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MEMORANDUM

To: Susan Roman
From: Linda Bostrom
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RE: ALSC Awards Update

Arbuthnot Lecture

The Arbuthnot Task Force at the 1999 Annual Conference stated in its report that the Checklist for Host Institution needed to be revised and that a manual for the Award needs to be created since none exists. I would add that the informational brochure given out at the lecture also needs to be updated. Would a special committee or task force need to be formed for this purpose or can the work be carried out without an official charge?

Distinguished Service Award

There has been some confusion about qualifications for receiving this award due to conflicting language in the committee charge and the application form; specifically the statement "made a contribution...to...library services to children **and/or** to the Association for Library Service to Children." I understand this is being brought to the ALSC Board at the 2000 Midwinter Meeting.

Scholarships

The ALSC Scholarship, Melcher and Bound to Stay Bound Books, are now part of the ALA/Division/Round Table Scholarship Program. One application, with separate criteria listed for each scholarship, is being sent to all who wish to apply. Last year ALSC participated in a limited way, sharing only transcripts and letters of acceptance. Our number of applicants increased by 50% over the previous year. The purpose of the change was to facilitate the application process for students. It also seemed to streamline the process for the selection committee. However, the workload increased for the office staff. This is still being considered by all participants as a trial period for this method of dealing with scholarships. A copy of the scholarship application is attached.