

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT ON 5CLIR SIZE
for COUNCIL MEETING ON 8 MAY 1997

By definition, the 5CLIR organization consists of a group of people voluntarily dedicated to the pursuit of intellectual learning. By joining, a member takes on the responsibility of being a participant in this activity. Although not explicitly stated in our Bylaws, we do expect members to make presentations in seminars. This requirement sets us off from most LIRS which we believe makes us a self-limiting organization.

As we continue to grow (we are now approaching 160 members) some members feel that we may become too large and as a result lose some of our intellectual excellence. The Committee feels that there is no danger of that happening soon. However, we do believe that the responsibility for making seminar presentations should be clearly stated and understood by all members. One way of doing this would be to have a statement similar to the one below as part of the Membership Renewal form.

Since participation is the lifeblood of the 5CLIR program, all members are expected to accept their share of responsibility. The great majority of our seminars is designed to require each participant to make a presentation. In addition, each member should consider moderating or co-moderating seminars or otherwise actively participate in the administration of 5CLIR.

In addition, we recommend that as we approach a membership of 200, the Membership Committee be directed to plan and execute a membership-wide discourse about our size as it relates to our mission, but that no action need be taken at the present time.

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