



United States
National Commission on
Libraries and Information Science

TAB E

U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

MINUTES

January 26-27, 1989

Commissioners Present: Daniel H. Carter, Daniel W. Casey, Lee Edwards, Wanda L. Forbes, George H. Nash, Margaret Phelan, Charles E. Reid, Elinor H. Swaim, Barbara H. Taylor, Sally Jo Vasicko, Bessie B. Moore, Vice Chairman Emeritus, and Jerald C. Newman, Presiding

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

Guests Present: Ulysses G. Aberta, Isleta Pueblo; George Abrams, Seneca Nation Library; Paul Agnesti, New Mexico State Library; Patrick Baca, Sandia Pueblo, New Mexico; Janice Beaudin, University of Wisconsin; Lucia Benalli, Sandia Pueblo; Barbara Billy, San Juan College, Farmington, New Mexico; Jean Boyds, Santa Fe Indian School; Francis Buckley, American Library Association; Fran Chavez, Sandia Pueblo; Mars Chazah, Santa Fe Indian School; Gail Chehak, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Mary Jo Cole, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; Janice M. Colorow, Towaoc, Colorado; Terence Egan, Navajo Community College, Window Rock, Arizona; Lorrie Feas, Navajo Community College, Shiprock, New Mexico; Lois Fellows, New Mexico Library Association; Elaine Filbert, Santa Clara Library; Juanita Fome, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Lois Godfrey, Los Alamos, New Mexico; Barbara Grimes, Futures for Children; Jennie Helmos, San Dia Pueblo; Virginia Hendley, New Mexico State Library; Louise Hood, Fountain Hills, Arizona; Dorothy Lewis, Lugana Pueblo Library; Sandra Long, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; Bonnie M. Lopez, Towaoc Ute Mountain Tribal Library; Anne Mathews, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.; Alana McGrattan, Santa Fe Indian School; Nancy Nash, South Hadley, Massachusetts; Irving Nelson, Navajo

Library, Shiprock, New Mexico; Frank Paisano, Sandia Pueblo; Frankie Pelzman, Wilson Library Bulletin; Philbert Peynetsa, Zuni, New Mexico; Veronica Peynetsa, Zuni Library, Zuni, New Mexico; Aileen Paul Phillips, Santa Fe, New Mexico; John Pinkston, Santa Fe; Peter M. Pino, Pueblo of Zia; Lee Platero, Crownpoint Institute of Technology, New Mexico; Mimi Robbins, Hayden Library, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona; Lester Sandoval, Dulec, New Mexico; Scott Sheldon, New Mexico State Library; Susie Sonflieth, New Mexico Coalition for Literacy; Winston Tabb, Library of Congress; Gary Tom, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah; Elizabeth Wacondo, Lugana Pueblo Library; Karen Watkins, New Mexico State Library; Jim West, Tijeras, New Mexico; Beth Woodard, Arizona State Library; Frank Zoretuts, Albuquerque Journal

January 26, 1989

The January 26, 1989 meeting of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) was devoted to a panel presentation and hearings on library and information services and needs of native Americans. Panelists were: Barbara Grimes, Futures for Children; Elaine Filbert, Santa Clara; Irving Nelson, Navajo; Veronica Peynetsa, Zuni; Susie Sonfleith, New Mexico Coalition for Literacy; Elizabeth Wacondo, Laguna.

Hearings witnesses were: George Abrams, Seneca, New York; Janice Beaudin, Winnebago, Wisconsin; Mary Jo Cole, Cherokee, Oklahoma; Terry Egan, Navajo, Arizona; Lois Fellows, New Mexico Library Association and Native American Library Roundtable; Alanea McGratton, Santa Fe Indian School; Sandra Long, Cherokee, Oklahoma; Peter Pino, Zia; Mimi Robbins, Lakota-Sioux, Arizona; Lester Sandoval, Apache, New Mexico; Gary Tom, Paiute, Utah; Jim West on behalf of the Mashantucket-Pequot, Connecticut.

January 27, 1989

**MEETING
CONVENES** Chairman Newman called the January 27, 1989 meeting of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) to order at 10:15 a.m.

MINUTES MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Sally Jo Vasicko to approve the minutes of the October 27-28, 1989 Commission meeting with the following corrections:

Page E2, second paragraph, "MINUTES": Change the date October 27-28 to June 13-14.

