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Subject: Corrected Minutes of NCC Meeting

Here are the corrected Minutes. Please let me know if I have overlooked something.

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NCC Fall Meeting
University of Pennsylvania, Van Pelt Library
September 16, 1995 9:00 - 5:00
September 16, 1995 10:00 - 1:00

NCC Members Attending

Karen Brazell, Cornell University
Jack Cain, ISM Library Information Services
Amy Heinrich, Columbia University
Karl Kahler, University of Pennsylvania
Ellis Krauss, University of Pittsburgh
Yasuko Matsudo, University of Michigan
Takayasu Miyakawa, Mitsubishi Research Institute
Eizaburo Okuizumi, University of Chicago
Hisami Springer, University of Hawaii
Mariko Tamanoi, University of California, Los Angeles
Eleanor Westney, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Sept. 16)

Guests Attending

Dorothy Gregor, in-coming NCC Director
Michael Paschal, The Japan Foundation (Sept. 15)
Helen Poe, Library of Congress, attending for Ichiko Morita

NCC Members Not Attending

Ichiko Morita, Japan Documentation Center, Library of Congress
Jutta Reed-Scott, Association of Research Libraries

I. Greetings

Kahler, NCC chair, welcomed all members and guests. He conveyed regrets from Morita and Reed-Scott who were unable to attend because of other commitments. He also relayed regrets from Eric Gangloff, invited guest from The Japan-United States Friendship Commission, who had to remain in Washington to monitor congressional budget talks.

II. Reports

A. Report on the Japan Documentation Center (JDC) and the Library of Congress (LC) -- (Helen Poe)

Congress has not yet made final allocations, but Library of Congress will no doubt receive a flat budget. There should be no cut in acquisitions funds for Japanese materials, but there will be a reduction in buying power because of inflation. Probably there will be no increase in the number of staff. The Japanese Section has transferred some uncataloged materials to the Cataloging Division which will give more space to the Japanese Collection.

The Japan Documentation Center is doing well. In the short term, however, space is a serious problem. JDC will move to new quarters in 1997 with, it is hoped, more and better space. JDC and the Japanese Section of LC have been working together on a Serials Project which would help the section with subscriptions. JDC will try to add a Reference Librarian/Translator to the staff. At the Tokyo Office Mr. Matsuzawa is the part-time director, with two other staff members and a processing technician.

The Washington Office has been concentrating on automation. JDC plans a Home Page on WWW. One difficulty is access to Internet in Japan. JDC does not have that capacity yet. JDC also needs to build a profile on users of JDC services. They are receiving 120 requests/month.

Discussion: It was suggested that JDC contact Steve Anderson of GLOCOM and former member of NCC for help with the Internet question. NCC members asked that LC staff be encouraged to be more active in NCC, projects, and Poe agreed that she is encouraging broader future participation.

B. Report on the Subcommittee on Japanese Materials/CEAL -- (Eizaburo Okuizumi)

The Subcommittee's meeting last March had a lecture series on International Library Cooperation: Prof. Toshiro Kono lectured on Japanese literature; Ichiko Morita spoke on JDC; Dr. Masato Matsui recalled distinguished librarians who influenced his studies; and Mr. Koshiro Moroya, representative from the Association of Japanese Private University Libraries, focussed on the Book Donation Project. A script of Prof. Kono's extemporaneous lecture will be transcribed from a videotape of the speech and will be circulated to the CEAL community.

The Subcommittee on Japanese Materials solicits nominations for the new chair of the Subcommittee.

C. Report on the Association of American Universities/Association of Research Libraries Japanese Scientific and Technical Information (ARL-JSTI) Project -- (Dorothy Gregor)

The ARL-JSTI Japan project is not an acquisitions effort, but instead seeks to increase access to Japanese journal literature without adding

volumes to library shelves. The initial push for this project came from the AAU presidents.

Since the Project is starting an on-line user group, it is critical to get these users to talk to the project organizers.

The project will use the server at Ohio State University. It will begin with tables of contents for sci-tech journals, journals in Japanese in the sci-tech disciplines, and organizations which can supply journal articles and translations. The project hopes to move on to other areas by early next spring.

Discussion: NCC members noted that part of the support for the Ohio State University server comes from a grant proposed through NCC. NCC is an adviser to this project. NCC members agreed to help in the future by directing JUSTI(JSTI) to potential users and guiding JUSTI(JSTI) to source materials in Japan. NCC members suggested that planners look beyond WWW to other technologies such as Hotjava that allows for the downloading of whole programs rather than pages only.

