



United States
National Commission on
Libraries and Information Science

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**MINUTES
NCLIS MEETING
June 1 and 2, 1992
OCLC CENTER, DUBLIN OHIO**

**MEMBERS
PRESENT** Daniel W. Casey; Carol K. DiPrete; Norman Kelson;
James "Jed" Lyons; Charles E. Reid; Kay W. Riddle;
Winston Tabb; Barbara J. H. Taylor; Elinor H. Swaim,
Vice Chair; and J. Michael Farrell, NCLIS Chairman,
Presiding

**MEMBERS
PRESENT** Shirley G. Adamovich; Wanda L. Forbes; Jerald C.
Newman; Ben-Chieh Liu; Julia Li Wu

**NCLIS STAFF
PRESENT** Peter R. Young, Executive Director;
Jane Williams, Research Associate

**ADVISERS
PRESENT** Elinor Hashim (NCLIS Chairman Emeritus, OCLC
Government Relations Officer; Peyton Neal, IIA

NOTE: On Sunday, May 31, 1992, Commissioners attended a briefing on OCLC by Kate Nevins, Vice President, Corporate Relations, and the OCLC Users Council by William Potter, Users Council President. Commissioners also attended the Sunday evening program of the OCLC Users Council.]

Monday, June 1, 1992

Commissioners attended the morning portion of the OCLC Users Council Meeting, and were greeted and welcomed by OCLC President K. Wayne Smith. Topics covered at the Council meeting centered on a brief background on the establishment of OCLC; licensing government information; user fees; OCLC's current alliances; pricing changes; and OCLC's ongoing Strategic Plan. To quote President Smith, "Our philosophy is to do a few things well. OCLC's mission is to further access to the world's information and to reduce the costs of that information."

OCLC is returning to basics. The Strategic Plan recognizes that OCLC must adopt a cooperative approach, not a competitive approach. The recently developed OCLC strategy will have a profound effect on those libraries and other information organizations which depend upon OCLC's services. In the next decade, OCLC's vision is to provide information to people in a form they want, when and where they need it, and at a price they can afford.

This summer OCLC expects to issue a white paper on OCLC linking to Internet (with reference services) and the utility's position relating to NREN implementation.

Prior to lunch, Commissioners were given a tour and slide show of the operations of the OCLC Center.

Chairman Farrell thanked Dr. Smith for the invitation to meet at OCLC, for the opportunity to meet with Members of the OCLC Users Council, and for the hospitality, dinner, and reception.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Reid suggested adding the election of Alternate Member, NCLIS Executive Committee to the meeting agenda. With this new topic, the agenda was approved. [The election was held on Tuesday, June 2, 1992.]

APPROVAL OF NCLIS MINUTES

The following corrections will be made to the Minutes of the NCLIS Meeting, April 13-14, 1992:

- Page 3 - Minutes should reflect that Commissioners Casey and Riddle served as hearing officers at the NCLIS Open Forum on Implementation of

WHCLIS Recommendations. In attendance were Commissioners Reid and Swaim, as well as several members of the staff. (Mr. Reid)

- **Page 4, 1st paragraph -** After clarification from staff that letters of invitation had indeed been sent to representatives of both the Native American community and national academic organizations, Commissioners agreed to delete the entire paragraph from the final minutes.
- **Page 6 - FY 1992 Spending Plan, Motion –** Commissioner Reid requested that the minutes show that he abstained on voting for approval of the FY 1992 Spending Plan because several of the budget items had yet to be discussed.
- **Page 17, top of page -** Insert the following sentence: "After Chairman Farrell announced the new committee assignments, Commissioner Reid asked for a reconsideration of the appointments, stating, 'I believe that my more than 40 years of library experience is a reason for Chairman Farrell to better utilize me in the naming of committee appointments and assignments.'"

MOTION

Charles Reid moved and Carol DiPrete seconded that the minutes of the NCLIS meeting held April 13-14, 1992, be approved as corrected and amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

NCLIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Peter R. Young distributed copies of the detailed May Executive Director's Report. The Report covered:

- **a background description of OCLC operation and of the OCLC Users Council;**
- **WHCLIS closeout activities;**
- **WHCLIS final transcript report;**
- **transcript report of open forum on WHCLIS recommendations;**
- **administrative concerns;**
- **Federal-State Cooperative System for Public Library Statistics and Library Statistics Program;**