Page E5, sixth paragraph, "o Productivity": add Information Technology Impact.

Page E19, sixth paragraph: correct spelling of Glen Erin to Glenerin.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT**

NCLIS Commissioners - Chairman Newman announced that President Reagan made recess appointments for Commissioners Forbes, Phelan, Reed and Swaim. Terms for Commissioners Forbes, Phelan and Reed will expire at the end of the current Congress (November/December 1989), and Commissioner Swaim's term will expire July 19, 1989.

WHCLIS II Advisory Committee - Chairman Newman announced the following NCLIS appointments to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services II Advisory Committee:

Daniel Casey, NCLIS Commissioner and Chair of the NCLIS White House Conference Committee, New York
Daniel Carter, NCLIS Commissioner, Texas
Margaret Chisholm, former ALA President, University of Washington, Washington
Joseph Fitzsimmons, Vice President, Bell and Howell, Michigan
Carmencita Leon, WHCLIST, Puerto Rico
Hugh Mahoney, Executive Assistant, Office of the County Executive, New York
Jerald C. Newman, NCLIS Chairman, New York
Kenneth Tomlinson, former NCLIS Chairman, Executive Editor, Reader's Digest, New York

The White House's appointments:

Louis William Barnett, Political Director of Citizens for the Republic, California
William C. Cassell, President of Heidelberg College, Ohio
Gloria S. Hom, Chairperson of the Economic Department at Mission College, California
Mary Jane Martinez, First Lady of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida
James C. Roberts, President of the American Studies Center, Washington, D.C.
Eileen C. Schouweiler, National Committeewoman for Nevada in Reno, Nevada
Stuart Forth, Dean Emeritus of Penn State University Pennsylvania
Jerry Parr, ex Secret Service Agent for President Reagan

Two more Presidential appointments will be made by President Bush.

The United States Senate has two more appointments to announce.

Chairman Newman announced that the first meeting of the White House Conference Advisory Committee will be held April 12, 1989 in Washington, D.C.

WHC Preconference - Mr. Newman also announced that New York state is planning to hold a pre-White House Conference.

NCLIS Committees - Mr. Newman made the following NCLIS committee announcements: (1) Commissioner Carter has resigned as Co-Chairman of the Program Committee; Commissioner Phelan will become Chairman of the Committee; (2) Commissioner Edwards is Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

Chairman Interviewed by CNN - Mr. Newman informed Commissioners that the interview conducted by Cable Network News (CNN) staff was shown five times on December 28, 1988. The interview was part of a series of 90-second spots on members of Congress and agency heads. (The tape was played for Commission members).

General Issues - Dr. Martin reiterated her comments from the October 1988 Commission meeting stating that the Commission should continue to strive to:

- (1) respond quickly to items that occur in the world of library and information services;
- (2) initiate actions or recommendations more frequently;
- (3) anticipate issues; and
- (4) communicate what it does more frequently.

She added that another goal of the Commission must be to raise funds to undertake and complete important projects that the Commission is and should be involved in.

Programs - Dr. Martin stated that the Commission may want to focus more on national information policies. She pointed out that the national information policy area is so vast that the Commission would not be able to participate in all of it; however, there are portions of a national/federal set of policies that conform with what library and information services are about. NCLIS is the only federal agency charged to work in this area. Dr. Martin informed Commissioners that in response to a request from England, a staff member has begun to work on the national information policies that now exist. From this examination, NCLIS

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REPORT

will better be able to analyze ways in which it should become active.

OTA Report - Dr. Martin reported that the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) issued a report, "Informing the Nation: Federal Information Dissemination in an Electronic Age" which includes recommendations concerning several federal agencies and their roles and responsibilities in the dissemination of federal information in electronic formats. The report is being disseminated widely throughout the country. Ultimately, OTA will send recommendations to Congress. OTA and some Congressional aides conclude that NCLIS could perform a service by holding a hearing on the report.

OMB Circular A130 - The Commission has received a draft of OMB Circular A130 regarding the dissemination of government information. OMB is asking for a response by March 6. Copies of the Commission's response will be sent to Commissioners. Some issues that the Commission will want to look at are:

- (1) OMB is making a clear distinction between electronic and traditionally-printed information and is not including electronic information in this policy. The Commission will want to find out what the impact would be.
- (2) The draft circular makes no mention of the Government Printing Office.

