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**May 18, 1993
The Newberry Library
Chicago, Illinois**

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PRESENT:** Shirley G. Adamovich, Daniel W. Casey, Carol
K. DiPrete, Wanda L. Forbes, Ben-chieh Liu,
Jerald C. Newman, Charles E. Reid, Kay W.
Riddle, Winston Tabb, Barbara J. H. Taylor,
Elinor H. Swaim, Vice Chairman, and
J. Michael Farrell, Chairman

**COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT:** Norman Kelson, Julia Li Wu

STAFF PRESENT: Peter R. Young, Executive Director,
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GUESTS PRESENT Charles E. Benton, President, Public Media, Inc.; Alice C. Calabrese, Director, Chicago Library System; Charles Cullen, President, Newberry Library; June Fulton, President-Elect, Medical Library Association (MLA); Carla J. Funk, Executive Director, MLA; Bridget L. Lamont, Director, Illinois State Library; Fred Roper,, Incoming President-Elect, MLA

OBSERVERS PRESENT: Elnor Barron, National Sales Manager, Films Inc., Education; John W. Berry, University Library, University of Illinois at Chicago; Eva Brown, Chicago Library System; Leah F. Chanin, D..C. School of Law (official observer, Americal Association of Law Libraries); Fred Goodman, Washington, D.C.; Mary Jo Lynch, American Library Association (May 17); Gordon McClendon, Chairman of the Board, Chicago Public Library (May 17); Joyce Newman, North Woodmere, N.Y.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairman J. Michael Farrell called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He noted, regretably, that he was unable to attend the last Commission meeting held in Denver, Colorado, January 21 and 22, 1993. Chairman Farrell welcomed the Members and staff of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, guests, and observers.

On behalf of the Commissioners, Chairman Farrell expressed appreciation to Alice Calabrese, Executive Director of the Chicago Library System, for her valuable assistance in planning the Commission's meeting in Chicago and for organizing the reception for the Commission at the Chicago Public Library.

Chairman Farrell noted the ambitious meeting agenda. He also indicated that the election of NCLIS Vice Chairman and Executive Committee Members would be held early afternoon and requested that Commissioners interested in serving in these positions let him know by noon.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Farrell's Report included comments about the following items:

- **Forum on Library and Information Services for Children and Youth, May 4-5, 1993, Boston Public Library.** Chairman Farrell chaired the Forum with Commissioners Adamovich and DiPrete serving as co-chairs. It was a very enthusiastic two-day hearing with testimony from 23 interested individuals from the Northeast. What was heard repeatedly in Boston is the fact that "the library system is in trouble because of severe fiscal constraints." In the Chairman's opinion, the Federal role has been minimal in the past and that role now needs to be focused and strengthened.

It was also clear from forum testimony that the absence of a good, close working relationship between local and State governments can cause problems with support for library services. Fortunately, as was demonstrated during yesterday's meeting and reception, a positive relationship exists between the Illinois State Library, the State's library systems, and local governments.

- **International Conference on National Libraries - Towards the 21st Century, April 20-24, 1993, Taipei, Taiwan.** In addition to participating in the National Conference, the Chairman contributed a paper entitled, "National Libraries: the Role of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science in National Library and Information Services Policy Development." The paper focused on networking, preservation of documents, and access to information, concentrating on the Commission's history of

involvement in these areas. It was a well organized conference celebrating the 60th anniversary of the National Central Library of the Republic of China and involving 250 library scholars and experts representing 27 countries. The Executive Director also contributed a paper at the Conference, "Global Knowledge Network Infrastructure Development: The National Library Role." The paper reviewed the application of information systems technology to library and information access functions and the development of information network policies.

Commissioner Casey noted the wide respect the Commission has earned in the international community. He noted that other countries respect the Commission's uniqueness and acknowledge that there are no international organizations with the independence and/or responsibility of NCLIS. He suggested the next paper prepared by NCLIS for IFLA explain the Commission's purpose, functions, and programs. Commissioner Reid offered to write such a paper, suggesting it also include the possibility of NCLIS serving as an advisory body to the Third World nations.

• **Chairman's Comments** -- "The Commission is in a unique position in the world of being able to offer advice on a continuing basis as a permanent agency. We should be very thankful that the Commission was established in 1970. Hopefully, it will be around for the foreseeable future -- which I have no doubt that it will! The forum concept has been a good one, and the Commission's presence outside Washington, as here in Chicago, allows interaction with a variety of professionals working in different types of library and information service environments.

