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Ms. Zena Sutherland  
The University of Chicago  
Bulletin of the Center for  
Children's Books  
1100 East 57th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637

Dear Ms. Sutherland:

A real quickie note relative to alternatives to the  
Newbery/Caldecott Banquet:

1. The festive air is a must - and most important to  
the awarding of the medals. Perhaps a late hour presentation  
(10 p.m.) could be arranged with a cocktail hour following -  
paid by those wishing to attend. The later hour would provide  
the time for a relaxing dinner beforehand.

2. The acceptance speeches are most important and every  
effort should be made to maintain them.

3. A change is most necessary if untold hours are spent  
just on the banquet itself. However, time must be spent on  
anything that is to be done well, and the banquets have been  
done well in the past.

4. If a large number of banquet tickets are sold to  
non - ALSC members, perhaps a higher priced ticket should be  
charged to non-members. Might this be an incentive for in-  
creased ALSC membership?

I'm really not sure I've helped you much. My biggest  
concern is that if the ALSC office spends more time on the  
banquet than the N/C committee work, than a drastic change is  
needed. The N/C public needs to be aware of this to appreciate  
the changes, thus helping your task force committee.

Sincerely,



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