Dr. Martin informed Commissioners that she will be meeting with Tim Sprehe of OMB. (Mr. Sprehe is responsible for the circular.)

EDUCOM - EDUCOM is an organization of computer center managers in universities in the United States that represent computer networking in higher education. NCLIS staff intend to hold a meeting with representatives of EDUCOM about a possible role in the White House Conference. EDUCOM is interested in the creation of the information highway (represented in the Gore bill); they are aware of what libraries have already done in creating a nationwide network, and are interested in talking with the library community about working together.

Freedom to Read Foundation - The Freedom to Read Foundation will hold a ceremony celebrating its 25th anniversary next year. Dr. Martin suggested that the

Commission should respond to the event by sending a letter of congratulations or some other type of recognition.

NCLIS Liaisons - Dr. Martin reminded Commissioners of NCLIS's involvement with other agencies and organizations and listed the following staff associations: Dr. Martin: ALA's Legislative Committee and International Relations Committee, and COSLA; Mrs. Young: School library representatives, particularly in preparation for the April school library symposium; Mrs. Reszetar: COSLA, WHCLIST Steering Committee.

CNLIA Meeting - Dr. Martin has been invited to attend a meeting of the Council of National Library and Information Associations (CNLIA). CNLIA consists of executive directors and presidents of smaller library and information associations such as SLA, American Theological Library Association, and Catholic Libraries Association.

USIA Invitation - Dr. Martin briefed Commissioners on a recent invitation by USIA to be a discussant on its World Net, a one-way, full motion video network that televises to USIA sites around the world. She was asked to speak about the library and technologies in the upcoming decade. Dr. Martin spoke with librarians in Holland, France, Germany, Italy and Israel. There were also a number of observer countries who watched and listened to the proceedings, but were not able to ask questions.

American Libraries Article - Dr. Martin has been asked by the editor of American Libraries to write a short article describing NCLIS. A copy of the article will be sent to Commissioners.

FBI Library Awareness Transcript - Dr. Martin has been in continuous communication with the General Counsel at the Department of Education regarding page 56 of the transcript. The General Counsel was asked to draft letters in response to two appeals and one request the Commission has received for page 56 of the FBI Library Awareness transcript. The letters from the General Counsel have been written and forwarded for approval by officials in the Department of Education. During this process it discovered that if a request for a transcript of a closed meeting is received, the exemptions that apply are those of the Sunshine Act and not of the Freedom of Information Act

(FOIA). NCLIS' deletions have been approved as exemptions of the Sunshine Act. The FBI is once again reviewing their portion of the transcript. A resolution was passed at ALA's recent meeting in which the ALA Council requested the ALA President to communicate in writing to NCLIS to express ALA's dismay that page 56 of the transcript had not been released.

Hypertext - NCLIS staff is examining hypertext as a possible mechanism for teaching people about libraries and information services in conjunction with the White House Conference.

Maurice Line - In early May, Maurice Line, retired Associate Director of the British Library, will visit NCLIS. Mr. Line was responsible for the concept behind the British Library Lending Division, which has had a major impact worldwide.

NCLIS Staff Awards - The Public Affairs Committee has asked that: (1) an awards program be developed for NCLIS staff for seniority; the request is in the process of being examined and developed; and (2) that staff look into the possibility of NCLIS exhibiting at ALA and IFLA, and what the impact would be of exhibiting in other library and information shows, i.e., cost and political sensitivity of exhibiting in one library association, but not another.

Space - Dr. Martin informed Commissioners that NCLIS headquarters is short of space. Presently there are three extra people working on the NCLIS/NCES statistics project sharing NCLIS' already crowded office space. Dr. Martin also pointed out that legislation for the White House Conference indicates that there should be an interagency task force where people are detailed from other federal agencies to work on the start up of the conference; if this occurs, there is no space available to house more people.

NCLIS Budget - Funds have been provided in the President's budget for one additional staff person, raising NCLIS' ceiling to 11. At the present time there is still one staff vacancy; however, there are no funds to fill this position, nor will there be enough funds to fill a new position.

for its January meeting, especially during the state library's 60th year anniversary.