"The Commission's staff is limited, and they do an amazingly large amount of work. Unless you sit back and think about it, I don't think one realizes how much work the staff accomplishes."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Swaim requested the draft NCLIS minutes, Denver, Colorado, January 21 and 22, 1993, (page 19), indicate that the Recognition Committee agreed to postpone consideration of the nomination of the Chrysler Learning Corporation until fall 1993.

MOTION

Daniel Casey moved and Elinor Swaim seconded that the draft minutes of the NCLIS meeting, January 21 and 22, 1993, be approved as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

CHARLES T. CULLEN

Dr. Charles T. Cullen, President, Newberry Library, spoke briefly to the Commission about The Newberry Library, its collections, history, and services. He noted that The Newberry Library, founded in 1887, is one of the world's great independent research and education centers in the humanities. The Library has 1.5 million books, 5 million manuscripts, and 75,000 maps, all housed in a state-of-the-art bookstack building specially designed to preserve the collections in a controlled temperature, humidity, and lighting environment. The Library provides opportunities for the study of the humanities through public exhibits, adult classes, lectures, concerts, special events, and research fellowships.

Dr. Cullen arranged for a special tour of the Library's Cartography Collection by the curator assigned to assemble an exhibit. On behalf of the Commissioners, Chairman Farrell thanked Dr. Cullen for hosting the NCLIS meeting at The Newberry Library's beautiful Fellows Lounge and for the Library staff's assistance in arranging for the meeting, luncheon, and tour. Vice Chairman Swaim presented

Dr. Cullen with a copy of the NCLIS report, "*Pathways to Excellence, Improving Library and Information Services for Native American Peoples*" for the Newberry's extensive Native American collection.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Peter Young summarized the detailed Executive Director's Report dated May 18, 1993, a copy of which was included in the meeting folder. The report covered:

- (1) Purposes of NCLIS meeting in Chicago;
- (2) Status report on recent NCLIS activities and programs since the January 1993 meeting;
- (3) Review of 1993 activities, programs, and projects;
- (4) Brief observations about future programs and activities; and
- (5) Selected meetings, conferences, and other NCLIS activities.

Mr. Young presented his observations about future programs and activities that may warrant the Commission's attention in the future:

- The Commission has been most successful in the past by concentrating its attention on a few problem areas involving national and global public policy concerns consistent with NCLIS statutory functions. These problem areas involve clear opportunities for NCLIS to exert a leadership role in this complex arena with many different competing and conflicting interests. Future Commission programs can benefit from careful study of those topics and concerns that reoccur frequently in the Commission's program history. These include concern for the economics of library and information services, the relationship between education and library/information, legal policy issues related to libraries and

information services, the relationship between the public and private sectors, and the effect of information technology application to the library of the future.

Mr. Young concluded his report with the following comments:

"My work at the Commission provides personal and professional challenges and opportunities. The Commission's recent post-WHCLIS program focus on the areas of networking and children and youth services carries forward the promise of the Conference in areas where NCLIS is uniquely suited to lead. Through our future cooperative efforts in these and other areas, the Commission has the potential to lead our Nation's libraries and information services in preparing for the 21st century."

Commissioner Taylor praised Mr. Young for constantly and consistently informing the Commissioners on day-to-day activities. Mr. Young was applauded for his performance as Executive Director.

Mr. Young praised Vivian Terrell, NCLIS Administrative Officer, for her endurance and hard work in handling the many complex arrangements involved in moving the NCLIS office. In addition, he noted the exceptional pre-move and post-move work by Kim Miller, Barbara Whiteleather, and Jane Williams.

Commissioner Kelson is now recovering from recent hip-replacement surgery. He called the NCLIS office the day after surgery to say, "I'm sorry I cannot be at the meeting, but I'm available if needed." The Commission extended best wishes to Commissioner Kelson for a quick and complete recovery.

Plans are underway for another informal breakfast meeting of the ALA Executive Board and NCLIS Members attending the Annual ALA Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The breakfast will be held

Saturday, June 26, from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. in Room 2737 of the Hilton Towers. Commissioners planning to attend the breakfast should let NCLIS staff know so that appropriate plans can be made.

NCLIS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tri-Committee Meeting Report -- Commissioners Adamovich, DiPrete, and Forbes reported on the Tri-Committee Meeting (Education and Special Populations; Legislative and Library Statistics; and GOALS 2000: Educate America) held on Monday, May 17, 1993, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at the Harold Washington Library Center.

Dr. Mary Jo Lynch, Director, Office for Research and Statistics, American Library Association, presented a joint NCLIS/ALA proposal for the collection of selected school library media center statistics from selected States. The proposal was strongly endorsed by the members of the NCLIS Tri-Committee and approved by the Commission. Commissioner Liu pointed out the need for oversight by the Commission and questioned whether the proposal would be considered a contract or a grant. He stated that a contract would make NCLIS responsible for the information; whereas a grant does not. In discussing this proposal, NCLIS Members recommended that the Chairman proceed with a contract following the Chicago meeting.

