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Ms. Zena B. Sutherland
1418 East 57th Street
Chicago, IL 60637

Dear Zena:

I would like to comment on the investigation you are doing on alternatives to the Newberry Caldecott Dinner. I have long felt that the price of the dinner prohibits many ALSC members from attending unless they are lucky enough to be invited by publishers.

Could ALSC consider having an open meeting during which the acceptance speeches are delivered (to be covered by local public TV) and a gala reception following the program? The reception could provide an informal setting for meeting the winners and a cash bar could provide necessary libations.

Public TV would possibly be interested in video taping the speeches and could also sell the tapes to libraries, library schools, and make them available for broadcast by other public TV stations in the country.

Sincerely,

Regina U. Minudri
Director of Library
Services

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