Mrs. Hendley reporting on New Mexico's library system past and present, informed Commissioners that:

- o New Mexico has 40 public libraries and 20 community libraries.
- o There are two national laboratories in New Mexico, each with a library; Sandia National Labs and Los Alamos National Labs.
- o Archbishop Lamy established one of two school libraries in 1859 at St. Michael's College in Santa Fe.
- o In December 1866 a territorial librarian was appointed.
- o According to the U.S. Census of 1870, there were more libraries than schools in New Mexico.
- o Colonel Reynolds, Manager of the National Land Grant Company, established one of the first documented public libraries in the state in 1881 by donating books from his private collection, plus \$5000.
- o Libraries were being established in communities throughout the state much in the same way as the introduction to the railroad brought more people and more interest in libraries.
- o In 1909 the New Mexico Education Association passed a resolution calling for the establishment of school libraries.
- o Traveling libraries, which were essentially boxes of books, were being sent to schools as early as 1909. The books were on loan for a two-month period to any teacher who was willing to pay the postage of having them sent.
- o During the first legislative session after New Mexico became a state, a bill was admitted to establish and provide funds for a system of free traveling libraries for the state. The bill died in committee because of cost.

- o During the late 1920's the New Mexico Library Association was formed with assistance from ALA. One of the first major pieces of legislation was to establish the state library extension service.
- o In 1941 the New Mexico State Library Commission was established.
- o The 1940's marked an expansion period during which assistance to public libraries came into being. The Commission authorized the inclusion of \$20,000 to the state library's budget for a system of state aid to help state libraries. Only \$5500 of the \$20,000 was approved by the legislature and it was specified that the smaller developing libraries were to be given priority
- o The New Mexico Library Association was formed in the 1940's.
- o Libraries reaped benefits of LSCA when it became a reality in 1955.
- o The 1960's were good years for libraries. Throughout the '60's and 70's the availability of federal funds influenced the program and services of the New Mexico State Library.
- o The state library gained regional status as a documents depository in 1962.
- o Mrs. Hendley became State Librarian in 1983.
- o Library laws in New Mexico are weak. Municipalities are permitted to establish a free public library, but are not required to maintain it as a free facility. City librarians are being pressured by their local governments to charge for basic services such as library cards.
- o After a general election in 1988, the State Library approved a constitutional amendment which permits counties to bond for books. A public library bond issue of 1.5 million dollars was also passed. The state library will administer those funds to the public libraries over a three-year period.
- o The state library administers Titles I, II and III of LSCA and a state aid grant, which varies

from year to year.

- o The state library serves as the means for resource sharing among all of the libraries in the state.
- o The state library has an electronic mail network which has been extremely successful.
- o In fall of 1988 the state library established a fax network among major academic libraries and public libraries.
- o The state library's Interlibrary Loan Department processes 18,000 requests a year.
- o The state library is one of the main providers of continuing education for librarians in the state. Last year over 500 people received training from the state library.
- o New Mexico does not have any graduate library schools.

Mrs. Hendley remarked that the state library provides the same assistance to native American libraries as they do to any small developing libraries. Part of the state library's charge, by statute, is to assist in developing libraries. Because the state library does not have start up funds, libraries must come into existence on their own, and also have some of their own budget before they are eligible for state aid. Presently Nescalaro, Navajo, Cuwaki, San Juan, Santa Clara, Zia, Laguna and Zuni libraries are receiving state aid.

**WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE II
REPORT**

Commissioner Casey, Chairman of the NCLIS White House Conference, thanked Chairman Newman for his assistance in having President Reagan sign the bill providing for the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

Mr. Casey reported that a six million dollar appropriation for the Conference is anticipated. The original appropriation was estimated at five million dollars. Commissioner Carter explained that the increase of one million dollars will be split between staff resources and state, regional and national meetings. The total White House Conference staff will be increased from 30 to 35 people.

Mrs. Reszetar commented that the White House Conference bill was signed August 8, 1988, with Congress adjourning October 22, 1988 without having an appropriation vehicle going through to which a funding request could be added. In the Commission's testimony before the House and Senate appropriations Committee, a justification for five million dollars is on record. Members of the WHCLIST are thanking co-sponsors for co-sponsoring the bill, and asking their continued support for the supplemental request of one million dollars.

Commissioner Casey asked Commissioners to exercise their influence on Members of Congress.