Commissioner Adamovich distributed copies of her report on the Forum on Children and Youth Services: Redefining the Federal Role for Libraries, held at the Boston Public Library, May 4-5, 1993. A summary of the report follows:

Areas of interest and definite need mentioned repeatedly (apart from the fact that all speakers cited the need for funding) were the needs for:

- (1) research into library output measures and the gathering of substantial statistics to back the performance of library services;
- (2) education and training for library personnel in a variety of areas such as automation, children's services, youth services, literacy, etc.;
- (3) school and public library cooperation;
- (4) networking among all types of libraries in a community;
- (5) parent/child programs for literacy; children and youth services from early childhood to adulthood; and
- (6) the promotion of cooperative partnerships with other agencies interested in children's and youth services, such as Head Start.

Commissioner DiPrete stated that NCLIS is committed to strengthening and improving library and information services for children and youth and should serve as the catalyst. NCLIS should move from the mode of information-gathering to reporting and advising the President and Congress, in keeping with the 1970 NCLIS mandate. The Tri-Committee recommended conducting additional forums and meetings involving representatives from the library, information, literacy, and educational communities with special interest in the children and youth literacy initiative. In addition, the Committee recommended preparing a report synthesizing the information gathered and the relation of libraries to GOALS 2000. The report would be prepared for the President and Congress, with copies to the Department of Education, forum participants, and other interested agencies and groups.

The Committee discussed the development of a white paper bringing together all of the fragmented information into one cohesive document. The draft paper will be discussed prior to the Commission

meeting scheduled for November 9-10, 1993. It was pointed out, however, that accurate, up-to-date statistics on school libraries are needed for preparing the White Paper.

Recognition Committee -- Vice Chairman Swaim reported on the status of the 1993 NCLIS Recognition Awards approved at the January 1993 NCLIS meeting.

- Vice Chairman Swaim presented the 1993 NCLIS Recognition Award to KENS-TV, a CBS affiliated television station, on March 28, 1993, in San Antonio, Texas. It was a well-publicized event both in the media and print. KENS-TV was nominated for the award for their "generous and outstanding service to libraries for its creative fund-raising Annual Telefest on behalf of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation."

- A Special Recognition Award will be presented at the Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina, to Catherine B. Safrit on June 12, 1993. Mrs. Safrit was nominated for her "unusual service as a volunteer in the cause of literacy by helping to found her State and local literacy councils and by training more than 800 tutors in the Laubach Literacy instruction program." Mrs. Safrit's award recognizes the national impact of the Laubach Literacy program, the Nation's oldest volunteer literacy organization.

The other major volunteer literacy association in the Nation, the Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. (LVA), will be recognized in an award to its founder, Ruth Colvin of Syracuse, New York. The award will be announced at the July LVA board meeting in Rochester, New York, and will be presented in October at the LVA National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Commissioner Kelson or Vice Chairman Swaim, who serve on the LVA Board of Directors, will present the award.

Two other national awards will be presented to: (1) Motts USA, and (2) Screen Actors Guild before the end of the calendar year.

- Mrs. Della Jackson was nominated for "starting a library for black people in her mountain community in North Carolina using her own 90 books as the basic collection which she operated out of the parsonage of her church." Today, more than 50 years later, the library thrives with 25,000 volumes. Regretably, Mrs. Jackson recently passed away, but the award will be presented and hung in the library and will be noted at meetings of her university alumni.

Commissioner Reid, a member of the Recognition Committee, reminded the Commissioners that the NCLIS Recognition Award is a national award and there should be a national impact, rather than a State and/or regional impact. He also suggested that staff maintain a record of award presentations in the scrapbook. Commissioner Casey urged alertness and sensitivity to potential recipients of the award.

International Committee -- Commissioner Tabb, Chairman of the International Committee, reported the following:

- IFLA

As requested at the NCLIS January 1993 meeting, Commissioner Tabb brought forth the suggestion that the United States host a future IFLA Conference, possibly in 2000. Switzerland has recently withdrawn from hosting IFLA 1997, and it is now suggested that the United States host IFLA in 1997. Further discussion will be held at IFLA 1993 in Barcelona, Spain. Commissioner Tabb cautioned the Commission that the hosting of an international conference has heavy financial implications.

NCLIS representation at IFLA 1993 was discussed. It was suggested that possible representatives would be the Chairman of the International Committee, the Executive Director, and the incoming (or acting) Chairman. Commissioners interested in representing NCLIS at IFLA 1993 should inform Peter Young by Friday, May 21, 1993.

