HIGHLIGHTS

OARD

1 Support Committee to prepare and inter, documentation on a number of L. Knight bequest ($9,166 received in whole from the Operating Agreement and costs at 1981 levels. (NOTE: The defeated; and Council approved the
amended and authorized inclusion notes to be published before the Mid-
$500 for printing a new membership
list; and authorized the execu-
tive’s expenses.

Gerhardt, on the board’s behalf, for
our the ALSC members to ap-
peal to direct that all funds donated to
Charlemoe Rollins, a past president
in a trust fund (the board intends to
by the purpose of enhancing the qual-
the division’s major ALA conference
the future, bear the designation: The
Program. A small portion of the funds
which—in addition to containing
le a photograph and brief biography of
her contributions to children’s li-
executive director, as a memorial to its
s Rollins, to transfer $500 from divi-
previously received donations, in the
establishment and purpose of the Rol-
: Rollins family, to all donors, and to
bers and friends be encouraged to
future.

as the board’s representative on the
mittee.

TOP OF THE NEWS

• Approved an ALSC Committee Chairs Handbook for distribution and use; accepted a revised Recording Evaluation Committee form; and approved revision of Arbuthnot Honor Lecture procedures.

• Supported the concept of reconstitution of the membership of the U.S. National Section of IBBY, pending specific agreements relative to the division of the fiscal and task responsibilities.

• Asked ALA Standards Committee member Phillis Wilson to request the committee accept the board’s request that the ALA standards proposal be withdrawn and reconsidered by the ALA Standards Committee. (NOTE: The request was made; the committee response was negative; the proposal was approved by Council.)

• Expressed grateful appreciation to Audrey Eaglen for her superb term as editor of Top of the News.

• Approved the concept of and authorized the president to establish a budget for a storytelling preconference, including a storytelling concert, at the 1983 Los Angeles Annual Conference, and approved cosponsorship of the ALA/IFC program in Los Angeles.

• Approved a proposal for publication of a retrospective films, filmstrips, and
recordings list; a proposal for publication of an annual brochure or booklet
that includes the notable children’s films, filmstrips, and recordings; and a
proposal for updating the Arbuthnot Honor Lecture brochure.

• Authorized the president to appoint a board task force to study the methodology of formalizing communication between the president, executive director, and the ALSC Board between conferences so that it will happen on a quarterly basis.

• Accepted the Newbery/Calkedcott Celebration Evaluation Task Force recommenda-
tions:

(2) That, in all planning, the dignity and significance of the awards are paramount; (2) that the banquet format be considered the basic format in the Newbery-Caldecott celebration; (3) that the president (president for the Newbery-Caldecott celebration, i.e., vice-president) may recommend another type of celebration, if a local site suggests that another type of celebration would be appropriate; (4) that the announcement section of the conference program and all other publicity stress that seating is available for those who wish to attend the presentation only; (5) that an explanation of the costs of the event be given to the ALSC membership; (6) that the head table be kept pertinent; (7) that preliminary matters be kept pertinent and related to the awards rather than to other ALSC or ALA business; (8) that attempts be made to keep the preliminary party small in order to cut overhead costs; (9) that short reception lines, separate for each award, be maintained; (10) that written guidelines—indicating procedures, responsibilities, and authorities of the local committee, the president (vice-president), and the executive director—be developed for those planning the Newbery-Caldecott event; (11) that the ALSC Board consider having another social gathering occasionally (because of the success of the celebration as a party this year) on a smaller scale.

• Authorized the ALSC president to appoint a special committee to reevaluate the ALSC Notable Children’s Books 1976–1980 for the purpose of including the titles which continue to be notable and other notable titles that may have been overlooked in a publication that would combine these titles in a single bibliography with the previous Notable Children’s Books 1940–1970 and 1971–1975.

THE ALSC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Approximately 700 people attended the ALSC membership meeting in Phila-