tough budgetary decisions to be made at some point in the future.

Thank you.

Anything else?

MS. KENNEDY: Yes, Madame Chairman. The last issue deals with communications. Were you going to -- did you address the Web site or are you going to do that?

CHAIRMAN JAMES: I'm going to do that in the old business.

MS. KENNEDY: Okay. That concludes my report.

Thank you. If there are any questions further.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Any additional questions for the Executive Director based on her report?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN JAMES: We just have one or two items of old business, and I wanted to update the Commission on those.

We specifically talked about the National Research Council contract. It has been distributed to
all Commissioners, and in December the contract was finalized, signed, and they have begun their work.

I want to thank the members of the Research Subcommittee, Commissioners Wilhelm, Dobson, and of course our Subcommittee chair, Commissioner McCarthy, for that.

I also want to thank Drs. Kelly and Reuter for the work that they have done to move that contract along.

You put in a tremendous amount of effort and a great deal of work, and the entire Commission is grateful to you for that.

Does anybody have any questions or comments or anything additional, Leo, you want to say about that particular issue?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN JAMES: On the Web site, as another piece of old business that I just want to update the Commission on, you know that this came up as a point of discussion, and the Commission staff has now researched this and for less than $7,000 over the life of the Commission we could have a Web site that
would make all of our public documents available,
including transcripts, our charter, and legislation,
meeting announcements research agenda, and all of the
documents that we are handing out today just outside
this room.

I believe that it could save tax dollars
for printing and mailing and hours of valuable staff
time and make the work of the Commission much more
accessible to the public, and I just wondered if we
had any guidance or questions or concerns from the
Commission on that.

COMMISSIONER LEONE: We missed the number.

What was it?

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Seven -- for the Web
site?

COMMISSIONER LEONE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: In terms of that? I am
told that by staff, and, Nancy, you may have some
additional information, that for less than $7,000 over
the entire life of the Commission we could run and
operate a Web site.

COMMISSIONER BIBLE: But if you're going
to save money, then that means you can take the money
out of one of these other budget categories and move
it to research.

MS. KENNEDY: No, this would come out of
the communications budget, and we're doing it through
the government. That's why we're able to do it for
about $6,700.

COMMISSIONER BIBLE: But it's included
within this communications line item, the $60,000?

MS. KENNEDY: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER LEONE: Let me just say
that's an amazingly inexpensive and efficient and
clearly probably would lead to other economies. It's
well worth doing.

Setting up a Web site from scratch outside
the government is ten, 20 times that much.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Right.

COMMISSIONER LEONE: And so I think
assuming it actually can happen that way, it's a
bargain, irresistible bargain.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Any other discussion on
those two matters of old business?
COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Do we need a motion?

CHAIRMAN JAMES: I don't think we do. I think we can just direct the staff that it is the sense of this Commission that that would be an efficient way to handle the business of this Commission.

MS. KENNEDY: Good. We can probably be up and running by the first of next month.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: The first order of new business is the recently released request for proposal for research on gambling behavior, including a national survey, and again, I want to thank Leo and the Research Subcommittee, plus Drs. Kelly and Reuter for the outstanding work that they did no the RFP.

I believe that all of the Commissioners have a copy.

The bids should be in next month, after which a technical advisory group will then evaluate the proposals and recommend a selection to the Research Subcommittee and to the chair.

At this point I want to know if there's any discussion that we have on the RFP, and the chair