus on only six to eight.

By the end of the review the Library hopes to understand more fully how to make available its collections and the expertise of its staff to Congress, government and the world of scholarship and learning.

**LATCHKEY  
CHILDREN**

Dr. Moore reported on the successful joint efforts of NCLIS and ACTION in promoting the Latchkey Children's program. Dr. Moore summarized programs initiated to date:

- o Los Angeles Public Library has initiated efforts by training 90 senior citizens to serve 300 children using LSCA funds;

- o Cranston, Rhode Island opened a state-of-the-art facility using RSVP volunteers to assist children;
- o The White Plains, New York program will be replicated in Westchester County;
- o Ogden, Utah will recruit volunteers from senior and retirement centers, business, professional, social, civic and service organizations.

Chairman Newman congratulated Dr. Moore and Mrs. Young for their work on this program.

#### STATISTICS

Commissioner Carter remarked that the Commission's Statistics program is "...a very meaningful effort, and one which has enjoyed success due primarily to Mary Alice Reszetar for recognizing that library statistics are important bits of information." Mrs. Reszetar informed Commissioners that a second Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NCES (National Center for Education Statistics) and NCLIS was signed. It will cover developing an implementation plan for the Federal-State Cooperative System; working with the newly designated State Public Library Data Coordinators to discern their needs in order to meet required NCES standards, statistical procedures and methods; developing a means of communication between States and NCES that will insure a dialogue for improved data collection activities; developing a process for NCES to provide technical assistance to State Library Agencies; and working with a User Review Panel and a statistics working group for the White House Conference on Library and Information Services II. She reported that a workshop will be held December 5-7 for the State Public Library Data Coordinators. One of NCLIS' goals is to develop a means of communication between states and NCES to ensure further dialogue for improved data collection activities.

Mr. Carter informed Members of a meeting with representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; the U.S. Department of Commerce; and the U.S. Department of Justice to explore the impact that adequate public library services can have on the economic indicators, crime rate and unemployment at the community level.

OTA REPORT

Sandy Milevski reported on her summary of the OTA Report (Informing the Nation: Federal Information Dissemination in an Electronic Age) included in the meeting notebook and alluded to a 30-page executive summary which will be mailed to Commissioners. Mrs. Milevski pointed to several controversial conclusions reached by OTA:

- o because of the importance of timely access to information, equity of access emerges as a major problem and issue in the information dissemination area;
- o no one single law governs federal dissemination of information, but across the entire statutory framework Congressional intent shows that the consistent number one priority is commitment to public access and open government as a basic principle.
- o there is no established policy in either branch of government, legislative or executive, that value-added information should not be provided by the federal government (includes OMB circulars; many agencies routinely provide value-added information).

Friday, October 28, 1988

MEETING  
CONVENED

Chairman Newman convened the meeting at 1:15 p.m. at which time he introduced and welcomed Joseph Shubert, New York State Librarian. Mr. Shubert circulated a letter from COSLA President Tom Jaques, in which he commends the Commission for its selection of Dr. Martin as NCLIS Executive Director. He reiterated COSLA's commitment to work closely with the Commission, the White House Conference Advisory Committee, and WHCLIST toward a successful White House Conference. Mr. Jaques also indicated interest in the Federal-State Cooperative System for Public Library Data Program. Mr. Shubert informed Commissioners that COSLA passed a resolution to encourage the Program's further development and implementation. COSLA has also examined the ways in which NCES currently works with the State Officers of higher education and elementary and secondary education statistics in the country.

Mr. Shubert informed Members that he has been appointed Chairman of COSLA's Legislative Committee, and in this position, looks forward to

working with the Commission toward reauthorization of LSCA and other federal legislation that will affect libraries throughout the nation.

Mr. Shubert, reporting on COSLA's October 17-18 meeting, noted that COSLA and the Council of State Governments organized a conference on state information policy for approximately 150 people. State librarians, archivists and senior people from key state agencies who are responsible for telecommunications, computer services, legislative, research, and other information arms of government, and representatives from the private sector were brought together to look at questions related to: (1) state policy on information; (2) what is being done in some of the states and what needs to be done to rationalize and integrate the policies of different agencies to provide access to information; and (3) what is being done in states to coordinate various operations to enable people who work on computers, procurement, telecommunications, library planning and archiving paper and magnetic tapes to talk to each other and work together.

