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Ms. Zena Sutherland  
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Dear Zena,

I have been interested in your proposal for another way to present the Newbery and Caldecott medals since you suggested it at Midwinter. The dinner is more and more expensive without tasting better. Many people, especially new children's librarians at their first or second ALA, can't afford to go anyway.

The room is jammed and yet we all know people who didn't get in because of space. There must be a better way. One arrangement that might be tried is an 8 p.m. starting time for the formal presentation and speeches followed by a reception with a cash bar (or wine) and hot hors d'oeuvres and dessert at a reasonable price. Presumably you've had dinner before you come.

It seems to me the pomp and circumstance is retained without the discomfort and more people can be present. The reception after the dinner these last couple years has been very pleasant (if exhausting for the winners). I don't know how to reduce the strain. The receiving line seems like a good thing to do -- maybe. Perhaps the fact that there is no dinner first, would lighten the load for the winners.

Obviously, I have no set answers, but I think a change is worth exploring.

Best,

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