

April 2, 2018

To: ALSC Executive Committee  
FROM: Megan Schliesman, Chair  
ALSC Awards Program Review Task Force  
RE: Task Force Preliminary Report

Our task force has met once together by phone. The bulk of our work to-date has been done virtually, via email and Google docs.

We have:

- Developed and promoted an online survey to ALSC members and ALA ethnic affiliate members (went live March 27)
- Reached out to other key stakeholders (March 28-March 30):
  - Publishing representatives
  - Current/past Wilder Award winners
  - Scholars/critics/culturally proficient content experts

The outreach to other key stakeholders has been in the form of a personal email with targeted questions designed for each stakeholder group. The email also directs them to the online survey to take if they wish.

We have also each done background reading.

Next Steps:

The survey closes just before midnight April 8 and we've asked for responses from other key stakeholders by Monday, April 9, although we expect some may trickle in after that time. We will individually review responses, including survey responses, the week of April 9, prior to a task force meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 17. We will discuss the responses with an eye toward beginning to develop a recommendation. I hope we can identify key points to consider and address—in our thinking and perhaps in need of articulation—as we develop a recommendation. If we think we need any additional information we will determine what we need and how to obtain it.

I will consult with the ALSC fiscal officer the week of April 2 so the task force will have information regarding LIW seal sales and other fiscal considerations regarding the Wilder Award to share as part of the April 17 discussion.

Thank you to ALSC staff for their timely support and assistance, especially Elizabeth Serrano for getting

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our survey up and ready to test (while at PLA!) and helping promote it, and Aimee Strittmatter for ongoing assistance.