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Chicago, Illinois 60637

Dear Zfna:

For several months I have had the note to write on the Newbery and Caldecott Awards Banquet discussion but never seemed to get around to it. I am strongly in favor of continuing the banquet because:

- 1) Newbery and Caldecott Awards affair is the real social affair of the conference. Many people still like to dress up for a special evening. Since it comes early in the week, more can attend. Many cannot stay over for the inaugural banquet (which is usually boring).
- 2) The fact that many non-Association Library Service for Children members attend is marvelous public relations for ALSC, children's librarians, children's work and children's books. Our younger members can afford to buy tickets if they want to do so. They spend as much on a dinner at a restaurant, go to Europe, to the theatre, etc. Salaries are adequate for the majority who attend ALA.
- 3) I do not get the point of ALSC office giving more time to the banquet than N/C Awards Committee. Of course, there should be more time given to a conference activity. What would the office be doing with N/C Awards Committee that would take a lot of time: Frankly, I get little help from ALSC office for the committees on which I have worked. Mary Jane Anderson does not seem to read minutes and follow through on her responsibilities!!
- 4) ALSC members working on the banquet are usually those in the city where the conference is held. They are busy with all conference activities and I am sure would not be doing work on projects any more directly related to work with children.
- 5) Members can always come in after the banquet to hear the speeches.

- 6) What are the costs if there is no banquet? Would members have to be charged something to attend?

Before we start to destroy the N/C Awards banquet let's do something about the N/C Awards Press Conference. I was never so embarrassed in my life as at the announcement at midwinter. Pat C. was the most ineffectual m.c. I have ever seen. The whole thing was a fiasco. Then - to hang around for an hour before the reception is a waste of time.

- 7) Let's keep a little glamour in the profession?

Sincerely yours,



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