Commissioner Casey reported that Commissioner Edwards has volunteered to identify and secure funds from private sources for the White House Conference.

Commissioner Phelan is preparing a draft position description for the six professional White House Conference personnel: Executive Director, Assistant Director for Programs, Assistant Director for Operations, Public Relations Officer, Fund Development Officer, and Training Officer.

Commissioner Casey stated that hiring will take place as soon as funds are available. He announced that resumes are being accepted and should be sent to the attention of Dr. Martin at NCLIS headquarters.

Mr. Casey announced that the White House Conference on Information and Library Services Taskforce will hold its annual meeting August 17-19, 1989 in Portland, Oregon.

**GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Commissioner Nash, reporting on behalf of the Governance Committee, referred to the proposal prepared by the committee to seek funding and professional expertise toward the development of a videotape on governance information services for both librarian, education and general public awareness. Mr. Nash pointed out that the program, and concept thereof, is in place, but that the one remaining hurdle is funding for the project. Mr. Nash stated that several efforts have been made to obtain funds for the project, but to date have failed.

Chairman Newman stated that he hopes appropriate sources for funding can soon be identified for this worthwhile program. Dr. Moore suggested that the committee submit the proposal to the Council on State Governments.

**INFORMATION
AGE STEER-
ING COMMIT-
TEE REPORT**

Commissioner Carter reported that at its committee meeting this morning, members discussed the strategy for the continuation of the Information Age program. The committee reaffirmed that this program is one of the highest priority programs that the Commission is involved in, and that continued effort by both Commissioners and staff will be required to make it successful. The committee has requested Dr. Martin to make a person available to the committee half time for the continuation of the efforts of the program.

Mr. Carter reiterated that the program is to collect and analyze data, present it to a blue ribbon task force from whence recommendations to the Congress and the President could evolve. The committee will ask various trade and professional associations to support NCLIS' efforts by providing staff and researchers to assist in collecting the data. Among those agencies, trade associations and professional associations are: ALA, SLA, ASIS, ARL, CLR, Library of Congress, Archives, Information Industry Association, AAP, Copyright Office, Joint Committee on Printing, Office of Technology Assessment, CBEMA, NLA, NAL, FEDLINK, NISO, Department of Education, and others. After the data are collected, compiled and sorted, the committee will convene a blue ribbon task force to deal with the information that has been uncovered so that recommendations and further action by the Commission can be initiated.

**MEETING
RECESSED**

Chairman Newman recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

**MEETING
RECONVENED**

Chairman Newman called the afternoon session to order at 1:50 p.m.

**RECOGNITION
AWARD COM-
MITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Phelan reported that the Recognition Award Committee and Commissioners in Executive Session determined who the recipient of NCLIS' second Recognition Award will be. Because the awardee has not yet been notified, a public announcement of the winner can not be made at this time.

**PROGRAM
REVIEW COM-
MITTEE RE-
PORT**

Reporting on behalf of the Program Review Committee, Commissioner Phelan informed Commissioners that the committee discussed how best to incorporate the hearings on library and information services to native Americans into the Commission's programs. The committee recommends that:

- o a letter be sent to President and Mrs. Bush informing them that the Commission held the hearings and will be following up on what it has learned;
- o the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Advisory Committee be advised that the native American community would like to convene a pre-White House Conference;
- o that the Commission hear from other government agencies that serve Indian communities at NCLIS' April meeting;
- o that the Commission draft a resolution recommending that the tribal leaders give support and emphasis to their tribal libraries;
- o that the NCLIS Chairman appoint an ad hoc committee on Indian library services to review what the Commission has learned and find out what more it needs to know;
- o that the Commission consider the possibility of holding hearings on the OTA report (referred to earlier in the Executive Director's report);
- o that the NCLIS Chairman appoint an ad hoc committee for the hearings.

Discussions were held on the Program Review recommendations as follows:

OTA Hearings - A lengthy discussion weighing the pros and cons of holding a hearing on the OTA report was waged. Of particular concern to Commissioner Carter is the Commission's extremely heavy workload, lack of resources to undertake such hearings, and what ensues after holding hearings (i.e., editing and publishing the testimony); he therefore opposed holding a hearing.

Commissioner Reid opined that hearings as a general practice are excellent for the Commission to exert its leadership role. Commissioner Reid favors a hearing.

