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Annual Conference Highlights

Major Actions of the ALSC Board

At the 1999 Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 24-30, the ALSC Board:

- By consent, approved the revised edition of the Competencies submitted to the ALSC Executive Committee by the Education Committee.
- By consent, endorsed a resolution of appreciation for Carol Henderson upon her retirement from the ALA Washington Office.
- By consent, endorsed support of the Elementary and Secondary School Library Media Resource Center and Advanced Technology Act (S. 1262), and the Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999 (H.R. 185).
- By consent, approved the revision of the Intellectual Freedom Packet, as recommended by the Publications Committee.
- Commended Executive Director Susan Roman and her staff for their excellent service to ALSC.
- Approved a gift of $2,500 to the Spectrum Initiative scholarship program from ALSC and authorized a six-month campaign to encourage individual donations from ALSC members. The collected checks will be transmitted to the Spectrum Fund to achieve a goal of a combined gift of $5,000.
- Recommended that the ALSC Board discuss division goals in conjunction with the ALA “Beyond Goals 2000” and begin the process of setting new ALSC goals.
- Approved a budget of up to $25,000 to cover costs of a leadership training workshop focusing on media evaluation and to take place at the Midwinter Meeting 2000.
- Elected Sue Nespeca as the ALSC Board of Directors’ representative on the ALSC Planning and Budget Committee.
- Approved, upon recommendation of the Organization and Bylaws Committee, the following:
  - The request by the Liaison with Mass Media Committee to change its name to the Quills Committee.
  - The request by the Quills Committee to change its function statement to read: “To serve as consultants and to promote books and other resources through recommendations, compilations of lists, and related services for media, individuals, and other organizations involved in the production of programs, films, and other materials/services for children. Requests will be made through the ALSC office. Quills Committee Meeting will function electronically. Attendance at Conference will be optional with the exception of the committee chair. Membership: Chair +4, Priority Group VI.”
  - The establishment of the School-Age Programs and Service Committee. Its function statement reads as follows: “To identify and disseminate information on effective, cooperative, or innovative programming for school-age children to libraries, schools, and community agencies serving youth: To develop training workshops on school-age programs and services and present them at conferences and institutes, and for other institutions serving youth; To cooperate as appropriate with other ALSC committees and other associations working with the school-age child to initiate activities and projects, Membership: Chair +6, Priority Group I.”
  - The request by The National Reading Program Committee to change its name to: ALSC/Book Wholesalers Summer Reading Program Grant and Reading Program Committee.
  - The request by the ALSC/Book Wholesalers Summer Reading Program Grant and Reading Program Committee to revise its function statement to read: “To select annually the recipient of the ALSC/Book Wholesalers Summer Reading Program Grant for an outstanding public library summer reading program for children. To prepare and disseminate to the membership information about the winning program and others submitted for the award.”
  - Approved the President’s proposed programs for Annual Conference 2000.

Major Actions of the YALSA Board

At the 1999 Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 24-30, the YALSA Board:

- Adopted the Revised Teen Hoopla Proposal. This document will appear on the Web site.
- Approved the YALSA FY2000 budget as printed.
- Voted to direct staff to investigate avenues to find funding or other means to hire a consultant to create a comprehensive marketing plan for the organization.
- Voted that the YALSA Council support the following Report to the Executive Committee by the Fall of 1999.
- Directed the Organization and Bylaws Committee to examine the function statement of the Division Promotion Committee with a view to expanding its purview to include promotion of division programs and activities, both existing and forthcoming, with a report of its findings to be submitted to the Board no later than Midwinter 2000.
- Voted to approve in concept the proposal of programs for Annual Conference 2000 and the Preconference in Chicago.