

Dear Zena, <sup>Van Ouden</sup> June 9, 1979

Yes, I support the idea of an alternative approach to the N/C dinner. I thought the opening up of the pre-reception was a step forward. Someone had mentioned to me that an approach such as used by National Books Awards was being considered - that sounded good.

My reasons for opening or changing are:

1) To give younger members a chance to really meet, hear and even see the speakers and other guests - personally. I feel some guilt of depriving others when I get asked to sit at publishers tables which I know will be up front!

2) To give retirees a chance to attend.

The benefit of the dinner has been providing an opportunity for people to get acquainted within <sup>the</sup> association, but that seems limited and

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~~ways~~ and <sup>or</sup> alternative way  
could be found to create that  
let's get a acquainted atmosphere.  
and I think that there already  
are other avenues for that.

Agree Secretarial <sup>and</sup> Members  
could be spending time to  
better serve children <sup>and</sup> our  
members.

Hope this helps, I realize.  
you do not have an easy  
task.

Sincerely,  
Myllis

Obviously wrote this too hastily!  
hope it makes sense.