The legality of government travel and participation in IFLA 1994 in Havana, Cuba, was raised. A waiver from the U.S. Treasury is required for attendance.

- UNESCO

NCLIS (as one of several agencies involved with the Interagency Working Group) has been requested to review U.S. policy about UNESCO membership. NCLIS is reviewing a paper analyzing UNESCO's work in the Communications program sector. Since 1986, NCLIS has administered annual voluntary support contributions for the International Convention and Scientific Organization Contributions (ICSOC) program included in the International Organizations and Programs account of the Foreign Assistance Act. If the U.S. again becomes involved in UNESCO, it could mean a withdrawal of ICSOC funds from NCLIS.

- NCLIS Involvement in International Concerns

Commissioner Casey urged further Commission involvement in international concerns and matters. He suggested that a study be conducted on the library and information service needs in Russia, similar to the NCLIS' research and study on the library and information service needs for Native Americans. Chairman Farrell urged Commissioner Casey to draft a letter detailing his recommendations for Committee review prior to the August Commission meeting.

- "Glenerin" Working Paper

Commissioners were provided copies of the response by Marianne Scott, National Librarian, National Library of Canada, to the working paper prepared by Dr. Forest Woody Horton, Jr., entitled "Major Systems of Definition, Measurement and Classification that Serve as Barriers to Understanding and Exploiting the Role of Information in the Economy". In analyzing the paper, Commissioner

Taylor agreed with Ms. Scott's suggestion for better coverage of the library and information community aspect. Commissioner Taylor is drafting a response to the Horton report for Committee review.

Budget and Finance Committee -- In the absence of Commissioner Kelinson, Chair, Budget and Finance Committee, Commissioner Reid, committee member, referred to: (1) the NCLIS FY 1993 Spending Plan, revised May 17, 1993; and (2) the memorandum -- Revised Proposals for Commissioners' Committee and Liaison Activity for Balance of FY 1993 -- from Peter Young dated May 10, 1993. Chairman Farrell stated that he would consider the activity requests included in this memorandum in making his decisions. In addition, Commission Members recommended that the project involving Professor Chalres McClure serving as NCLIS Distinguished Researcher be approved by the Chairman.

MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

- June Fulton

June Fulton, President-Elect, Medical Library Association, made a brief presentation on education for library personnel. MLA -- a goal-oriented association -- offers annually a variety of scholarships and grants assisting qualified students in graduate library science programs and enabling health sciences librarians to take advantage of opportunities for continuing professional development. A \$2,000 scholarship is granted annually to a student entering an ALA-accredited library school or with at least one half of the requirements of the program to finish in the year following the granting of the scholarship. MLA scholarships and grants include: Scholarship for Minority Students; Doctoral Fellowship; Continuing Education Grants; and Research, Development, and Demonstration Project Grants.

MLA, founded in 1898, is a professional organization of 5,000 members in the health sciences information field to foster medical and allied scientific libraries, to promote the education and professional growth of health science librarians, and to exchange medical literature among members.

- Carla J. Funk

Carla J. Funk, MLA Executive Director, outlined her work with the members, the Board of Directors, and association staff to implement association programs and policies addressing the needs of health information librarians preparing for the next century.

- Fred W. Roper

Fred W. Roper, Incoming President-Elect, spoke on MLA's recently developed educational policy statement, *Platform for Change*. MLA describes the Platform as "MLA's foundation on which to develop a new consensus within the health information community on knowledge and skills required to meet the needs -- present and future -- on health care, research, and education in technologically intensive, user-driven, and rapidly changing organizations." The statement presents the Association's view of the changing information environment and its impact on the knowledge and skills needed by the professionals in the health sciences libraries of the future.

The document describes the major environmental trends affecting health sciences librarianship, outlines the competencies required for successful practice, and looks ahead to tomorrow. Most importantly, it recognizes that library and information science education is a partnership of many players and that all of those involved in the educational endeavor must take steps to ensure that information professionals are well prepared to face the challenges of the future.

Noting that lifelong learning must be a cornerstone of every individual's professional development plan, the document sets forth 21 recommendations:

Chairman Farrell noted the long-term working relationship between NCLIS and MLA. He thanked Ms. Fulton, Ms. Funk, and Mr. Roper for their informative presentations, and stated, "I now have a greater appreciation for the work of the Medical Library Association and for the task ahead."

