

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OLSD AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR MINORITY CONCERNS

Chicago: Palmer House, Sunday, June 25, 1978

Members Present: John J. Ayala (REFORMA) L.B.C.C.; David Cohen (SRRT, EMIE Task Force); Jean E. Coleman (ALA/OLSD); C. Michael Diodati (IALC) N.Y.P.L.; Daniel Duran (REFORMA), Palos Verdes Library District; George C. Grant (Black Caucus, AIA) Morgan State University; Ellen Sleeter (Drexel University), Recorder; Avery Williams (Black Caucus, AIA).

Update: Asian Caucus (by J.E. Coleman): The Caucus still exists, but budget cuts and the president's illness has effected the organization. The Ad Hoc Committee/OLSD had a three-fold charge: (1) a survey of public libraries in the U.S.; (2) a bibliography of materials; (3) a survey of the Chicago area vis-a-vis library usage among Chinese, Japanese, Philipino and Korean-Americans. It has/will work on the question of illegal aliens and this numbers effect on the survey.

Black Caucus of AIA (by George C. Grant): The Caucus's concerns are particularly on Affirmative Action in employment opportunities and the various suits on the same. It will work to provide materials to libraries in underdeveloped countries. Its newsletter will provide information for the Goverbors' Conferences on Libraries. It will encourage its membership to actively join AIA's programs to prevent additional materials from being produced in the form of The Speaker.

Italian American Librarians Caucus (by C. Michael Diodati): The Caucus has reached a plateau in development and continues to receive requests for its bibliography etc. from throughout the United States. It is updating this bibliography and expanding its scope into other areas. The IALC Chair was a delegate to the N.Y. State Governor's Conference on Libraries and is writing a position paper for the Florida Governor's race. It is active in the various outreach and ethnic committees of the New York Library Association and the California Association.

REFORMA (by Daniel Duran): REFORMA is reorganizing its Executive Board and its regional representation and Chapter representation. There is a need for additional Spanish language bibliographies. Recommendations for the White House Conference will come from the position paper prepared under Mr. Trejo. Its wealth of materials encourages it to seek a depository for its archives. It is seeking more local representation and a more local response to local Spanish population needs.

ISD, American Indians (by Jean E. Coleman) There will be a pre White House Conference in Denver for the United States Indian population on reservations.

SRRT, EMIE Task Force (by David Cohen): The EMIE Task Force petition to establish an Ethnicity Round Table was not supported by COO and will be so supported to the Executive Board. There is a need for ethnic input into the White House Conference. A Committee under the NYLA Council, modeled after California's Task Force, was established.

All members are invited to the EMIE Task Force program on identifying ethnic neighborhoods.

Ethnic Materials Value Survey (by Larry Sherrill): The proposal was sent to OLSD but according to Jean Coleman too late for action in this year's budget. Ms. Coleman requests that a more comprehensive proposal be submitted to the OLSD Advisory Committee and Dr. Sherrill asks that a written statement be sent to him from the forthcoming Advisory meeting on where additional information is needed as he (Dr. Sherrill) will be in New York at the time of this meeting.

New Business: The Ad Hoc Subcommittee agreed to meet at Mid-Winter and feels a need for a continuance of the Sub Committee. Jean Coleman suggests that a vote of confidence/non-confidence in the same be taken at each meeting in lieu of the Subcommittee's Ad Hoc status.

Membership agreed to submit to Ms. Coleman the names of delegates to the White House Conference which she will compile and send to membership. They in turn will send their recommendations to the delegates with copies of the same to: Eileen Cooke, AIA Washington Office; Jean Coleman, ALA/OLSD and Peggy Barbara.

Members were given information cards to submit to Nancy Doyle, NEA who wishes to form a cadre of minority leaders. The card would indicate that Jean Coleman suggested writing the same.

by CM Diodati, Chair

6/26/78

per Jean E. Coleman

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MEETING MINUTES, SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINORITY AFFAIRS
Sunday evening, -:30-6:00 p.m. 1978

ATTendeess: Sherrill, Diodata, Cohen, Duran, Coleman, Grant, Ayala

REFORMA: (Duran)

1. reorganization of the executive board
2. to hold meetings of board out side (...?)
3. to promote Latino input on all levels to preface the WEhite House conference

Strong El Paso chapter, Tuscon (Pacific Coast), Louisiana, Florida. Hopefull signs in New York, Northeast.

Ayala: At Tuscon. Discussed needs. Will send copies of recommendations to JC so that she can disseminate.

JC: Said she got requests for bibliographies from libraries in rural, semi-rural areas. Wanted to be able to refer these requests to REFORMA; they could distribute the materials requested.

Cohen: (JEWISH-AMERICAN)

Announced program Monday morning, 10 a.m., Tracking Neighborhood Ethnicity. Wants infor about ethods to be used for counting 1980 census.

BLACK CAUCUS (Grant)

Still traditional concerns; e.g. Affirmative Action. Some librarians currently in process of suit. Wants to disseiminate information by/about Blacks. Booklift to underdeveloped countries; materials not necessarily fncussed on minorities. Title II grant money dwindling. Wants to get minority librarians more actively involved in ALA. Goal is to get black librarians into the fore-front of various segments of the organization.

JC: Nancy Bolt, NEH. Wants to develop minority readers in conjunction with reps from minority groups. Wants to focus on service-related references.

LATIN AMERICAN CAUCUS (Diodatti) He was rep to NY governor's conf. Was requested to update the bibliography on Latin-American materials. Is writing a report on the minority/ethnic concerns in Florida.

ETHNIC SERVICES TASK FORCE

Requesting a grant to test a survey for possible statewide distribution. Town mtg. in New York to gather information on users' perception of their needs. NYLA November Conf. wi-1 have discussions regarding all ethnic groups.

California Lib. Assn. looking to ALA for guidance.

JC: Asian American Caucus. Is suffering budget crunhh. OLSD surveyed level of needs of this group currently being met. Only in very high Asian population areas is anything being done for general Asian population. DId a bibliography on materials by/about Asian Americans.

LSD subcommittee. Reported on pre-Whitehouse Conf. in Oct. in Denver.

ETHNIC LITERATURE STUDY (Sherrill)

Remarked that their proposal has not yet been taken up by OLSD. Intent of project is to devise an instrument to measure ethnic groups' value systems re: racism, sexism. Late receipt of proposal by OLSD; didn't meet the March 1 deadline.

JC: Funds ok'ed will have to be managed thorough ALA offices.
Need clearer specs for proposal.

ROUNTABLE ON ETHNICITY

Decided not to recommend petition to Council. Membership has voted that present subcommittee structure should be retained.

WHITE HOUSE CONF.

What should this committee do?

JC: still time to prime delegates with strategies in the interim between pre- and full conference.

Dio: need to find out about Medgeworth's plan for contacting delegates.

Duran: REFORMA interested in getting concise info on REFORMA to delegates.

What to be done? Various groups want position statements forwarded to delegates. We could ask OLSD to disseminate. REFORMA would like to make individual contacts.

JC: individual contacts have more impact. Do send her a copy of the statements, however, so she can verify with inquiring groups about position of special interest groups. Also send to Eileen Cook, Peggy Barber.

Should Ad Hoc oomm. continue??? This question should be part of each agenda.

Duran: desire for midwinter and possibly another annual meeting of the group, to linger with results of White House conferences.