

Minutes
OLOS Subcommittee on Library Service for American Indian
People/American Indian Library Association
January 17, 1987
Chicago, Illinois

Present: Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar, Naomi Caldwell-Wood, Dennis Reed,
Kathy Kaya, Debby Schaeffer, Jeny D. Campbell, Rhonda Harris-
Taylor, Mary L. Nieball, Frances C. Dean

In the absence of Janice Beaudin, Chair of the OLOS Subcommittee, Rhonda Harris Taylor, President of AILA, chaired the meeting.

George Grant, from the OLOS Advisory Committee, reported on the current status of the ALA Office for Library Outreach Service. He noted that Jean Coleman had resigned under duress and noted that in 1982 there was a movement to downgrade the OLOS Office. The OLOS Advisory Committee is coordinating efforts to provide some form of recognition/appreciation for Jean Coleman and AILA should discuss this. Also AILA may submit a name for representation on the OLOS Advisory Committee group providing input to the search process for the new director of OLOS.

George noted that the OLOS Advisory Committee program at Conference (June '87) will be about mentoring and third world members, and will be coordinated by Elfreda Chapman. Lotsee Smith will be part of the program. Also, OLOS Advisory Committee has 2 programs in the planning stages:

- 1) computerized instruction in literacy (a proposal submitted by Jean)--
conference hearings in Chicago is still possible in '88.
- 2) a mentor program to prepare minorities for assuming jobs in ALA.

George also announced that interested minority applicants should contact the search committee for the new director of OLOS.

John Ortiz, from the Census National Services Program, presented a short talk on the 1980 census and plans for the next census. He noted that there are plans to use enumerators who know the areas being surveyed. Ortiz said that he and Sam Johnson are liaisons for the American Indian groups and can fill most requests for data, including some complimentary copies. AILA requested that Ortiz submit a synopsis of services available to the AILN, and include his address and phone number.

Dennis Reed and Debbie Schaefer reported on the "Factors in Serving American Indians" brochure. They recommended a new visual format (i.e. input from a graphics person) and that the two brochures might be combined. It was recommended that since ALA helped with the printing of the brochures that revision wait until a new director is selected for OLOS.

It was agreed that AILA/OLOS Subcommittee would meet Sun. from 11:30 -12:30 and 4:30 - 5:30, in view of conflicts of meeting times between the published agenda and the official program.

Members reported that some people are still not receiving their newsletter.