Commissioner Nash voiced concern over the hastily-called hearings slated for April, stating that the Commission would probably not have enough time to prepare and conduct hearings in an organized manner.

Commissioner Phelan alluded to the fact that the time may present a slight problem, however, informed the Commission that the April date was determined because it would be during National Library Week when many potential witnesses would be in Washington.

Chairman Newman expressed doubt that staff would have ample time to structure and conduct hearings properly between now and April (2 1/2 months).

Dr. Martin stated that she would be pleased to take the concerns of Commissioners to staff and other Commissioners to refine, to assure that problems are minimized.

Chairman Newman asked Mrs. McDuffie for an estimated cost of the hearings on Sensitive But Not Classified Government Information that NCLIS held several years ago. Mrs. McDuffie appraised the total cost of previous hearings at approximately \$500, and reminded Commissioners that because the hearings were held in the Library of Congress, no meeting room fees were charged. Chairman Newman asked Mrs. McDuffie to retrieve records from the preceding hearings to determine what the actual cost was.

Dr. Martin suggested that because others are working on the EDUCOM-Gore bill efforts, the Commission could drop its concentration from that area and focus on the hearings instead.

**MOTION
OTA HEARINGS**

MOVED by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Phelan, to approve the Commission to hold hearings on the OTA report, and to allocate \$1000 for such hearings subject to the Executive Director providing the NCLIS Chairman and NCLIS Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee with a report viability, in writing, by February 3. Upon approval Chairman Newman will appoint an ad hoc committee to oversee the hearings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Tribal Leaders - Chairman Newman stated that a resolution should not be entertained until an ad hoc committee studies the hearings and panel presentation transcripts and makes its recommendations. The resolution would then be made part of the of the Commission's final report.

Commission Members Meet with Other Government Agencies It was agreed that Commissioners will meet with representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Department of Education to discuss native American needs before or at the April Commission meeting.

Letter to President and Mrs. Bush - Chairman Newman will send a letter to President and Mrs. Bush informing them of the Commission's visit after the Ad Hoc committee meetings with representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Department of Education.

**APPOINTMENT
OF AD HOC
COMMITTEE
ON INDIAN
LIBRARY
SERVICES**

Chairman Newman appointed Commissioners Forbes, Phelan, Reid and Swaim to serve on the Commission's newly formed Ad Hoc Committee on Indian Library Services. Dr. Martin will appoint a staff liaison at a later date. Mr. Newman asked the committee to hold its first meeting by March.

**LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Tax Reform Act - Commissioner Nash informed Commissioners that the committee has been monitoring the Tax Reform Act of 1969 and its impact on the nation's libraries and whether that law ought to be revised. Commissioner Nash wrote to individuals asking for information on the impact of the Tax Reform Act. A response was received from Frank Evans, President of the SAA, explaining that there is now in progress a survey within the SAA which will probably be completed and a report submitted in late October of this year. The committee will continue to monitor, and after receiving more current data, will decide what to do in the way of recommendations on this issue.

MOTION

S.J. Res. 394 National Policy on Permanent Papers - **MOVED** by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Reid that the Commission accept the following resolution introduced by the Legislative Committee on acid free paper (S.J. Res. 394 National Policy on Permanent Papers).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science is mandated by PL 91-345 to advise the President and the Congress on issues and problems confronting the nation's libraries; and

WHEREAS, such an urgent issue now exists, to wit: the imminent loss of a significant portion of the world's intellectual and cultural record because of the accelerating deterioration of books and other documents (i.e., technical journals) printed on acid-based paper; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80 million books in North American research libraries alone are endangered, with most of the embrittlement caused by paper deterioration due to residual acids; and

WHEREAS, it will cost American libraries untold millions of dollars to preserve through various means even a fraction of the books and journals which are already brittle; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity exists to prevent such deterioration in the future at no additional cost by printing and publishing all materials of lasting value on alkaline paper, whose availability is rapidly increasing, whose costs are comparable to acidic paper, and to which approximately a quarter of the publishing industry has already converted to some extent; and

