

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Pension and Welfare Benefits
Administration****Working Group Studying Employer
Assets In ERISA Employer-Sponsored
Plans; Advisory Council on Employee
Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans
Meeting**

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held on October 7, 1997 of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group studying Employer Assets in ERISA Employer-Sponsored Plans. There will be no full Council meeting in October.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1:00 p.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m. in Room N-5437 A&B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, is for Working Group members to begin drafting their report on employer assets in ERISA employer-sponsored plans.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the working group's topic by submitting 20 copies on or before September 30, 1997, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Individuals or representatives or organizations wishing to address the Working Group on employer Assets in ERISA Employer-Sponsored Plans should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 30, 1997, at the address indicated in this notice. Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before September 30.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 11th day of September, 1997.

Olena Berg,

*Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare
Benefits Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Pension and Welfare Benefits
Administration****Working Group Studying Soft Dollar
Arrangements and Commission
Recapture; Advisory Council on
Employee Welfare and Pension
Benefits Plans Meeting**

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held October 8, 1997 of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group formed to study Soft Dollar Arrangements and Commission Recapture. There will be no full Council meeting in October.

The session will take place in Room N-5437 A&B, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon, is for working group members to begin drafting their final report and recommendations for the Secretary of Labor.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the specific topic by submitting 20 copies on or before September 30, 1997, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group on Soft Dollar Arrangements and Commission Recapture should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 30, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before September 30.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 11th day of September, 1997.

Olena Berg,

*Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare
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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**Copyright Office**

[Docket No. 97-2 CARP CD 95]

**Ascertainment of Controversy for 1995
Cable Royalty Funds**

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress directs all claimants to royalty fees collected for secondary transmission by cable systems in 1995 to submit comments as to whether a Phase I or a Phase II controversy exists as to the distribution of these funds.

DATES: Comments are due October 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: If sent by mail, an original and five copies of written comments and a Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. If hand-delivered, an original and five copies of written comments and a Notice of Intent to Participate should be brought to: Office of the Copyright General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, Room 407, First and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Roberts, Senior Attorney, or Tanya M. Sandros, Attorney Advisor, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels, P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380. Telefax: (202) 707-8366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year, cable systems submit royalties to the U.S. Copyright Office under a statutory license which allows cable systems to retransmit broadcast signals to their subscribers. 17 U.S.C. 111. These royalties are, in turn, distributed in one of two ways to copyright owners whose work was included in a cable system's secondary transmission of these signals and who filed timely a claim with the Copyright Office. The copyright owners may either negotiate a settlement agreement amongst themselves as to the distribution of the royalty fees, or the

Librarian of Congress may convene an *ad hoc* Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP) to determine the distribution of the royalty fees which remain in controversy. See 17 U.S.C. chapter 8.

Before commencing a distribution proceeding, however, the Librarian of Congress must first ascertain whether a controversy exists as to the distribution of the funds. 17 U.S.C. 803(c). Therefore, the Copyright Office is requesting comment on the existence of any controversies as to the distribution of the 1995 cable royalties.

The Office also requests that those claimants intending to participate in the 1995 distribution proceeding file a Notice of Intent to Participate, noting whether they anticipate participating in a Phase I proceeding, a Phase II proceeding, or both. Failure to file a timely Notice of Intent to Participate shall preclude a party from participating in this proceeding.

In a Phase I proceeding, the arbitrators ascertain the distribution of royalties among the categories of broadcast programming represented in the proceeding, and in a Phase II proceeding, the arbitrators settle disputes between claimants within a particular category concerning the distribution of royalty fees within the group. If a claimant anticipates a Phase II controversy, the claimant must state each program category in which he or she has an interest which by the end of the comment period has not yet been satisfied by private agreement.

Participants must advise the Office of the existence of all controversies, Phase I or Phase II, by the end of the comment period. The Office will not consider controversies which come to its attention after the close of the comment period.

Dated: September 12, 1997.

Nanette Petruzzelli,

Acting General Counsel.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies

with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the National Endowment for the Arts in soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection request of: generic approval for customer satisfaction surveys and focus groups. A copy of the collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below on or before November 13, 1997. The National Endowment for the Arts is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting the electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Laurence M. Baden, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 628, Washington, DC 20506-0001, telephone (202) 682-5408 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 682-5798.

Murray Welsh,

Director, Administrative Services.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Panel (Multidisciplinary Section) Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel, Multidisciplinary Section (Creation & Presentation category) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on October 20-21, 1997. The panel will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 20 and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 21, in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 21, will be open to the public for a policy discussion of guidelines, planning, Leadership Initiatives, and field needs and trends.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 20 and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 21, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of March 31, 1997, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C., 20506, or call 202/682-5691.