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Ms. Zena Sutherland
The University of Chicago
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Children's Books
1100 East 57th Street
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Dear Zena:

I like the glamour of a banquet (evening dresses, etc.) as fitting in the Newbery-Caldecott Award.

As to the points mentioned in the attached notice,

1. Cost - Younger members being able to afford the banquet cost is perhaps less an influence than the formality of dress?
2. Staff time (ALA office) - Could the staff consider ways to simplify or reduce some of the steps? (Form letters returning inappropriate payment; simplified agenda, without receiving line or cocktails of whatever.)
3. Staff Time of ALSC members - I think the banquet is time well spent.
4. Space - The pleasure would be reduced if the banquet or alternative was much larger.

I do hope the banquet can be continued, even if simplification is necessary.

Sincerely,

Kit Breckenridge

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