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TO: The Editor, ALSC Newsletter

FROM: Ginny Moore Kruse, Director *GMK*  
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I write in response to your February 1979 Newsletter request for comments on proposals for evaluation and subsequent revision of the Newbery/Caldecott Awards presentations.

I listened with great interest to the brief ALSC Board discussion of this issue at Midwinter in Washington, D.C., and am convinced that we must explore, pursue, and implement a new procedure for presentation of these awards. The cost of the banquet is increasingly prohibitive for newer members as well as for those of us who come to ALA on our own expense. We might seek a large hall with chairs arranged auditorium style and with a platform on which ALSC and ALA dignitaries as well as Award participants and recipients might be seated; this would provide an excellent physical setting in which all aspects of the present N/C components could occur except the banquet. A ticket could still be sold to assure seating and to recover costs. The cost of a reception to follow could be included in the ticket, if this seemed desirable. An ALSC membership benefit might be realized through a reduced ticket price for those who are members of this Division of ALA.

I strongly support and urge that a task force develop and recommend an awards presentation program which will enable greater attendance at minimal cost.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance in any way.

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