D. Report from the NCC Japanese Liaison -- (Takayasu Miyakawa)
Miyakawa outlined his view of the mission of the NCC Japanese liaison: to help plan cooperative efforts between the U.S. and Japan; to advise NCC on fund-raising opportunities in Japan; and to attend and report on the meetings of CULCON.

He reported that CULCON has set up a working group to address the question of information access. The major contributor from the Japanese side will be NACSIS. This will be a high level policy effort. It is important to interject NCC opinions into the CULCON discussions, too. Miyakawa is also the chair of the Information Access Improvement Committee, Japan Foundation/Center for Global Partnership (CGP). The new director of CGP is Dr. Honma who is also a member of CULCON.

Discussion: Miyakawa urged NCC to review the question of information access from the American side and to make a proposal, endorsed by the Japan Foundation American Advisory Committee, to the Japan side. Other NCC members agreed with this suggestion.

E. Report from NEAC -- (Karen Brazell)
NEAC will meet on December 1. Ted Bester of the Department of Anthropology at Cornell will be the new chair. Brazell will report to NEAC about NCC's response to NEAC's concern about the need for new qualified librarians in the future. Brazell said that NEAC will help to prepare a persuasive document from NCC on the need to improve access to online databases in Japan.

F. Report from the Japan Foundation -- (Michael Paschal)
The Japan Foundation has a new director and an advisory committee of 15 members. There are no changes to the Library Support Program. The funding level for the library program also has not changed, but the budget increased by 5%-6%. The distribution of grant applications is later than expected this year which may affect the deadline for their return. The meeting to decide grant awards will be held in early February.

III. Review of On-going Projects

A. Japanese Book Donation/ Distribution Project -- (Eizaburo Okuizumi)

Plans for the Book Donation Project are going well. Part of the Project will be carried out according to prior agreements arranged on a private basis between two institutions. The rest of the Project will be arranged under the aegis of CEAL with advise and support from NCC.

The JAPUL has received a grant for three years to arrange and carry out the logistics of the donation. A group of five or six librarians from American collections (Eizaburo Okuizumi, Mihoko Miki, Hisami Springer, Maureen Donovan, Sachie Noguchi, and Masato Matsui) will meet on November 15 and 16 to discuss the project. This group will also work together in an unofficial capacity to address the CD-ROM periodical index question and also to visit major dealers and individual collectors who might help with future donation projects.

Discussion: NCC members felt there is a need to get a better idea about the contents of the proposed gift. Perhaps title-cards or a written list could be distributed to potential recipients of the gifts.

NCC members were also unclear about responsibility for the project: will it primarily be carried out privately? through CEAL? or through CEAL and NCC? Okuizumi stressed that much of this work is being done on an unofficial capacity, but it is important for NCC to help with these projects. NCC members agreed. NCC will send support letters to JAPUL and to ACE Japan. NCC will also send a letter to the National Diet Library about the CD-ROM index question.

NCC members requested that the unofficial group make their informal schedule public as soon as possible and also ask for input from the community as a whole. Okuizumi said that the CEAL Subcommittee will give a report on what has been done so far.

B. Association for Cultural Exchange (ACE) Japan - Japanese Art Exhibition Catalog Project - (Takayasu Miyakawa)

The budget for this project has been guaranteed, and the committee in Japan has been established. In brief the project will pinpoint on exhibition catalogs of contemporary Japanese art published in Japan. The project hopes to place one copy of these catalogs in a depository in Japan and another copy in the United States. The Advisory Committee in Japan would like to meet in Tokyo in mid-November with a Task Force from NCC for joint planning. The Project would like to settle on the names of the depository libraries by the end of this year.

Discussion: Yasuko Matsudo agreed to chair the Task Force from NCC. She will work with the NCC chair to put a Task Force in place. The NCC will choose three representatives to attend the mid-November meeting. NCC will use electronic mail to report on this project to the teaching, library and museum communities in the U.S.

NCC members listed criteria for selecting the depository library in the U.S. The criteria for the Multi-volume Set Project can be a starting point for the choice of participating libraries, e.g. related to existing library collections, the library's committing to prompt cataloging into a national database, availability through ILL, ease of access, etc. The Task Force will carry through with these suggestions and will propose the names of possible depository libraries to NCC. NCC will also advise their Japanese counterparts on ways to put the information on-line in a form that will be useful to users in the U.S.

C. East Asian Libraries Cooperative WWW -- (Karl Kahler)
Kahler read a written report sent by Maureen Donovan to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission last March. The report outlines plans to carry out the Commission's grant for setting up a WWW server centered at Ohio State.

Discussion: NCC members suggested information that might be a part of the WWW. NCC members asked that the chair discuss with Maureen Donovan the possibility of having someone at Ohio State be the liaison with NCC while Donovan is in Japan for a year. Heinrich agreed to talk with other members of the Cooperative and to report back to NCC. Miyakawa agreed to talk with Donovan about cooperation between the Cooperative and the CGP.

