

JOINT MEETING

OLOS Subcommittee on Library Service for American Indian People And The American Indian Library Association

Minutes of January 19, 1986

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1. Janice Beaudin and Rhonda Taylor co-chaired the meeting which began at 2:00 p.m. Members of the sub-committee in attendance were Richard Heyser, Janice Beaudin, Rhonda Harris Taylor, Sally Roggia, Dr. Mary Nieball, Lotsee Smith and Jean Coleman. Frank Stevens, Chief, Library Education, Research and Resources Branch, U.S. Department of Education was in attendance as a special guest to speak on Title IV of the Library Services and Construction Act. Other guests included Bill Clennell from Oxford's Bodleian Library, Sara Myers, Jerry Campbell, Mary Kizer, Naomi Wood, Martin Gomez, Linda Richer, Marvin Light, and Carolyn Else.
2. Minutes from the meeting of 7/9/85 were discussed. Dr. Mary Nieball moved, with Sally Roggia seconding, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The revision of the OLOS goals and objectives was discussed next. The committee discussing the revision met Friday night, January 17, 1986 and Rhonda Taylor represented the American Indian Subcommittee. There was another meeting scheduled for Monday, January 20, 1986 and if anyone had any thoughts for it they were to let Dr. Taylor know.
4. The new American Indian Library Association brochure has been printed and distributed. Everyone was urged to join and spread the word about AILA.
5. Rhonda Harris Taylor reported that JMRT had a minority recruitment committee and that we were working with them. JMRT, for a \$5.00 fee, would set up a time in their hospitality suite at ALA in New York for Native Americans. OLOS Subcommittee and AILA members should make every effort to attend. Ms. Taylor also reported that JMRT displays information on all minority library organizations and will distribute information at New York. JMRT is constantly getting letters looking for minority students and OLOS/AILA needed to organize something to get information out to those seeking it.

Dr. Heyser pointed out that TRAILS is beginning to promote AILA and would continue to do so within the limits of the TRAILS contract. However, Dr. Heyser pointed out, that those inquiring into AILA are expecting the organization to do something. Frank Stevens pointed out that to date TRAILS was operating within the parameters of their contract as far as he knew and could continue to do so in the future.

6. Sally Roggia stated that between herself and Tom Blumer that the New York conference was covered. Ms. Roggia distributed a memo (copy attached and presented as attachment A) concerning the bus tour and stated that we needed to publicize it. If we wanted the tour promoted in the pre-AILA promotion we needed to have something written up by January 27, 1986. Rhonda Taylor offered to help Sally write it. Mr. Finney from the New York State Library will also help promote the tour.

Jean Coleman stated that ALA could take checks for the tour but we should set a deadline for accepting them. Ms. Coleman also pointed out that nothing has been done about the Pow Wow. Sally Roggia moved to cancel the Pow Wow as we were doing enough already and Dr. Heyser seconded the motion. Jean Coleman stated that the Pow Wow was an established program and we should consider retaining it at least in a Pow Wow like format. Rhonda Taylor moved, with Sally Roggia seconding, to table the motion until the next day's meeting.

7. Frank Stevens made a presentation on the status of LSCA Title IV. Mr. Stevens informed meeting participants that Beth Fine is his primary assistant in overseeing LSCA Title IV and their responsibilities include mailing regulations and grant application forms and coordinating the evaluation of grant applications received. In FY 1985 approximately 131 Basic Grants and 15 Special Project grants were funded. FY 1986 seems to be more successful with approximately 170 Basic Grant applications received. The increase was due in part to the passage of a technical amendment allowing California and Oklahoma tribes to apply. Mr. Stevens pointed out that the good news of more tribes applying for Basic Grants is negated in part by the fact that there will be less funds available for Special Project grants. The funding future is not clear because of the budgetary constraints of Graham-Ruddman-Hollings but his office would administer Title IV as efficiently as possible. Mr. Stevens also pointed out that comments are welcome as the more information they have the better they can serve the tribes and that he and Beth Fine would be happy to work with AILA/DLOS.

8. Lotsee Smith made a status report on the TRAILS program. Dr. Smith pointed out that the staff of TRAILS was most successful in letting the tribes know they are there through its general promotional efforts including the publication of its update; presentations on television, at COSLA, and the National Tribal Chairman's Association's annual conference; and professional journals. Dr. Smith went on to explain there are 3 phases to the program the first being assistance and guidance, the second being the development of a procedures manual and a needs assessment and third being training. The heavy concentration on guidance and assistance will end at the end of February after the Special Project grant deadline although it will still be available throughout the length of the contract. The procedures manual and needs assessment tool will receive its concentrated effort from January through May with Training being emphasized in the summer. Dr. Smith pointed out that we are very pleased by the cooperation and support we are receiving from the state libraries and gave special thanks to Martin Gomez in California and John McCracken in Oklahoma for their efforts.

Dr. Smith then informed meeting participants that the future of TRAILS looked bleak. She had recently held a discussion with Anne Matthews the new Director of Library Programs at the U.S. Department of Education and was most concerned about her attitudes and lack of understanding of the situations that the tribes are in. Dr. Smith said that we will continue to work to see the program continued but was not optimistic at this point in time.

Dr. Smith pointed out that DEMCO was going to establish several items in support of tribes. Included in DEMCO's activities were the formulation of a basic supplies list for Indian libraries, the establishment of an account number for Indian tribes to order their supplies through at a discount, and possibly sponsoring a series of preservation workshops.

9. Marvin Light of Oglala Lakota College stated that he would be attending a meeting of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and would promote AILA there.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.