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TO: ALSC Executive Committee
FROM: Linda
DATE: September 16, 1992
SUBJECT: ALSC/PLA Committees

No, I haven't disappeared from the face of the earth. Just up to my eyeballs in summer reading, start of school, and short staffing all-around. (Plus a baseball game, here and there).

Attached to this memo are two drafts from June Garcia, my PLA counterpart. These are committees we discussed at our summer ALSC Board meetings.

I called June to go over some of our discussion and decisions (we meaning ALSC Board).

On the "Policy Statement Task Force," the ALSC Board passed no resolution that I can find, though we discussed it at some length. It was my impression that we would want to be a part of such a policy, but the Board left it in the ALSC Executive Committee's hands.

June suggested that we read this, suggest editorial and content changes and have a draft ready for our concurrent session. (Committee to be appointed soon thereafter.)

On the other, "Committee on Children's Services Statistics," I explained that the ALSC Board had referred that to our O&B Committee to go over with PLA's O&B counterpart. She indicated that a Judy Faust chairs PLA's O&B, and suggested that they (both committees) try to hammer out something for both boards to discuss at Midwinter. I think we want to be careful about the reference to "Output Measures for Public Library Service to Children" in such a committee

charge, but Susan and Kathy are already aware of all of that, I'm sure. Ellen, we'll catch you up in a hurry on all of that.

Hope all is well with you all. The pieces of the state budget are beginning to sort out around here. Cuts, of course, in libraries, public and school. From what I read and hear, high school librarians are now disappearing from California public schools-- in droves. Children's Services in public libraries are also being cut, but we can't hold a candle to the school library devastation. It does impact us, in that teachers come in to the public library, with great expectations of what we can do for their classrooms and it's always hard to explain our role to people who really do not want to hear or listen.

Enough of gloom and doom. The Oakland A's are playing well, and I have tickets for a big game today against the second-place Minnesota Twins.

I would suggest that we fax editorial changes to Kathy, and Kathy can fax compiled, final, ALSC version to me and I'll get it back to June, as we are the "old chairs" of that interdivisional committee.

Thanks--

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ALSC/PLA Committee on Children's Services Statistics

- Charge:** To promote the use of OUTPUT MEASURES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE TO CHILDREN.
- To identify opportunities and methods to improve the collection, dissemination and use of statistics related to public library service to children.
- To share information with appropriate committees within both divisions (PLA services to Children Committee, Public Library Data Service Committee, ALSC Research and Development Committee, etc.)
- Type of Committee:** Standing, interdivisional
- Membership:** A maximum of 11 members appointed as follows:
5 members of ALSC appointed by ALSC
5 members of PLA appointed by PLA
1 liaison from LAMA statistics section
- In even numbered years, ALSC shall appoint one of its 5 members to serve as chair.
In odd numbered years, PLA shall appoint one of its 5 members to serve as chair.

Public Library Services for Children - Policy Statement Task Force

- Charge:** To develop a draft policy statement on the value of public library services for children.
- To present the draft policy statement to both the ALSC and PLA Board of Directors for endorsement.
- Type of Committee:** Special, interdivisional
- Membership:** A maximum of 10 members to include
5 members of ALSC
5 members of PLA, one of whom shall be a liaison from the Public Policy for Public Libraries section
Chair to be a joint appointment by the appointing authorities of both divisions.
- Special Notes:** This special committee will be expected to develop a process which fosters active participation from the membership of both ALSC and PLA. The committee is encouraged to conduct at least one open hearing to provide an opportunity for membership discussion on the topic and/or the draft policy statement.