CHARLES BENTON

At the Chairman's invitation, Charles Benton, NCLIS Chairman Emeritus and Chairman, Public Media, Inc., Chicago, joined the Members for a working lunch and to discuss his thoughts on NCLIS plans. His remarks related to the material he distributed:

- Omnibus Children and Youth Literacy Initiative
- School Library Media Center Expenditures, ESEA
- Article from *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* entitled, "Why Non-Profits Should Gear Up for "Information Superhighways" by Richard M. Neustadt
- Reprint from *School Library Journal*, January 1993, entitled "Reading Images, Videos in the Library and Classroom" by Kay E. Vandergrift, Rutgers University

With respect to NREN, Mr. Benton urged the Commissioners to carefully reexamine the NCLIS February 1982 report entitled, *Public Sector/Private Sector Interaction in Providing Information Services*, prepared by the NCLIS Public Sector/Private Sector Task Force. Mr. Benton called it an excellent report of a two-year study on the interactions between government and private sector information activities. The report cites 7 principles for guiding interaction between the public and private sectors and 27 recommendations for implementing these principles. "Access, affordability, values, and equity do not change," Mr. Benton stated.

In this informal talk, Mr. Benton addressed the following topics:

- *Information Literacy and Education for the 21st Century, A Symposium* sponsored by NCLIS and the American Association of School Librarians, 14-16 April 1989, in Leesburg, Virginia. Mr. Benton was very enthusiastic about the agenda for action and encouraged comprehensive consideration of the recommendations included in the action agenda.
- *Pathways to Excellence: Improving Library and Information Services for Native American Peoples.* Mr. Benton stated, "This report builds on the success of the 1979 WHCLIS. Fight for priorities in library and information services for Native Americans in the national scheme of things. Push provision of library and information services higher! [Twenty-six percent of Indian schools have no functioning school library.] This community needs equity and balance."
- Omnibus Children and Youth Literacy Initiative -- "A direct result of the successful 1991 WHCLIS. This is an exciting and wonderful resolution and it should be NCLIS' first priority -- the one central challenge for NCLIS!"
- NCLIS should continue work on implementation of the 64 1979 WHCLIS recommendations which are still relevant, in addition to the 95 1991 WHCLIS recommendations..
- ESEA -- School library media center expenditures, when adjusted for inflation, have declined 16 percent in public schools and 14 percent in private schools since 1978-79. "The question is how to get the Omnibus Initiative implemented to influence ESEA. The Initiative also presents an opportunity to reconsider the question of categorical funding for school library media centers. "This is a real opportunity for NCLIS."

- "There is a need to bring non-sexist materials into libraries. Print and media are converging, and there is a need for media literacy and print literacy."

Chairman Farrell thanked Chairman-Emeritus Benton for the excellent, thought-provoking talk.

NCLIS DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER

After discussion, the Commissioners approved the Executive Director's proposal to invite Dr. Charles R. McClure, Professor, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, to serve as an NCLIS consultant and the first Distinguished Researcher to the Commission from August to December 1993. Dr. McClure will provide the Commission expertise in researching and examining the impacts of Internet/NREN networking on libraries and information services and how these impacts can be measured. A copy of the letter of invitation to Dr. McClure is Attachment II.

BRIDGET LAMONT

Bridget Lamont, Director, Illinois State Library, informed the Members that The Honorable George Ryan, Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian, could not be present. She presented each Member with a letter from Secretary Ryan (Attachment I) and a personalized copy of the *Illinois Blue Book, 1991-1992*.

Ms. Lamont described some of the many activities of the Illinois State Library. The Library has a collection of more than 5 million items and serves as the principal information resource for the State government. The Library subscribes to over 2,000 magazines and journals and has more than 130,000 maps. The State Library serves Illinois citizens directly and through the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET) consisting of nearly 2,600 libraries

statewide. The library spends \$20 million annually to fund a comprehensive network of 18 regional library systems that work with libraries at the grass roots level. It coordinates a network of 56 selective Federal document depositories and 28 State document depositories to ensure that government information is available to all citizens. "Resource sharing is the operative term for what we do in our libraries. We share materials from one library to another, and we do that at no charge," she stated.

Illinois is also unique in another way -- there are 1.8 million people in the State without tax-supported library service. One-half of the libraries in the State serve populations of under 5,000 people.

Illinois libraries face several major challenges:

- By end of 1994, assuring that every library in ILLINET, at least, has the basic equipment (computer, keyboard, modem, etc.), to hook-up to the Statewide Network;
- Training and re-training librarians, support staff, and the board members governing the libraries in the State;
- Attracting new librarians by re-instituting both a full-time and part-time scholarship program.
- More marketing and marketing training to help promote libraries across the State.
- Improving library economics -- with focus on resource sharing.
- Embarking on a State-based information policy effort.

