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I. Name of Award

ALSC Distinguished Service Award

II. Definitions, Purpose and Criteria for Award

An annual award of \$1,000, a citation, and a pin to be awarded at the annual conference of the American Library Association to an honoree who has made significant contributions to, and an impact on, library services to children and/or the Association of Library Service to Children.

The recipient must be a member of ALSC. The award winner may be chosen from any facet of library services to children. This designee may be a practicing librarian in a public or school library, a library and information science educator, a member of the library press, an editor at a publishing house or a retired librarian who has made an immediate or sustained contribution to the understanding or expansion of library services to children and/or to the Association of Library Service to Children.

III. Numbers and Frequency of Award

One award will be given each year. If a suitable candidate is not found, the award will not be presented that year.

VII. Presentation of Award

The President of ALSC will contact the award recipient following the Midwinter Meeting and announce the winner to the library press. The award will be presented during the ALA Conference at our appropriate meeting.

VIII. Form and Type of Award

An annual award of \$1,000.00

A citation and

A pin designed specifically for this award

IX. Donor/Administrative Costs

As reflected in budget from endowment. Administrative costs as estimated by the executive director of ALSC at \$250.00.

X. Contact person:

Susan Roman, Executive Director, ALSC
ALA Headquarters, 50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611

IV. Selection of Jury to Administer the Award

An award jury of five (5) ALSC members, one of whom will serve as Chair will be appointed by the incoming President of ALSC. All jury members will have one vote. Jury members will be appointed to staggered terms in order to provide continuity.

V. Nomination of Candidates for Award

Nominations for candidates for the ALSC Distinguished Service Award may be made by any member of the Association for Library Services to Children on or before DECEMBER 1.

Nominations should contain a statement of outstanding contributions and describe the impact on library services to children and/or ALSC made by the nominee.

VI. Deliberation, Decision and Confirmation of Award

Deliberations shall include the checking of the ALSC membership status of the nominators and their nominees. A simple ballot, with three (3) being the status determinator, will be cast using the list of qualified candidates. If no awardee is selected on this ballot there will be an application of weights to the candidates creditals and the award will be determined by a weighted ballot.

The recipient's name will be presented to the ALSC Board for confirmation at a closed session of the final Board meeting at the Midwinter ALA Conference.