- **Native American library and information services report;**
- **National Research and Education Network;**
- **ICSOC Fiscal Year 1992 Funding;**
- **Glenerin planning meeting;**
- **Taiwan Seminar;**
- **possible NCLIS Role in USIA American Houses for Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS);**
- **Network Advisory Committee; and**
- **1990-91 NCLIS Annual Report**

Mr. Young completed his report by suggesting NCLIS priorities beyond the current year:

- Identifying the role of libraries and other information service organizations in the emerging National Research and Education Network (NREN);**
- Developing strategies for improving the effectiveness of libraries in educational institutions, especially those programs which concentrate on the role of school libraries in efforts to revitalize the American educational system;**
- Developing programs which enhance availability and access to information, with special concentration on those programs which emphasize the role of libraries and information services in promoting multi-cultural literacy;**
- Identifying the future training and education needs for the library profession, along with the institutional structure required to deliver the necessary skills, knowledge, and abilities.**

WHCLIS FINAL REPORT

A progress report on production of the WHCLIS Final Report, prepared by Gregory M. Gagne, Senior Partner, Media Communications, was distributed. To date, the following work has been completed: Section I (Preface); Section II (Sessions); and Appendices. At Commissioner Reid's request, copies of the

progress report will be sent to Richard Akeroyd and Joseph Fitzsimmons, NCLIS Consultants to the White House Conference, and Former Members of the former WHCLIS Advisory Committee.

It was suggested that NCLIS staff carefully review the Summary Report's distribution list and cut back on the list for the final report. Mr. Casey requested that each Commissioner receive fifteen copies of the final report. The report, of course, will be printed on acid-free paper. Commissioner Reid suggested presenting the President's report in a leather-bound edition. Chairman Farrell stated that, based on the cost and size of the report, he will decide the appropriate presentation to the President.

Concerned about the length of the final WHCLIS report, Commissioner Lyons asked, "What is the intention of the document? What key points does the document raise?" He suggested that the answers to these questions should be clearly outlined in a personalized two-page letter accompanying every report and signed by the Chairman. The Members agreed with this suggestion. Mr. Young pointed out that the final report should be viewed as a "companion" or "compendium" to the WHCLIS Summary Report, *INFORMATION 2000: Library and Information Services for the 21st Century*.

The WHCLIS Summary Report is on the GPO best-sellers list with approximately 2,800 copies being sold through GPO and through Gaylord. Commissioner Lyons suggested staff ask the GPO sales program who is purchasing the reports.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

The draft of the final report, *Pathways to Excellence: A Report on Improving Library and Information Services for Native Peoples*, is being written by Peter Young and Frank Stevens. Similar to the WHCLIS Summary Report and "companion" report, the Native American summary report will be less than 50 pages, reporting on the results of the Commission's work in this area. The separate companion report volume will include the *Strategic Plan*, hearing testimonies and complete transcripts. Commissioner Swaim, Chair, Committee on Library and Information Services for Native Americans, is currently reviewing the draft report. Commissioner Swaim stated, "We want the Native American report to be a best seller, just as the WHC Summary Report!" Commissioners who wish to review the revised draft report should notify Mr. Young.

Commissioner Reid reminded the Members that the proposed site and visit and hearing in Hawaii was not held and suggested the Commission request statements from the Islanders on the status of their library and information services. These statements would then become part of the final report. "If the report does not include reference to the Native Americans in Hawaii, it will not be a politically-correct document," Commissioner Reid cautioned. At Commissioner Swaim's suggestion, Chairman Farrell agreed to contact Senator Inouye, HI, regarding Hawaii's input to the report.

NREN OPEN FORUM

Announcement of the NCLIS-sponsored open forum on the National Research and Education Network (NREN), July 20 and 21, in Washington, D.C., has been published in the *Federal Register*. Staff was requested to make certain that notification is also published in appropriate library/information science publications. The purpose of the forum is to explore the involvement of library and information services in NREN. At Mr. Casey's request, staff will contact C-SPAN to request coverage.

Chairman Farrell reported on a recent meeting with the staff of D. Allan Bromley, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), regarding NCLIS' participation in the High Performance Computing Advisory Committee. Chairman Farrell stated, "I can tell you, point blank, OSTP is now much more aware of the existence of NCLIS and cognizant of how libraries can fit into NREN."

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Farrell reported on activities since the April Commission meeting, including meetings with the Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander; Francie Alexander, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and Planning, Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI); and Diane Ravitch, Assistant Secretary of Education, OERI. Chairman Farrell will attend the ALA Conference and stated that his speech to the ALA Council will refer to the role of libraries in AMERICA 2000.