Mr. Shubert cited Chairman Newman and Commissioner Casey for their untiring efforts in urging the President to sign the White House Conference bill. He thanked the Commission for authorizing and encouraging the work of the White House Conference Preliminary Design Group (WHPDG) three years ago, and noted that former Chairman Elinor Hashim attended all of the meetings and was a very active member of the group. Mr. Shubert urged the Commission to convene the White House Conference Advisory Committee as soon as it is appointed. Mr. Newman stated that the Commission has begun considering how early the Advisory Committee could convene, and is looking into ways to obtain approximately \$50,000 in private grants for start-up expenditures. Mr. Newman noted that using the Commission's funds would hamper it from carrying on with its other work. Mr. Shubert opined that there will probably be more state conferences than thought a few years ago, and also some regional conferences.

**WHITE HOUSE  
CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Commissioner Casey prefaced his report by paying tribute to Chairman Newman for his intervention and influence at the White House in getting President Reagan to sign the White House Conference bill.

Mr. Casey reminded Members that it is the Commission's responsibility to plan and conduct the White House Conference with assistance from the Advisory Committee. He encouraged Mr. Newman to send letters to President Reagan, Congressman Ford and Senator Pell, thanking them for their support of the legislation and expressing appreciation for passing the legislation to the future of information and library services in the country. Mr. Casey stated that the WHCLIST wrote letters of thanks to all of the senators and congressmen who supported the legislation. Individual trustees, librarians and information specialists wrote to their respective congressmen and senators as well.

Mrs. Reszetar reported that there had not been any activity on the appropriation effort; however it is hoped that it will be attached to the first vehicle going through Congress in 1989.

Commissioner Carter distributed an updated document which explained plans for the increased WHC budget from five million to six million dollars. The increase will enable the Conference to provide more support to state, regional and governors' conferences. He noted that the 1979 Conference provided resources for 880 delegates and alternates; with the million dollar increase resources can be provided for 1100 delegates and alternates. Mr. Carter stated that another revision of the document will take place as the event draws closer.

Chairman Newman appointed an ad hoc committee comprised of Commissioners Casey and Carter, and the NCLIS Vice Chairman and Chairman, to discuss the organizational structure of the WHC and how it will relate with the Advisory Committee as well as sources for seed money.

Mrs. Reszetar announced the following appointments to the White House Conference Advisory Committee:

Senate:

**Joan Ress Reeves**, Providence, Rhode Island,  
WHCLIST Chair, former WHCLIST Secretary  
**Rebecca Ann Floyd**, Jackson, Mississippi,  
Attorney who works with Friends of Handi-  
capped Readers  
**Richard Ackeroyd, Jr.**, Connecticut State  
Librarian and 1979 White House Conference  
staff person who assisted with state pre-  
conferences

**Speaker of the House:**

**Congressman William Ford, Michigan**  
**Congressman Pat Williams, Montana** (Chairs the Post Secondary Education Subcommittee through which all library-related legislation flows)  
**Congressman Major Owens, New York**  
**Virginia Young, Missouri, Honorary member of ALA; Member of the 1979 WHC Advisory Committee**  
**Nelwyn Murphy, Mississippi, Mayor of Booneville; Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the four-county regional library system**

Chairman Newman announced the following information from the White House (names were not given until clearances are secured):

**Asian female, California**  
**Male, California**  
**Male, Ohio**  
**Female, Maryland**  
**Female, Nevada**  
**Female, Florida**  
**Male, Virginia**  
**Library Dean, Pennsylvania**

Mr. Newman announced his appointments to date as:

**Daniel Carter, Texas, NCLIS Commissioner**  
**Daniel Casey, New York, NCLIS Commissioner**  
**Hugh Mahoney, New York, Executive Assistant, Office of the County Executive, Mineola and Trustee of a research library**

Mr. Casey informed Members that Commissioners Casey, Wu and Moore, Commissioner-designate Swaim, and NCLIS staff Martin, Milevski and Reszetar attended the WHCLIST meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota in August. Commissioners Moore, Wu, Swaim and Dr. Martin praised WHCLIST for their persistent and diligent efforts in working toward a WHC II. Dr. Moore noted that though the Commission has not been able to support WHCLIST financially, it has provided other means of support by supplying franked envelopes and initiating monthly conference calls among WHCLIST officers and the NCLIS liaison. The WHCLIST Steering Committee plans to meet in January during ALA's midwinter meeting in Washington, D.C. The next annual conference will be August 17-19 in Oregon. Mr. Casey distributed applications for membership in WHCLIST.