WHEREAS, such a transition would be facilitated by a revision of the policy of the federal government, which alone consumes a 2.5% of the nation's printing and writing paper; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science endorse the use of permanent paper for all publications of enduring value, including its own, and recommend that other agencies of the federal government (as well as private publishers) do the same, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science strongly urge the President and Congress promptly to establish a national policy on the use of permanent paper, including, among its objectives, the use of such paper in all future federal government publications and documents of lasting significance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science stand ready to assist in the implementation of this policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the President, the relevant committees of Congress, and other appropriate governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC
AFFAIRS COM-
MITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of the Public Affairs Committee, Commissioner Casey thanked Mrs. Frankie Pelzman who represented the Wilson Library Bulletin for covering the Commission's activities in Santa Fe. Mr. Casey informed Commissioners that a news story about the Commission's endeavors will appear in the January 28 edition of the Albuquerque Journal. Mr. Casey thanked Mrs. McDuffie for her efforts in obtaining media coverage while in New Mexico.

Mr. Casey distributed two memoranda:

(1) A memorandum to the Public Affairs Committee from Dr. Martin describing information about the cost of an incoming WATS line to Commission headquarters. Mr. Casey informed Commissioners that the Public Affairs Committee examined the memo and favors the installation of an 800 number. The memorandum has been submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee. Mr. Carter stated that he will need more information before making a final decision, i.e., can some of the expenses be a replacement cost for the existing credit call expenses? Chairman Newman expressed concern about open-ended expenses. Commissioner Reid suggested that the Budget and Finance Committee obtain more information and report its findings to the Commission in April.

(2) A memorandum to the Public Affairs Committee from Dr. Martin depicting a proposed NCLIS information bulletin. Mr. Casey reported that the money estimated for the cost of the bulletin is available in the current budget. Commissioner Carter explained that the budget figures might be subject to revision depending on how NCLIS elects to publish the native American hearings. Mr. Carter further explained that the Budget Committee currently has other work that needs to be dealt with. The present budget that staff has

submitted indicates an overexpenditure which needs to be resolved before any other commitments are made. Mr. Carter hopes to render a decision within a month.

MOTION

MOVED by Commissioner Vasicko, seconded by Commissioner Swaim that the Commission pass a resolution to accept the Public Affairs request for funds to institute a NCLIS communication subject to the concurrence of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Emeritus Bessie B. Moore pledged a donation for cost of the first communication.

**INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Translation of Spanish Textbooks - Commissioner Edwards informed Commissioners that progress has been made toward the translation of Spanish textbooks for distribution to South America. Funding for the project has been received from the State Department's ISOC program. A meeting will be held this Spring in Washington, D.C., during which time experts, academicians, authors and translators from five nations will prepare an initial list of texts to be translated. A network will be put together of libraries, educators and public policy institutions in Latin America who will distribute the books.

Canadian White House Conference on Library and Information Services - Mr. Edwards stated that the Commission has recently been contacted by representatives from Canada expressing an interest in holding a conference similar to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services in Canada. Mr. Edwards opined that NCLIS should act as a catalyst towards forming a U.S./Canadian conference to discuss ways in which Canada can contribute and participate in the U.S. conference, and how NCLIS can help Canadian officials set up a similar conference. Mr. Edwards cited this as an example of an opportunity for the Commission to be able to assist and provide the Commission's expertise and knowledge, particularly in light of the recent Free Trade Agreement, which has been signed by the United States and Canada.

MOTION

MOVED by Charles Reid, seconded by Daniel Casey to recommend to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Advisory Committee that library officials from Canada be invited to participate in the United States' White House Conference and to offer

the assistance of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science in planning and conducting a Canadian National Conference on Library and Information Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

Glenerin Declaration - Mr. Edwards, explaining the history of the Glenerin Declaration, stated that the Declaration evolved from a series of tri-lateral meetings between the United States, Canada and Great Britain talking about the impact of information on the respective economies. Britain has agreed to host a follow-up meeting at the British Library August 17-18, 1989 at which representatives from the three initial meetings will attend. The meeting will focus on what was good about the Declaration, how it can be better implemented, and where do we go from here. The findings and recommendations of the meeting will be taken to the IFLA meeting in Paris the following week to gain support.

NCLIS Exhibit Booth at IFLA - Mr. Edwards suggested the possibility of NCLIS having an exhibit booth at the IFLA Conference. Dr. Martin pointed out that the IFLA exhibit area is not large. She also stated that there are manned and unmanned booths, and suggested that the representatives from the U.S. delegation who will be meeting at the British Library would man the booth during IFLA.