The Chairman presented a speech at SOLINET in Atlanta, Georgia in May. He stated that, in his opinion, "there did not seem to be much awareness of NCLIS." The basic speech presented by Chairman Farrell describes NCLIS, the White House Conference, the open forum on WHC recommendations, the upcoming open forum on NREN, and where NCLIS is going. The main points raised in the speeches are: "NCLIS is a window on Washington; we are a player; talk to the NCLIS Commissioners and Congressmen regarding

your library and information service concerns!" Chairman Farrell stressed the importance of heightening the awareness of the Commission's existence and role which, he believes, is potentially a very powerful policy/advice shaping tool. The Chairman urged that NCLIS (Commissioner and/or member of the staff) attend every major library and information science event in Washington, D.C. related to its program, if only for five minutes, but, make a positive visible presence. At Commissioner Casey's request, copies of the Chairman's OCLC speech will be sent to all Commissioners.

Chairman Farrell stated how important it is for "NCLIS to focus on and be part of policy development themes." He also stressed the importance of NCLIS testifying before Congress and advising the President and Congress on issues of library and information service concerns.

Attendees at the ALA Conference, June 24 - July 2, 1992 in San Francisco, California, will be Chairman Farrell, Daniel Casey, Carol DiPrete, Norman Kelinson, Charles Reid, Elinor Swaim, Winston Tabb, Peter Young, and John Lorenz.

TRILATERAL PLANNING MEETING ON THE ROLE OF INFORMATION IN THE ECONOMY (GLENERIN DECLARATION)

A trilateral planning meeting on the role of information in the economy (Glenerin Declaration) has been planned for June 15-16, 1992, in Washington, D.C. Chairman Farrell reiterated that this is a planning meeting to determine appropriate next steps. Attendees at the planning meeting include Chairman Farrell; Brian Perry, Director, Research and Development Department, The British Library; Marianne Scott, the National Librarian of Canada; Julia Wu, Chair, NCLIS International Committee; and Peter Young. Several participants at previous Glenerin meetings will be invited to attend as observers.

PERMANENT PAPER

Commissioner Reid asked which of the NCLIS committees has responsibility for program activity on permanent paper. He stated that letters are still being received in response to NCLIS' program which started over a year ago and that there needs to be both followup and response. Chairman Farrell suggested that this topic would fall within the purview of one of the following committees: Education and Special Populations Committee, Public Affairs Committee, or Legislative and Library Statistics Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Since there have been no emergencies since the last Commission meeting, the Executive Committee has not had to meet or conduct any conference calls.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kelson, Chair, Budget and Finance Committee, reminded the Members that all unscheduled travel to be covered by the Commission, must be approved sixty days in advance by the Committee. The request should include estimated costs for travel, registration, the purpose of the event, etc. Commissioner Kelson stated, "We are not trying to cut people off from going to meetings; we are just trying to stay within the budget, and 'frugal' is the new word." Ms. Hashim, Chairman Emeritus, reminded the Members that the Commission's *Policy Manual* does include a section on approval for unscheduled travel.

It was noted that NCLIS does not presently have funds to cover Commissioner Liu's request for funding to present a paper at the American Statistics Association Conference in Boston or to cover partial travel for Commissioners to ALA in July.

EDUCATION AND SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Commissioner Swaim reported for Commissioner Forbes, Chair, Education and Special Populations, who was out of the country. Commissioner Swaim urged Members, when giving speeches or making presentations, to mention NCLIS' publication, "*Information Literacy and Education for the 21st Century: Toward an Agenda for Action*," the proceedings of a symposium sponsored by NCLIS and the American Association of School Libraries in April 1989. She noted that copies are available from the NCLIS office. It was suggested that staff send a copy of the report to each state coordinator for state programs based on the *AMERICA 2000* initiative.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Casey presented the Committee's report for Commissioner Wu, Chair, International Committee. Commissioner Casey urged the Chairman to announce the IFLA delegation as soon as possible for registration and orientation purposes. Commissioner Casey is receiving IFLA 1992 material which, at Chairman Farrell's request, he will forward to NCLIS.

