

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Interim Report in Regard to the
U. S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Legislation was charged by a Council Resolution on July 13, 1988, (Council Document 76) to:

...annually review the policies and activities of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and recommend to the Executive Board and Council what action, if any, the American Library Association should take relative to these policies and activities.

The Legislation Committee arranged for a member to attend the October 27-28, 1988, NCLIS meeting in Atlanta, Ga., as an observer. This process is necessary for the COL to monitor NCLIS activities. Therefore, we recommend continued attendance at NCLIS meetings. Attached are highlights of the October meeting and subsequent NCLIS-related actions. The committee recommends the following procedures to implement the Council's charge to the committee.

IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Monitor NCLIS programs and activities via written documentation, staff contacts, and attendance (by a Legislation Committee member whenever possible) at NCLIS open meetings.
2. Develop a written outline of NCLIS programs and activities, including the development of White House Conference, to chart progress and to report to ALA as a follow up to CD 50, 1987-88.
3. Identify ALA members or units currently involved with, or interested in, NCLIS programs and activities to obtain opinions and ideas regarding those programs, and stimulate ALA interaction with the National Commission regarding specific programs if not already underway.
4. At Midwinter conferences, report to the Executive Board and Council on the policies and activities of NCLIS with any recommendations for action by ALA.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Travel expenses for a committee member to attend three or four NCLIS meetings per year would be approximately \$3,000.00 per year.

Approved by the Council of the
American Library Association
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ATTACHMENT
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