MOTION

MOVED by Charles Reid, seconded by Daniel Casey to approve the request for a booth at IFLA subject to the Commission securing funds from a private source.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BUDGET AND
FINANCE COM-
MITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Carter, reporting on the status of the NCLIS budget, recommends that the Commission not fill any more staff vacancies until further notice. Mr. Carter emphasized that the Budget Committee and staff must work together to balance the budget and bring it back down to the original spending plan. Mr. Carter stressed that in order to balance the budget, the amount of Commission meetings held (four per year) should not be decreased. It was the consensus of the Commission that it is valuable to hold as many meetings outside of the Washington, D.C. area as possible. Chairman Newman emphatically stated that the Commission will hold only one meeting per year in

Washington, D.C. (in April during National Library Week).

**SCHOOL MEDIA
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Commissioner Forbes described plans for the NCLIS/AASL symposium on "Information Literacy and Education for the 21st Century: Toward an Agenda for Action," which will be held at the Xerox Training Center in Leesburg, Virginia, April 14-16, 1989. Mrs. Forbes explained that the original symposium plans have expanded to include training and literacy. Mrs. Forbes stated that donations to support the symposium have been received, but \$10,000 more is still needed. Chairman Newman asked Mrs. Forbes for assurance that the Commission receive prominent recognition for the conference. Dr. Martin complimented Mrs. Young for the exemplary work she has performed on the symposium.

**REMARKS
BESSIE B.
MOORE**

Dr. Moore thanked the Commissioners for the honor bestowed by naming her Vice Chairman Emeritus, and also for allowing her to attend and participate in meetings.

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

MOVED by Daniel Carter, seconded by Daniel Casey to adjourn the meeting.



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MOTIONS AND ACTIONS
JANUARY 26-27, 1989

MOTION
OTA HEARINGS

MOVED by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Phelan, to approve the Commission to hold hearings on the OTA report, and to allocate \$1000 for such hearings subject to the Executive Director providing the NCLIS Chairman and NCLIS Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee with a report viability, in writing, by February 3. Upon approval Chairman Newman will appoint an ad hoc committee to oversee the hearings.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

S.J. Res. 394 National Policy on Permanent Papers -
MOVED by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Reid that the Commission accept the following resolution introduced by the Legislative Committee on acid free paper (S.J. Res. 394 National Policy on Permanent Papers).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science is mandated by PL 91-345 to advise the President and the Congress on issues and problems confronting the nation's libraries; and

WHEREAS, such an urgent issue now exists, to wit: the imminent loss of a significant portion of the world's intellectual and cultural record because of the accelerating deterioration of books and other documents (i.e., technical journals) printed on acid-based paper; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80 million books in North American research libraries alone are endangered, with most of the embrittlement caused by paper deterioration due to residual acids; and

WHEREAS, it will cost American libraries untold millions of dollars to preserve through various means even a fraction of the books and journals which are already brittle; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity exists to prevent such deterioration in the future at no additional cost by printing and publishing all materials of lasting value on alkaline paper, whose availability is rapidly increasing, whose costs are comparable to acidic paper, and to which approximately a quarter of the publishing industry has already converted to some extent; and

WHEREAS, such a transition would be facilitated by a revision of the policy of the federal government, which alone consumes a 2.5% of the nation's printing and writing paper; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science endorse the use of permanent paper for all publications of enduring value, including its own, and recommend that other agencies of the federal government (as well as private publishers) do the same, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science strongly urge the President and Congress promptly to establish a national policy on the use of permanent paper, including, among its objectives, the use of such paper in all future federal government publications and documents of lasting significance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science stand ready to assist in the implementation of this policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the President, the relevant committees of Congress, and other appropriate governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

MOVED by Commissioner Vasicko, seconded by Commissioner Swaim that the Commission pass a resolution to accept the Public Affairs request for funds to institute a NCLIS communication subject to the concurrence of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

MOVED by Charles Reid, seconded by Daniel Casey to recommend to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Advisory Committee that library officials from Canada be invited to participate in the United States' White House Conference and to offer

the assistance of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science in planning and conducting a Canadian National Conference on Library and Information Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

MOVED by Charles Reid, seconded by Daniel Casey to approve the request for a booth at IFLA subject to the Commission securing funds from a private source.

Motion carried unanimously.