LEGISLATIVE AND LIBRARY STATISTICS COMMITTEE

Commissioner DiPrete, Chair, Legislative and Library Statistics Committee, stated that, because there are eighteen legislative initiatives and Executive Agency Policy Initiatives of interest to the Commission, the Commission's focus and concentration should be on:

- (1) Government Printing Office (GPO) WINDO, HR 2772, "to establish in the Government Printing Office a single point of online public access to a wide range of Federal databases containing public information stored electronically."
- (2) Library of Congress fee-for-service, S. 2748, "to provide adequate authority in the Library of Congress for the provision of fee-based library research and information products and services."
- (3) OMB Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources."
- (4) High-Performance Computing Act of 1991, P.L. 102-94 (NREN).

By consensus, the Commissioners approved the Committee's recommended legislative priorities.

Referring to NCLIS action on the above, Commissioner Farrell asked:

- How does NCLIS determine the policy?
- How does NCLIS determine its interest and put forth a presentation and/or statement?

In response, Commissioner DiPrete referred to July 23 hearing on GPO WINDO and stated that the Committee intends (with staff assistance) to develop a statement for Commissioner approval. The Legislative Committee will also contact the hearing committee staff to determine the appropriateness of NCLIS participation.

With regard to other pending legislative matters, Commissioner DiPrete stated that the Committee's strategy is to determine the process for each bill. For instance, with regard to major policy issues, NCLIS may consider sponsoring open forums, i.e., NCLIS' open forum on NREN.

As Commissioner Reid pointed out, on occasion there are emergency bills on which the Commission may wish to react. When action is needed on short notice, it was decided that the NCLIS Chairman and the Chair of the Legislative and Statistics Committee would determine appropriate NCLIS

action. Chairman Farrell stated that all Commissioners will be kept fully informed at all times.

Commissioner Swaim suggested that NCLIS influence policy proposals prior to the drafting of legislation. Chairman Farrell replied, "NCLIS is an independent agency and can make any recommendation it wishes; it is not bound by the Administration. NCLIS advises on policy."

Commissioner Swaim expressed her desire to testify on behalf of LSCA 1994 reauthorization. Commissioner DiPrete replied that the Committee would begin a plan for tracking, formulating ideas, and addressing LSCA reauthorization for discussion at the next NCLIS meeting. The Commission is interested in holding an open forum on this topic. Ms. Hashim stated that in the past NCLIS has defended both LSCA and HEA when these programs received zero funding in administrations' budgets.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lyons, Chair, Public Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee has not met since the April Commission meeting. Commissioner Lyons suggested that the Budget and Finance Committee provide each committee with a working budget. Commissioner Kelinson agreed with this suggestion.

At present, the Public Affairs Committee is focusing on bringing to policy makers' attention the funding difficulties libraries face. The Committee wishes to call attention to what is happening to libraries' budgets and to the fact that every day another library is forced to close its door. Before the November NCLIS meeting, the Committee intends to have specific details in place for accomplishing its plan. One step in getting the word out may be letters/editorial pieces written by each Commissioner for publication in local newspapers, library journals, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, etc.

Commissioners were reminded to provide the staff with updated photographs and local media lists.

Commissioners Lyons stated there are numerous speech-making opportunities (local, State, regional, and national). He encouraged Commissioners to give speeches and presentations, thus heightening the visibility of the Commission. The staff was called on to assist in this effort by identifying themes, preparing a calendar, and informing the various organizations and groups (Chambers of Commerce, radio stations, Rotary's, Lion's Clubs, etc.) of the Commission's availability and interest.

Commissioner DiPrete informed the Commission that ALA has a "Speakers Network" of two people in each State qualified to speak on library issues.

Media training is provided to the speakers. Chairman Farrell stated that, when Commissioners are speaking on behalf of NCLIS, they should speak about the same topic and with the same theme, and mention NCLIS' awards program. Copies of all speeches given should be provided to the full Commission and staff.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Swaim, Chair, Recognition Committee, reported that Commissioner Riddle presented the NCLIS Recognition Award to the Pagosa Springs (CO) Woman's Civic Club. The NCLIS Recognition Award will be presented to the General Federation of Womens Clubs on June 11 in Indianapolis by Commissioner Swaim.

A press release on the 1993 Recognition Award has been widely distributed. Nominations for the award are open until November 31, 1992. The two NCLIS awards are the annual NCLIS Recognition Award (presented to an individual and/or group and the NCLIS Special Achievement Award (individual awards at NCLIS discretion)).