Two "delightful" programs at present are:

- (1) Library Partners with the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce; a match program of "who can do what for the other."

(2) *The Live and Learn Program*, which looks at the impact of property tax caps on school and public libraries in the State of Illinois.

Also representing the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), Ms. Lamont stated that COSLA is always looking to play a stronger role with NCLIS. She thanked the Commissioners for inviting her to speak and for meeting in Illinois.

After a brief question and answer session, Chairman Farrell thanked Ms. Lamont for the informative presentation and for the wonderful hospitality of the Illinois State Library.

ALICE CALABRESE

Alice Calabrese, Executive Director, Chicago Library System, began her presentation by stating, "Illinois has good library service because it is under the tremendous leadership of Bridget Lamont, and we in Illinois owe Bridget Lamont a debt of gratitude for the work she has done."

The Chicago Library System is an administrative agency that coordinates resource sharing for Chicago area libraries, including public, academic, school, and special libraries. Ms. Calabrese described the Library System as the "glue" that makes all the libraries stick together, praising the interlibrary loan system. "Until the budget cut last year, many people were unaware of how much the Library System was helping," she stated. "There is, of course, competition for financial resources, i.e., police, fire, sanitation, snow removal all compete with libraries for support. In fact, just last year the administrative staff for school library media centers was cut. Budget cuts do, however, make one rethink what it is that really needs to be done."

"Challenges are an opportunity, and sometimes an opportunity for greatness," Ms. Calabrese stated. Some of today's challenges are developing models that help make a transition in terms of the way the public environment is served. The Library Board has set as its challenge that within two to three years every single library in Illinois will be connected with an 800 number that will allow Internet participation.

The Chicago Library System is focusing on material delivery, resource sharing through automated technology and bibliographic access. "Resource sharing is the cornerstone of our service," she stated. The Chicago Library System's key to success is "Working together! We realize that we cannot do everything. We focus on what we can do, and do it well."

The Chairman thanked Ms. Calabrese, again, for the hospitality shown by the Chicago Library System and for her personal assistance in planning for the NCLIS meeting and reception in Chicago.

ELECTION OF NCLIS VICE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ballots were distributed. After voting and tabulation, Chairman Farrell reported the following appointments:

NCLIS Vice Chairman:

Elinor H. Swaim (re-elected)

NCLIS Executive Committee Member:

Wanda L. Forbes

NCLIS Alternate Executive Committee Member:

Daniel W. Casey

SPECIAL HONORS

Chairman Swaim presented Chairman Farrell with a framed resolution honoring his term as NCLIS Chairman, 1992-1993. A copy of the text is Attachment III. Chairman Farrell's term expires on July 19, 1993. Chairman Farrell thanked the Commissioners and staff and wished them good luck.

Chairman Swaim presented Commissioner Jerald C. Newman, NCLIS Chairman Emeritus, 1987-1990, and Commissioner, 1987-1992 with a framed resolution honoring his service. A copy of the text is Attachment IV.

The framed resolution honoring Commissioner Julia Li Wu for her term 1973-1978, and 1982-1992 will be sent to her. A copy of the text is Attachment V.

Another resolution adopted by the Commissioners during their May 17 Committee meeting honored John G. Lorenz for his service to the National Commission, for his direction as Coordinator, Library Statistics Program, and congratulated him as the recipient of the 1993 American Library Association Joseph W. Lippincott Award for a lifetime of distinguished contribution to librarianship. The framed resolution will be presented in Washington, D.C. at a staff meeting. The text of the resolution is Attachment VI.

NCLIS MEETING SCHEDULE

After discussion, the Members agreed that the next meeting of the NCLIS would be held on August 5 and 6, 1993, at the Free Library of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NCLIS COMMITTEES

Chairman Farrell revised the NCLIS Committee assignments. A copy of the revised listing is Attachment VII.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Attachments:

- I Letter from Secretary Ryan**
- II Letter of Invitation to Dr. Charles R. McClure**
- III Text, NCLIS Resolution Honoring J. Michael Farrell**
- IV Text, NCLIS Resolution Honoring Jerald C. Newman**
- V Text, NCLIS Resolution Honoring Julia Li Wu**
- VI Text, NCLIS Resolution Honoring John G. Lorenz**
- VII NCLIS Committee Assignments, Revised May 18, 1993**

Revised: July 19, 1993

May 17, 1993

Dear Commissioner:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Illinois for this meeting of the U.S. Commission on Libraries and Information Science. I hope that this copy of the Illinois Blue Book will be a good resource for you and better acquaint you with Illinois State government.

I want to thank you for your leadership on behalf of libraries and their patrons. The Commission's contributions have been instrumental in keeping national policies aligned with burgeoning information needs as well as the often complex issues confronting today's libraries. We in Illinois appreciate this most important role that you perform.

