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The President's Program during ALA's 1978 midwinter meeting in Chicago (Wednesday, January 25, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.) will focus on involving the library profession in the formulation of a national information policy.

According to ALA President Eric Moon, the program's purpose is to get the library community actively involved in the drafting of such a policy. He points out that most of the ideas and discussion on the topic have come from outside the profession.

Moon stresses that the President's Program is just one step along the road to influencing a future national information policy; but a good way to give impetus to ALA's 1978 annual conference--where the policy will be a major concern--and also a good way to inform the Carter Administration of the profession's concerns in this area.

A committee, representing diverse interests within ALA and the profession, is currently working on a draft statement of key issues it believes should be addressed by a national information policy. This document, which will be distributed to all registrants, is intended to stimulate discussion during the program. The committee is chaired by David Kaser, Professor, Graduate Library School, Indiana University.

In a move toward achieving solidarity of purpose among the library community, the following association presidents will serve as a panel to

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discuss the draft statement:

Gilbert J. Clausman, President, Medical Library
Association.
Shirley Echelman, President, Special Libraries
Association.
Bill Grady, President, Association for Educational
Communications and Technology.
Audrey N. Grosch, President, American Society for
Information Science.