Commissioners reported on the current White House Conference activities in their state:

Commissioner Casey - New York - A proposal for a governor's conference has been sent to Governor Cuomo; still waiting for a reply.

Miss Hashim (formerly of Connecticut) - a governor's conference is being planned in Connecticut for next year.

Commissioner Wu - California - California may not hold a governor's conference; Mrs. Wu will continue her work to persuade the state to hold such a conference.

Mr. Casey reported that Chairman Newman has written to the Chairman of the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee informing him of the signature of the President in signing the White House Conference bill, and asked for procedures to have a stamp prepared for issuance at the time of the Conference.

Mr. Casey has written to all of the members of the White House Conference Preliminary Design Report Group asking them to provide suggestions for updating the 1985 report, as appropriate.

Mr. Casey informed Members that all records from the 1979 White House Conference are on file in the Educational Resource Information Center in Syracuse, New York. The resource center has also agreed to store papers from the upcoming conference.

Among many questions that will be referred to the White House Advisory Committee, Mr. Casey listed the following:

- o Should we invite foreign observers?
- o Should we sell exhibit space to generate income?
- o Should we permit preconferences and post conferences on specialized topics?
- o The number of delegates from each state?
- o The amount of federal money to each state?
- o How do we select delegates from states that have not had preconferences?
- o How do we utilize the representatives from professional organizations and others who volunteer?
- o The creation of a logo?

- o Should we have in our long-range plans that the House and Senate will hold hearings on a library-related subject during the Conference?

The NCLIS White House Conference Committee plans to contact former Members of the Commission and former members of the 1979 Advisory Committee to see if they would like to participate in WHC II at the state or national level.

Mrs. Reszetar informed the Commission that there has been a proposal from the National Congress of American Indians to hold preconferences for American Indians; a meeting with its Executive Director is planned. The Congress is the oldest, largest and most representative national Indian organization.

**ELECTION OF  
VICE CHAIRMAN**

MOVED by Frank Gannon, seconded by Ray Petersen, to nominate Commissioner Lee Edwards as Vice Chairman of the Commission. Commissioner Carter nominated Dr. Vasicko, who regretfully declined.

Commissioner Edwards was elected by unanimous vote.

**MOTION  
VICE CHAIRMAN  
EMERITUS**

MOVED by Frank Gannon, seconded by Julia Wu to name former Commissioner and Vice Chairman Bessie B. Moore "Vice Chairman Emeritus."

Motion carried unanimously.

**FOIA**

Regarding requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for release of page 56 from the transcript of proceedings on the FBI/Library Awareness Program that took place during a closed Commission meeting, January 1988 in San Antonio, Texas, Chairman Newman had previously ruled that the page in question should be left confidential. Mr. Newman asked the Commission to uphold his decision.

**MOTION  
FOIA**

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Ray Petersen, that the Commission sustain and uphold the Chairman's decision to hold page 56 of the FBI/Library Awareness Program transcript in confidence.

Motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION  
FOR GOVERN-  
ANCE COMMIT-  
TEE REPORT**

Commissioner Vasicko reviewed the Committee's decision to produce a video tape for use in promoting the use of local libraries as centers of information for all aspects of governance and encourage research on information needs and information seeking behavior of local government officials. The Governance Committee held a meeting with UNISYS representatives and representatives from three libraries that will be highlighted in the video. Negotiations continue with UNISYS to assist NCLIS in producing the tape, with a decision expected within a few weeks.

**LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Commissioner Nash briefed Members on the status of three bills that the Legislative Committee identified and presented for discussion at the Commission's October 1988 meeting:

- (1) The Library Improvement Act, coupled with LSCA - No action by the end of session of Congress. The Committee anticipates that legislation will be presented to the new Congress. The Committee will continue to monitor and make recommendations.
- (2) Tax Reform Act of 1969 (eliminated certain tax deductions which have had a considerable impact on libraries and archives) - Even though a number of bills to restore the deduction were introduced, no action took place by the end of the the congressional session. The Committee expects a new bill to be introduced during the next session of Congress. The Committee plans to send a letter to the presidents of the Society of American Archivists and the Special Library Association asking for up-to-date information on what effect, if any, the tax situation has had on library collecting policies.
- (3) Video and Library Protection Act - The bill appeared to die last Spring. However, toward the end of the session the bill gained momentum and recently passed in an amendment form called the Video Privacy Protection Act of (1988). The President has not yet signed the bill. Library provisions were deleted. Mr. Nash handed out copies of the bill.