D. Librarian Training Project

1. Related report on the Indiana Conference on Area Studies Librarianship -- (Hisami Konishi Springer)

Five librarians with an East Asian expertise attended the Indiana Conference, but only one was a Japanese Studies specialist. Attendees recognized the aging of librarians in Area Studies, and the need to find ways to fill a large number of vacancies that will come about soon as more and more librarians retire. A questionnaire sent to Area Studies Directors, ARL Library Directors, and Area Studies Librarians showed that all felt future Area Studies librarians will need to have language expertise and also complex information management skills. The Conference looked at what way is best to find such experts: do we create a target program? do we try to make use of what we have now? Everyone sees the need, but no one has funding to meet the challenge individually.

Discussion: NCC members added that the problem of finding Japanese Studies librarians of the future is heightened because Japan-trained librarians prefer to stay in Japan, American-trained Japanese prefer to return to Japan, and even American-trained non-Japanese who are specialists in Japanese Studies are taking up positions in Japan. NCC asked the Subcommittee to look into ways to make known to academic advisors a career possibility in Japanese librarianship. The Subcommittee also should bring this problem up again with CULCON.

2. Report on the application for support to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission -- (Karl Kahler)

The Subcommittee submitted a new proposal to the Commission for support to design fellowships for the training of Japanese Studies experts in information management.

Discussion: The Subcommittee will plan further once the NCC has heard from the Commission about the grant proposal.

E. The RECON Project -- (Karl Kahler)

The proposal to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission for support of a national RECON coordinator of Japanese materials was approved. Dorothy Gregor has agreed to take on this task. The first step will be to update earlier RECON reports to get an idea of what is being done as well as what needs to be done.

F. NCC Newsletter -- (Karl Kahler)

The Spring 1995 issue of the NCC Newsletter asked for comments from readers not in the United States about the possibility of receiving the Newsletter only on-line. Many supported that idea.

Discussion: NCC members felt the next issue should continue its print form with a request to readers to reply if they would prefer an electronic copy only.

IV. Other Topics

A. The Zasshi Kiji Sakuin Question

The National Diet Library has announced that it will discontinue its paper form of the Zasshi Kiji Sakuin. It plans instead to issue a CD-ROM version costing \$2500.

Discussion: NCC members found this policy raises many questions. It will increase costs to many American collections. It will halt access to the Zasshi Kiji Sakuin by smaller collections that especially need the index as an access to what is available in larger collections. Buying and maintaining special hardware will be a major problem. NCC will write a letter to the NDL urging it to opt for an electronic alternative that could be accessed on-line in the U.S. NCC will also convey its concern to the International Access Committee of the CGP.

B. By-laws

The revised by-laws were approved. Karen Brazell agreed to be the NCC Treasurer.

C. Nominating Subcommittee (Kahler, Okuizumi, Brazell)

The Nominating Subcommittee is working satisfactorily. In the future this Subcommittee will meet as a group sometime on the days that NCC meets.

D. Future composition of Subcommittees

NCC reviewed the present subcommittees and agreed that many of them need to be reconstituted. The Nominating Subcommittee will carry out this task.

There was concern about the overlap of the Serials Subcommittee with other subcommittees. The Serials Subcommittee will not be reconstituted at this time. Instead the Multi-volume Set Subcommittee will address serial reprints, and the Electronic Resources Subcommittee will review electronic serial questions.

NCC members agreed to co-chair Subcommittees.

Multi-volume Set Subcommittee - co-chair, Tamanoi

Electronic Resources Subcommittee - co-chair Krauss with Cain remaining as co-chair initially

Japan Foundation Library Support Program Advisory Subcommittee - co-chair Springer

Librarian Training Subcommittee - chair Sharon Minichiello. The Subcommittee will remain as is.

RECON Subcommittee - chair Kahler, coordinator Gregor

Japanese Art Exhibition Catalog Project Task Force - chair Matsudo

E. International Conference of Japanese Specialists

Sachie Noguchi sent a report to NCC that plans for this International Conference are still in the beginning stages, and asked that NCC appoint someone to represent it at the planning meetings.

Discussion: NCC members expressed appreciation to Noguchi for bringing this news to NCC's attention. NCC is unclear about the scope and purpose of the conference and will seek further advise from the organizers in Japan.

The chair adjourned the meeting with special thanks to Amy Heinrich and Jack Cain who both have contributed greatly to NCC efforts during their four years of service.

Date and place of the Winter meeting will be decided on e-mail.