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NEA - going bullshit over 'Yates' proposal.

Staff working on alternative guideline language.

Stating "Excellence" is the fundamental criterion for panel innovation especially public support is only

excellence = works that get the highest ranking in any particular grouping.

panelists are assumed to be of the highest quality.

use "park panels to adhere to highest standards of excellence."

also

NEH document that describes what NEH is all about. Includes "What the Endowment does not support . . . ."

Why not add language to NEA that is similar??

p. 4 in Overview to NEH program.
find reports is a great area to
get into - to explore who really
trust the NEA.

It has never been devolved. Only on books for
a year.

→ now in grant manual

→ Army has forgotten all about it.

Grant manual - show how to handle.

→ get - serious - Council - it is your job.

Tom Birch

Why not open meetings? Would
add accountability.

→ get serious - Council - it is your job.

Lee

Carla - "Bus Shelter" at NMAA. His political advertising.

Helm's staff called about content of this.
Congress could say we forced them back down.

No matter how outrageous a grant, you can't force a program review without consent of P.D.

Final reports have been filed and not changed. Although sometimes panels may have used them when discussing a second grant.

A final report has never been used to deny a follow-up grant.

The P.D. director must initiate the review of a final report by releasing it. [Anna, Jack, and Warren are review committee].

Endowment could disown its connection with their work of art. We cannot accept an association with their work. I art that sanctifies a religion, etc.
→ Fiddler says Endowment can 2.3 This if people agree to it.

→ Can’t start process without 1/3 on your side (Basso)

→ This all explained in grant manual

→ Not must deny that they are a part of Unti-Christian.

→ Linda would rather have no New than one that compromises

(Hugh likes this way).