Mr. Nash informed Members that toward the end of the session, Senator Pell proposed a joint resolution to establish a national policy on permanent

papers. Among other components, the joint resolution would establish a national policy that books and other publications of enduring value would be published on acid-free paper. It also would declare a policy of the U.S. that all federal records, books and publications of enduring value be published on acid-free paper. Copies of the bill were distributed. The Legislative Committee believes that this issue presents an opportunity for the Commission to be proactive rather than reactive. Mr. Nash added that it would be valuable to invite three experts to the January meeting for an information session focussed on this particular area of legislation.

**MOTION**

**MOVED** by George Nash, seconded by Daniel Casey that the NCLIS Legislative Committee be authorized, at its discretion, use of up to \$1,000 to provide funds to those persons invited to the Commission's meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Vice Chairman Edwards reported that :

- o The question of information has been included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Uruguay round of GATT. NCLIS will stay in touch with the representative of the U.S. delegation to assure that questions in the area of information are raised.
  
- o Follow up on the Glen Erin Declaration continues (how useful and how it is being adopted). A proposal will be made to hold an information summit in connection with the IFLA meeting in Paris, August 1989. Representatives from the original meeting (Great Britain, Canada and the U.S.) will be invited to participate with others (such as Australia), to reach out to the European community and other communities to have a follow-up information summit of some of the problems which were discussed. NCLIS would formally act as one of the cosponsors of the summit.
  
- o The Commission continues to cooperate with the Department of State on sponsoring information activities of a scientific and technical nature. A budget of approximately

\$160,000 is funded through NCLIS and is awarded to six or seven different organizations.

Mr. Edwards recommended that the Commission contact IFLA about being a cosponsor of the preservation program.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

Dr. Moore recommended that the Commission invite Mr. Robert McNulty of Partners for Livable Places to one of its meetings to give a presentation on his organization. The presentation would emphasize the value of libraries within the community. Dr. Martin informed Commissioners that she has been in touch with Mr. McNulty and he and one of his staff members are scheduled to meet at NCLIS headquarters later this month.

**MOTION  
WHCLIST**

Commissioner Phelan, noting the dedication and hard work of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce, introduced the following resolution:

MOVED by Peg Phelan, seconded by Daniel Casey to publish the following resolution in the Congressional Record.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science congratulate and express its appreciation to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) for its dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment.

Motion carried unanimously.

NCLIS Committee Meetings - An effort will be made to schedule committee meetings so it is not necessary for one entire day to be designated for said meetings.

NCLIS Committee Appointments - Chairman Newman  
made the following committee appointments:

Charles Reid - Legislative  
Program Review  
White House Conference II

Elinor Swaim - Governance  
International  
Public Affairs  
Recognition Awards

MEETING  
ADJOURNED

MOVED by Daniel Casey, seconded by Julia Wu to  
adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.



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MOTIONS AND ACTIONS  
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**MOTION  
VICE CHAIRMAN  
EMERITUS**

MOVED by Frank Gannon, seconded by Julia Wu to name former Commissioner and Vice Chairman Bessie B. Moore "Vice Chairman Emeritus."

Motion carried unanimously.

**FOIA**

Regarding requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for release of page 56 from the transcript of proceedings on the FBI/Library Awareness Program that took place during a closed Commission meeting, January 1988 in San Antonio, Texas, Chairman Newman had previously ruled that the page in question should be left confidential. Mr. Newman asked the Commission to uphold his decision.

**MOTION  
FOIA**

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Ray Petersen, that the Commission sustain and uphold the Chairman's decision to hold page 56 of the FBI/Library Awareness Program transcript in confidence.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

MOVED by George Nash, seconded by Daniel Casey that the NCLIS Legislative Committee be authorized, at its discretion, use of up to \$1,000 to provide funds to those persons invited to the Commission's meeting.

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