OMNIBUS CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LITERACY INITIATIVE

Chairman Farrell reported that he received a letter dated 17 April 1992 from Barratt Wilkins, President, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, regarding NCLIS' role in plans for implementation of the Omnibus Children's and Youth Literacy Initiative adopted at the White House Conference. On 30 April, the Chairman responded that there are not sufficient funds in the 1992 budget to allow NCLIS to host a forum. However, he promised to discuss the request at the June Commission meeting. Overall responsibility for this topic falls within the Education and Special Populations Committee. Copies of both letters are in Attachment I.

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS

MOTION

Daniel Casey moved and Carol DiPrete and Jed Lyons seconded that Charles E. Reid be named as Chairman Emeritus of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

At the Chairman's request, the motion to nominate Charles E. Reid as NCLIS Chairman Emeritus was tabled until Tuesday, June 2, 1992.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1992

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

PAUL EVAN PETERS, CNI

Mr. Young introduced NCLIS' guest speaker Paul Evan Peters, Director, Coalition for Networked Information, a coalition of ARL, CAUSE, and EDUCOM. CNI's stated mission is "To promote the creation of and access to information resources in networked environments in order to enrich scholarship and to enhance intellectual productivity."

Mr. Peters described the Coalition's program which explores the promise of high performance computers and advanced networks; the development and evolution of the National Research and Education Network (NREN) as a networked information initiative; information access and delivery opportunities and challenges arising from NREN; and strategies for framing and addressing the information access and delivery opportunities and challenges facing NREN.

The Commission thanked Mr. Peters for his detailed, thought-provoking, and impressive presentation.

NCLIS MEETING SCHEDULE

It was decided that the next NCLIS meeting will be held on:

November 9, 1992 (beginning at 1:00 p.m.)
and
November 10, 1992 (ending early afternoon)
Washington, D.C.

In addition, the Commission will decide on the remaining 1993 meeting dates/places at the November 1992 meeting. Tentative dates/places are:

February 8 - 9, 1993
Washington, D.C.

May 17 - 19, 1993

Chicago, Illinois

In conjunction with the Medical Library Association Annual Conference

August 1993

(Exact date and location to be determined at the NCLIS meeting in November)

Chairman Farrell asked Mr. Young to coordinate plans for the May 1993 meeting with Ms. Alice Calabrese, Executive Director, DuPage Library System; Geneva, Illinois, and Member, former WHCLIS Advisory Committee, in addition to appropriate staff at the Medical Library Association.

ELECTION, NCLIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALTERNATE MEMBER

Commissioner Carol DiPrete was nominated and elected as Alternate Member of the NCLIS Executive Committee. The position was vacated by J. Michael Farrell upon his designation as NCLIS Chairman.

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS

Commissioner Casey stated that the Commission has a history and tradition of honoring its former Chairmen by bestowing upon them the honorary title of Chairman Emeritus. Commissioner Casey explained that this has been the Commission's way of recognizing the service rendered and also encourages the Commission to draw upon the experience and knowledge of the past Chairman. No fiscal responsibility or obligation accompanies the title and the Chairman Emeritus, once his/her term has expired, does not have a vote.

MOTION

Daniel Casey moved and Jed Lyons seconded that Charles E. Reid be named Chairman Emeritus of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

The motion carried; Chairman Farrell abstained.

A copy of the resolution is Attachment (2).

Commissioner Reid thanked the Commissioners for the honor and privilege of being named NCLIS Chairman Emeritus.

NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Network Advisory Committee (NAC) Report of the "Home" Committee, dated April 10, 1992, was included in the meeting packet (item #5). Mr. Young reported that the Library of Congress has historically housed NAC. Because Henriette Avram, NAC Director, recently retired from the Library of Congress, the NAC "Home" Committee has been asked to identify and consider the options for locating a base for support of the continuation of the NAC.

The Committee made a number of recommendations. Following are the recommendations involving NCLIS:

- NAC seek a senior official from NCLIS to continue the latter's representation in NAC activities;
- In the short term, NAC operate under a Steering Committee, composed of five persons and a Chair, elected by the NAC membership, and the Chair Emeritus as ex officio, for the purpose of appointing program planning committees and determining action plans for the membership; and
- For the interim, a Transitional Support Group composed of David Penniman, Paul Peters, Winston Tabb, Peter Young, and chaired by the NAC Chair-elect, arrange for the necessary support for NAC activities.

Chairman Reid stated, "I think it is a window of opportunity for NAC to be housed by NCLIS." Mr. Tabb replied that there is a "substantial financial responsibility" involved in housing the Network Advisory Committee. Messrs. Tabb and Young pointed out that numerous policy questions need to be answered and that it is premature to discuss action. In addition, the "Home" Committee has specifically requested that there be no action at this time. The material included in the meeting packet was intended for information only.

