

Minutes  
Legislation Committee  
Friday, June 20, 2003

Members present: Dan Barkley, Arlene Wieble, Valerie Glenn, Susan Kendall, Mary Mallory, Larry Romans, Becky Byrum

Chair Dan Barkley opened the Legislation I meeting with introductions of those present. The agenda was adopted and minutes approved as corrected. There were no announcements.

**Review of Draft Resolutions:**

Resolution on Superintendent of Documents FY2004 Salaries and Expenses Appropriations was drafted by Valerie Glenn and approved by the Committee after small changes were made in the figure for GPOAccess monthly average downloads.

Resolution Concerning the Education Resources Information Center was drafted by Larry Romans, with Kate Corby of ACRL-EBSS and was approved by the Committee. Larry was not sure whether it would go before COL or ACRL-EBSS. It will be taken up at the joint GIS/Legislation Committee on Saturday.

Resolution on the Terrorism Information Awareness Program was drafted by Sherry Mosley and Aimee Quinn and approved by the Committee.

Resolution Supporting Legislation to Protect our Constitutional Liberties was brought forward by Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski, Chair of ALA's Committee on Legislation, but the resolution will be under the sponsorship of the Privacy Subcommittee.

**New Business:**

Bob Walter, Chair of Government Information Subcommittee, discussed a resolution on Critical Infrastructure Information (CII). Dan Barkley will work on this resolution.

Bob also asked that the Committee discuss two issues relating to state and local government, privatization and security. Committee members Susan Kendall and Mary Mallory will research privatization and Valerie Glenn and Becky Byrum will research security.

Patrice McDermott of the ALA Washington Office reported on sensitive homeland security information issues.

Arlene Wieble asked if action should be taken regarding the Defense Appropriations Bill which calls for elimination of various reports to Congress. It was the consensus of the Committee that more information about the deleted reports was required before any action could be taken.

Bob Walter asked that the Committee look at the Restrictions on Access to Government Information (RAGI) Report to see how the Committee could implement any of the Report's recommendations.

A letter of congratulations will be drafted by the chairs of the Federal Documents Task Force and Legislation Committee to GPO on the GPO/OMB publishing agreement.

Discussion regarding HR 2429 (Surveillance Oversight and Disclosure Act of 2003) and HR 1157 (Freedom to Read Protection Act of 2003) was suspended until further consultation with GIS Chair.

Respectfully submitted by  
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