As State Librarian, I am extremely pleased with the network of libraries in our state and with the diligence, resourcefulness, and perspicacity with which their services are delivered. I believe that Illinois libraries and library systems offer very successful models of the best in library service.

If there is any way in which my office can be of service to you, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

GEORGE H. RYAN
Secretary of State and
State Librarian

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7 June 1993

Dr. Charles R. McClure
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Dear Dr. McClure:

On behalf of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), I am pleased to invite you to serve as NCLIS Visiting Scholar. Based on a proposal approved at the 18 May 1993 Commission meeting in Chicago, the Commission has authorized me to extend an invitation to you as an NCLIS consultant and the first Visiting Scholar to the Commission. As NCLIS Visiting Scholar, from July, 1993 to November, 1993, you will provide the Commission expertise in researching and examining the impacts of Internet/NREN networking on libraries and information services and how these impacts can be measured. This critical area is recognized by the Commission as central to the future of libraries and information services.

As NCLIS Visiting Scholar studying library networking impacts, your work will build upon your considerable expertise. In addition, this topic relates directly to networking recommendations resulting from the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services, the results of the NCLIS open forum on library and information services' roles in the National Research and Education Network (NREN) held in July 1992, and future Commission program plans in the networking field. As NCLIS Visiting Scholar in this field your work can provide the basis for the development of strategies to enable libraries and information services to make effective use of networking capabilities to extend the benefits of the emerging national information infrastructure to all elements of the National community.

The Commission will pay travel, hotel, and per diem expenses (at Federal government rates) for work and meetings related to your activities as NCLIS Visiting Scholar. It is expected that you will spend approximately four days per month over the five months between July, 1993 and November, 1993 as NCLIS Visiting Scholar for this project. The visits you schedule in your work as NCLIS Visiting Scholar are expected to include two two-day sessions per month for the five-month period. The Commission will provide support and consultant

compensation to you as NCLIS Visiting Scholar. Compensation for the consultation will total \$10,000.

In researching and examining the impacts of Internet/NREN networking on libraries and information services and how these impacts can be measured, it is expected that your visits will include meetings with NCLIS Members and staff, with other library, networking, and information services representatives from public, private, and independent sector organizations. Your NCLIS Visiting Scholar activities will result in a report providing information about the topic, suggestions for further activities, identification of possible projects and partnerships that can advance the development of network impact measurement systems and procedures, and recommendations to the Commission. It is expected that the Commission will publish and distribute a final report based on your work as Visiting Scholar.

I am looking forward to hearing from you about this exciting offer and I hope to receive a positive indication of your acceptance and willingness to serve as the first NCLIS Visiting Scholar.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Young
Executive Director

DR. CHARLES R. MCCLURE is professor at the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244 (315-443-2911), e-mail address: (cmoclure@sivm.acs.syr.edu). He teaches courses in U.S. government information management and policies, information resources management, library/information center management, and planning/evaluation of information services. He completed his Ph.D. in Library and Information Services from Rutgers University. He is a member and has held a number of elective and committee positions, in the American Society for Information Science, the American Library Association, the Information Industry Association, and the Association for Library and Information Science Educators.

He has written extensively on topics related to U. S. government information, information resources management (IRM), and information policy including the co-authored works Federal Information Policies in the 1980's: Conflicts and Issues (Ablex, 1987); Linking the National Technical Information Service with Academic and Public Libraries (Ablex, 1986); GPO's Depository Library Program: A Descriptive Assessment (Ablex, 1985); and Public Access to Government Information, Second edition (Ablex, 1988). He was editor and contributor to U.S. Government Information Policies and U.S. Government Scientific and Technical Information Policies (Ablex, 1989).

He completed work on the co-authored book The National Research and Education Network (NREN) Design and Policy Issues (Ablex, 1991). More recently, his research related to the NREN has produced the report funded by OCLC, Inc. Public Libraries and the INTERNET/NREN: New Challenges, New Opportunities (Syracuse University: School of Information Studies), and Identifying and Describing Government Information Inventory Locator Systems: Design for Networked-Based Locators (Washington, DC: National Audio-Visual Center). He is completing the study, funded by Meckler Publishing, Role of academic libraries in the Internet/NREN. McClure also serves as Associate Editor of Government Information Quarterly and founding Editor of Electronic Networking: Research, Applications, and Policy.

He has served as the principal investigator for studies related to the management of government information and information policy which were funded by the U.S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment, the Government Printing Office, the National Technical Information Service, the Office of Management and Budget, the Bureau of the Census, and the National Science Foundation. He is the principal investigator of a study, completed in January, 1993, funded by the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment entitled Federal Information Policy and Management for Electronic Service Delivery.