EDISON PROJECT

Commissioner Casey suggested a letter be sent from the NCLIS Chairman to Benno Schmidt, President, Yale University, congratulating him on his new position as head of the Edison Project, Whittle Communications' plan to develop a nationwide for-profit system of private schools. The letter should also stress the Commission's concern that school libraries are included in the

project and offer NCLIS assistance, involvement and advice. Commissioner Casey offered to draft the letter for the Chairman's review and signature.

NCLIS AWARDS CAMPAIGN

During the working dinner on Monday evening, Commissioners discussed the possibility of an NCLIS awards campaign in recognition of outstanding libraries. Interested Commissioners agreed to provide Mr. Young with their ideas for the proposed campaign by July 1, 1992.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment was provided by Peyton Neal, IIA.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Attachments: (2)

- (1) Letter from Barratt Wilkins, COSLA
Letter from NCLIS Chairman Farrell to Barratt Wilkins
- (2) Resolution, Charles E. Reid

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United States
National Commission on
Libraries and Information Science

30 April 1992

Mr. Barratt Wilkins
State Librarian
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Dear Barratt:

Thank you for your letter of 17 April 1992 regarding the role of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) in public forums on plans for the implementation of the Omnibus Children's and Youth Literacy Initiative adopted at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS). At the recent meeting of the Commission earlier this month, the Members discussed the need for developing strategies for implementation of this and other WHCLIS recommendations. We are pleased to receive expression of interest by COSLA on this very important matter.

NCLIS is interested in reviewing COSLA input on developing a program to allow different interested groups an opportunity to formulate plans for the implementation of the WHCLIS initiative on Children's and Youth Literacy Services. As required by Federal statute, all meetings involving NCLIS in this planning effort must be public, have notices published in the Federal Register, and all meeting results are publicly available and accessible. The NCLIS fiscal year 1992 budget does not permit the Commission to host the series of meetings that your letter proposes. However, if COSLA is willing to commit resources for an initial series of meetings, NCLIS would be interested in pursuing the suggestion in greater detail. If required, NCLIS staff will explore the possibility of outside funding to support these meetings.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for early June, 1992 at OCLC, Inc. We will discuss NCLIS activities and priorities for the remainder of 1992. During the course of this discussion I plan to discuss your letter and proposal with Carol DiPrete, Chair, NCLIS Legislative and Statistics Committee, Jed Lyons, Chair, NCLIS Public Affairs Committee, and Wanda Forbes, Chair, NCLIS Committee on Education and Special Populations. From our discussion we will determine which NCLIS Committee and NCLIS Member(s) will best serve as our contact with you and COSLA in planning the meetings proposed in your letter.



CHIEF OFFICERS OF STATE LIBRARY AGENCIES

April 17, 1992

Mr. J. Michael Farrell, Chairman
National Commission on Library and
Information Science
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Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear *Mike* Mr. Farrell:

As I mentioned to you in Washington on April 6, COSLA is interested in moving ahead with the Omnibus Children's and Youth Literacy Initiative. We are requesting the good offices of the National Commission to host a series of meetings of five to seven major stakeholders in this new initiative to work out the details for a legislative package.

We view the National Commission, in its role as a developer of overall plans for meeting national library and informational needs and as a coordinator of activities at the federal, state, and local levels, as the appropriate agency to host and facilitate such meetings.

Because of the diversity of backgrounds of NCLIS Commissioners, we would like your assistance in identifying a commissioner who could work with this group to help formulate the policies, programs, and administration of this initiative.

If you approve of this working relationship, COSLA, in cooperation with the American Library Association, will identify five to seven major stakeholders and outline the course of action for the group. I do not foresee that it would take more than a few meetings over the course of the next six months to have a proposal for consideration by the Congress.

Please let me know your thoughts on this request.

Sincerely,

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RESOLUTION**CHARLES E. REID
CHAIRMAN EMERITUS**

WHEREAS, Charles E. Reid served as Chairman of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science from March 1990 to March 1992 with distinction; and

WHEREAS, the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services was held under the Chairmanship of Charles E. Reid; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reid is dedicated to promoting the need for serving the unserved of our nation in the area of libraries and information services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Charles E. Reid be invited to continue to assist, support and advise the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science as Chairman Emeritus

Adopted by the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science at its meeting on June 2, 1992, at the OCLC Center, Dublin, Ohio.