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includes two special inserts. The first is an order publication (found on pages 60a-60g). The form number of the issue, completed, and mailed to the parent. For additional copies of the form, contact the publisher. The second insert includes ballots for ALSC nominations for the 1986 Laura Ingalls Wilder Medalist awards to the Newbery, Caldecott, and Notable Children. If you are a personal member of ALSC, please take a ballot award candidate of your choice and to assist the nomination committees by providing your recommendations on children's books published in 1985. The committee

REFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

THE ALSC BOARD

approved appointing Gail Sage as ALSC vice-president and approving cosponsorship of the Third Pacific Rim

resolution requesting ALA Council to change policy to one divisional national conference every three years and to give the divisions the option of determining the conference needs, each cycle to occur no more frequently than

Edith Rovenger, ALSC Preconference Planning Committee member, in organizing and planning an extremely successful "Learning Differences/Library Directions." The committee also passed a resolution on minimum wages for young adults that states "wages should be required for equal work," which was adopted at the conference.

The committee is to appoint members of ALSC to work with membership task force charged with studying the age-level definition of responsibility. The task force will report to the two boards.

TOP OF THE NEWS

- Dissolved and dismissed, with thanks, the members of the Toys, Games, and Realia Committee and directed the Organization and Bylaws Committee to remove references to the committee from the *Handbook* and roster.
- Accepted the report of the chair of the ALSC/PLA Preschool Project Task Force and requested that the ALSC president-elect appoint two additional members to the task force. The task force was granted an extension until the 1986 Annual Conference to allow the members additional time to complete the proposal that is to focus on the delivery of library services to children in day-care situations and their care-givers. The task force is to report to the board at both the 1986 Midwinter and Annual Conferences.
- Accepted the report of the joint AASL/ALSC/YASD Alliance for Excellence Task Force and dismissed the members with appreciation.
- Accepted the report of the Batchelder Task Force, which suggested that the Batchelder citation be presented during the Annual Conference beginning with 1986, and dismissed the task force with appreciation. Bette Peltola, as priority consultant for the awards committees, was asked to work with the executive committee to implement the other recommendations of the report.
- Accepted the report of the Task Force on Technology and dismissed the task force with appreciation.
- Appointed a board committee to oversee the implementation of the recommendations of the Technology Task Force Report and to report to the board at Midwinter 1986.
- Approved reimbursement (up to \$500) to Vice-President Gail Sage for expenses incurred during her trip to Atlanta, Georgia, to meet with the AASL and YASD vice-presidents.
- Approved, in principle, a program assistant staff position as an item for the 1985-86 budget.
- Adopted the 1985-86 ALSC budget as proposed by the Program Evaluation and Support Committee (PESC).
- Approved the proposal for joint division membership fees for individual joining two or more youth divisions (AASL, ALSC, YASD) beginning with the 1987 membership year. The suggested fee schedule is \$40 for two youth divisions and \$60 for all three. The proposal was forwarded to YASD and AASL for discussion.
- Approved the Publishing Committee's recommendation for a new publication to be prepared by the ALSC Preschool Services and Parent Education Committee entitled *Speaking to Adults About Young Children and Books*. The board also accepted the proposal that ALSC investigate the possibility of publishing greeting cards featuring illustrations from children's literature.
- Requested the Organization and Bylaws Committee to prepare, in consultation with a registered parliamentarian, suggested procedures for the succession of division officers in case of incapacity or resignation.
- Endorsed an ALA resolution opposing legislation eliminating state and local tax deductibility.
- Recommended implementation of the Membership Committee's suggestion for scheduled membership orientation sessions during conferences. The committee was asked to investigate further its recommendation for rewarding members for encouraging others to become members of ALSC. The committee was also encouraged to collect information about children and libraries from the ALSC membership to be used in a future poster project.
- Approved the 1985-86 *Top of the News* budget as proposed by PESC.
- Accepted the vice-president's program recommendations for the 1986 Annual Conference in New York and directed the program planning committees to continue to offer the high level of quality and diversity in programs.

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