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U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

RESOLUTION

J. MICHAEL FARRELL

Whereas, The Honorable J. Michael Farrell has served with distinction as the Chairman of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) since March 1992; and

Whereas, Chairman Farrell served with enthusiasm, interest, and knowledge as a Commissioner from October 1990 until his appointment as NCLIS Chairman in March 1992; and

Whereas, he provided important counsel and assistance in the planning and conduct of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services held in July 1991, serving as the moderator of the open forum and as the NCLIS Member of the Conference Rules Committee; and

Whereas, he has generously contributed his skills, energy, and talents to chairing three NCLIS forums to plan for implementing the recommendations from the White House Conference; and

Whereas, under Chairman Farrell's leadership and direction, the Commission has made significant progress toward identifying the roles of libraries and information services in the emerging National Research and Education Network and the evolving national information infrastructure and toward the identification of the roles of libraries in support of the National Education Goals;

Be It Therefore Resolved that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science extends best wishes, sincere appreciation, and thanks to Chairman J. Michael Farrell for his service, contribution, and dedication to the important work of the Commission.

Unanimously adopted by the Members of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science on this date, May 18, 1993.

U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

RESOLUTION

JERALD C. NEWMAN

Whereas, The Honorable Jerald C. Newman served with distinction as the Chairman of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) from 1987 to 1990, and substantially contributed to the Commission's programs as an informed and devoted Commissioner since 1982; and

Whereas, under his leadership NCLIS carried forth the planning which resulted in the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services held in July 1991; and

Whereas, as Chairman he displayed the foresight and true concern for the special library and information services needs of rural areas, of economically, socially, or culturally deprived persons by calling the Commission's first regional hearing on Library and Information Services for Native Americans in Santa Fe, New Mexico, January 1989; and

Whereas, under his Chairmanship the Commission began working with the U.S. Department of State on alternative mechanisms to UNESCO to further international programs in library, information, and archival areas, and

Whereas, the Commission has greatly benefited from Commissioner Newman's unique expertise, knowledge, perspective, insight, and dedication;

Be It Therefore Resolved that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science hereby extend appreciation to The Honorable Jerald C. Newman for his tenure, contribution, and dedication to the important work of the Commission.

Unanimously adopted by the Members of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science on this date, May 18, 1993.

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

RESOLUTION

JULIA LI WU

Whereas, The Honorable Julia Li Wu served with distinction as a Commissioner of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) for a total of 16 years since 1973; and

Whereas, by her service on NCLIS, Commissioner Wu has demonstrated her devotion to the Commission's mission of assuring library and information services adequate for all Americans; and

Whereas, the Members of NCLIS attest to her special dedication to the interests, concerns, and goals of the school library media profession and to the library and information needs of the Nation's disadvantaged minorities; and

Whereas, she has served with distinction, diplomacy, and knowledge of international library and information service issues while chairing the Commission's International Committee; and

Whereas, Commissioner Wu's presence will be missed by her Commission colleagues and friends;

Be It Therefore Resolved that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science commends The Honorable Julia Li Wu for her many years of diligent service and for her personal and professional contributions in furtherance of the work of the Commission.

Unanimously adopted by the Members of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science on this date, May 18, 1993.

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

RESOLUTION

JOHN G. LORENZ

WHEREAS, the annual American Library Association's Joseph W. Lippincott Award is presented to a librarian for distinguished service to the profession of librarianship; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the prestigious Lippincott Award are recognized for their outstanding participation in the activities of professional library associations on behalf of the profession and its aims; and

WHEREAS, for more than 35 years John G. Lorenz has served as consummate teacher and mentor to many mid-career practitioners by providing inspiration, sound advice, and wise council, all the while encouraging efforts to understand and interpret the opportunities and challenges facing the profession; and

WHEREAS, his skill in diplomacy, enthusiasm, and positive orientation have placed him in the position of being the senior ambassador for much of our profession; and

WHEREAS, John G. Lorenz epitomizes the dedicated librarian, and is the recipient of the 1993 Joseph W. Lippincott Award.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science congratulates Mr. Lorenz as the recipient of the Lippincott Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science extend their personal praise, sincere appreciation, and deep gratitude to John G. Lorenz for his life-long career and continuous dedication to the library and information services profession.

Unanimously adopted by the Members of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science on this date, May 18, 1993.

NCLIS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- (1) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - J. Michael Farrell, Chairman;**
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- (7) **COMMITTEE ON GOALS 2000: EDUCATE AMERICA AND**
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