

June 28, 1985

Report of the AASL/ALSC/YASD Task Force on Alliance of Excellence

The Task Force met on March 29, 1985. Ray Fry, Chair of the Advisory Board of Libraries and the Learning Society, and Director of the Division of Library Programs, U.S.D.E., reviewed the dissemination of the document. It appears that at present the Department of Education has no plans for implementation of Alliance for Excellence.

We reviewed all of the "Recommendations" A through M. It is our conclusion that Recommendations D, E, I, and L have implications that could be addressed by the three youth divisions, but would probably best be addressed by a wider range of the "library community".

Recommendations D, I, K, L, and M have implications for research, much of which would need to come from outside of the youth divisions.

[ Phase 2 may wish to prepare specific proposals for action on Recommendations D, E, I, and L.

Judith King  
Eleanor Pourron  
Maria Salvadore

Attachments: Report of E. Pourron  
Report of M. Salvadore  
Recommendations of Alliance for Excellence

Copies to: Division Exec. Directors  
Division Presidents  
Roger Parent  
Virginia Mathews

III Alliance for Excellence - The Division's cooperative activities will have two phases:

TASK FORCE (Phase 1 - small group) - February 1 - July 1985

Membership: 3 people (1 from each division) with access to Washington, DC area

AASL - Judith King (Convenor)

ALSC - Maria Salvadore

YASD - Eleanor Pourron

Finances: Maximum of \$25/division for postage, phone, etc.

Clerical support: ALSC will offer clerical support (w/Board approval)

Assignment:

1) Dept. of Education (DOE)

- Meet/talk to reps. from DOE to get basic info; identify and evaluate participation (by ALA youth divisions) in any DOE programs or plans regarding Alliance recommendations
- Offer support of divisions in
  - a) planning
  - b) implementing
  - c) dissemination of information

2) Identify which recommendations in Alliance for Excellence would be appropriate for cooperative efforts by AASL/ALSC/YASD and report back to Boards (NOTE: Proposing strategies for implementing recommendations would be done by Implementation groups after the 1985 ALA Annual Conference -- phase 2)

Reporting: The task force will report back to three Boards at the 1985 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. A written report will be completed by June 1 for distribution to Boards before Annual Conference.

LARGE GROUPS (Phase 2 - implementation) July 1985 - open

Will examine recommendations from task force and develop strategies for implementation.

Other Topics/areas identified at meeting re: Alliance

- 1) RFPs pending from DOE - divisions (ALA) need to monitor
- 2) Gathering information on what states, regional groups have done; Resource (clearinghouse) for what is being done around the country
- 3) Legislative responses to Alliance have been gathered by Aaron/Scales for School Library Media Annual
- 4) NOTE: ALA Executive Board appointed an (ad hoc) Coordinating Committee on Realities and Alliance for Excellence; Rebecca Bingham, William De John, Virginia Mathews, Chair.

IV. Future meetings of AASL/ALSC/YASD Executive Committees

It was generally agreed that the Executive Committees of the three divisions should continue to meet on a regular basis. The division Executive Directors agreed to: 1) review 1985 Annual Conference schedules to see when a meeting time could be arranged; and 2) add a AASL/ALSC/YASD Executive Committee meeting to the 1st basic schedule for the 1986 ALA Midwinter Meeting.