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NATIONAL NEWS COUNCIL, INC.

Council Meeting

January 28, 1974.

The meeting of the Council was called to order at 2:00 P.M. in the conference room of Children's Television Workshop at One Lincoln Plaza, New York City, by the Chairman, Justice Roger J. Traynor.

The following members of the Council were present:

Roger J. Traynor, Chairman
Joan Ganz Cooney
Thomas B. Curtis
Loren F. Ghiglione
Dorothy R. Height
Molly Ivins
Robert B. McKay
Ralph M. Otwell
Ralph Renick
William A. Rusher
R. Peter Straus

Also present were the following advisers to the Council:

Eleanor Holmes Norton
Mario Obledo
Herbert Weschler

Invited guest:

John Wicklein

Staff members present:

William B. Arthur
Ned Schnurman
Sally Herb
Dorothy Jenkins

Also attending were members of the press.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M. and welcomed representatives of the press.

Minutes of the December 10 Council meeting were adopted as mailed to Council members.

A motion was made and seconded that the following members of the Council be appointed to a nominating committee:

Robert B. McKay, Chairman
Joan Ganz Cooney
Loren F. Ghiglione
Dorothy Height
Ralph Otwell
William A. Rusher

A draft report, prepared by the staff, on a study and analysis of President Nixon's charges against the television networks, made at his October 26, 1973, news conference, was discussed and alterations were made. On motion duly made and seconded, a revised Study Report was unanimously accepted.

William B. Arthur and Ned Schnurman gave the financial report and pointed out that a revised budget of \$302,000 for the current fiscal year had been drawn. However, it also was pointed out that funds to meet that budget were \$31,000 short, and that actually \$271,000 was available for operations during the current fiscal year, ending July 31, 1974. Further revisions of the budget will be necessary unless additional funds are forthcoming.

The Council heard reports on certain grievances which had not been discussed at the Grievance Committee's morning meeting. (See Grievance Committee report for complete rundown.)

In the absence of the Chairman and the Executive Director, who were being interviewed by the press regarding the Nixon study report, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

The next Council meeting will be held in New York City on March 24 and 25, 1974.