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Dear Zena,

In answer to your Task Force Query:

It is time to try alternatives to the Newbury-Caldecott banquet. I agree to be able to bring freshness to a sagging tradition. Although last year's banquet succeeded in being a memorable occasion Part was due to the recipients, not the now-tedious, structure, expensive and crowded dining.

The time saved by the ALSO office is actually not cost-effective. Try by a local arrangements committee, will still be demanding since there is a presentation program, with wine and cheese party, and a reception. The Task Force Committee should have costs of the space for a presentation program at their disposal when discussing plans at that ALSO Board meeting in Dallas.

A realistic figure for costs of a wine and cheese party, in whatever form, should also be presented so that a reasonable amount of ticket costs can be a fact for that Board meeting.

I also think some kind of program diagram indicating placement of speakers so that a theater-in-the-round effect could be achieved with an anticipated mixture in attendance would be useful. This may all mean that the Task Force Committee will
Ask to postpone the discussion to allow time to marshal facts in Dallas, a later agenda item FLEC Board.

I shall try to telephone since this is late and you may not have been fact-finding.

Regards,

Faith Hekken