

Top of the News

News from ALSC and YALSA

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 Resources, Training and Advanced Technology Act (S. 1262), and the Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999 (H.R. 1858).
- 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 evalua-

tion 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 Quicklists Consulting Committee.
 - The request by the Quicklists Consulting Committee to revise 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 mass media, individuals, and institutions/organizations involved in the production of programs, films, and other materials/services for children. Requests will be made through the ALSC office. Quicklists Consulting Committee will function electronically. Attendance at Conference will be optional with the exception of the committee chair. Membership: Chair +6. Priority Group VII."
 - 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 +8. 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. Additionally, to serve as needed as reading program consultants and developers as requested by the ALSC office. Membership: Chair +8, Priority Group III."
- The request by the Econo-Clad Literature Program Award Committee to change its name to: The ALSC/Econo-Clad Literature Program Award Committee.
- The request by the ALSC/Econo-Clad Literature Program Award Committee to change its function statement to read: "To select annually the recipient of the ALSC/Econo-Clad Literature Program Award, given to an individual who has developed and implemented an innovative and outstanding library program for children using literature to inspire and encourage reading."

- The request of the National Planning of Special Collections Committee to change its function statement to read: "To maintain lists of special collections of children's books and related materials now available in libraries. To encourage the creation of new collections and the strengthening of existing collections. To identify types of collections that need to be established. To establish criteria for defining a special collection. To explore and suggest ways in which special collections can be used locally, nationally, and internationally. To publicize research trends in the field of special collections. To plan and present appropriate programs."

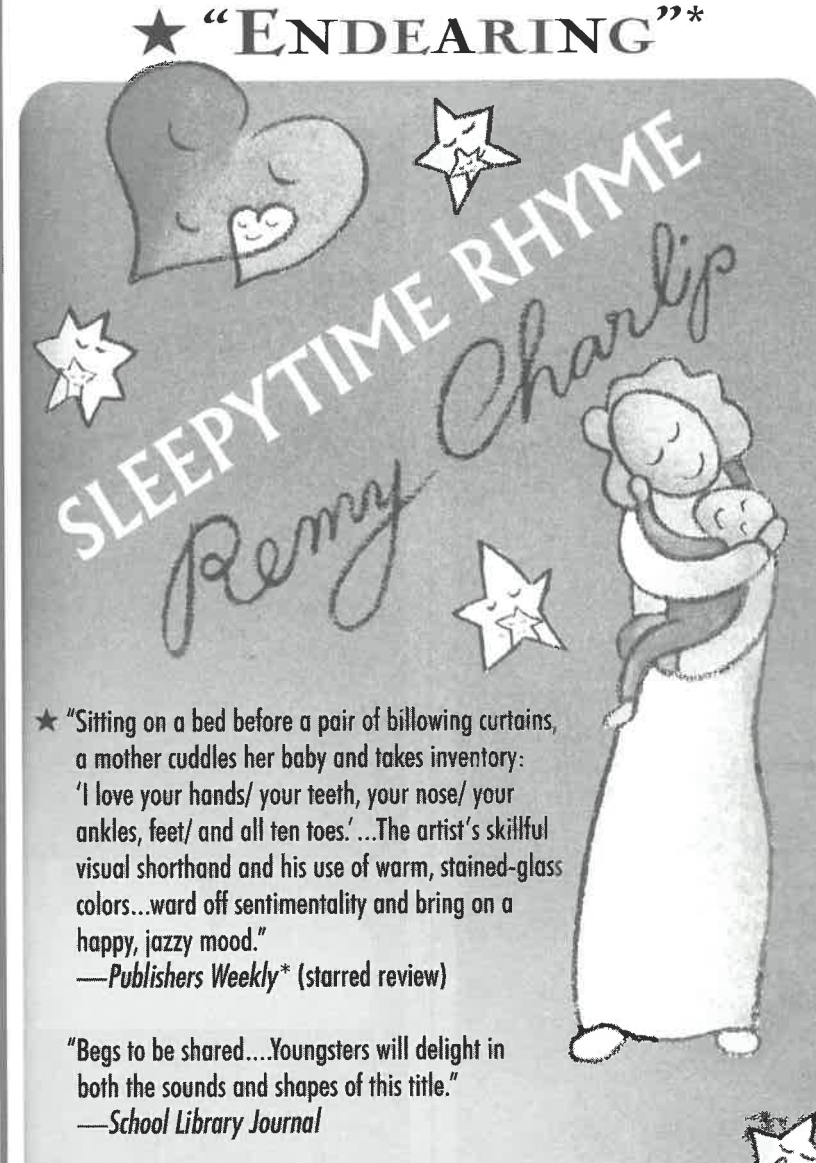
- Accepted the report of the Arbuthnot Task Force.
- Accepted, in principle, the report of the ALSC Informational Book Award Task Force and commended the task force for its work.
- Approved the President's proposed programs for Annual Conference 2000.

Major Actions of the YALSA Board

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

- Adopted the Revised TeenHoopla Proposal. This document will appear on the Web site.
- Adopted 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 Councilor support the following Report to Council on Electronic Publishing resolutions for Council action: Resolution on Authenticating Users, Resolution on Defining a Publication, Resolution on Archiving Electronic Publications.


★ "ENDEARING"*



★ "Sitting on a bed before a pair of billowing curtains, a mother cuddles her baby and takes inventory: 'I love your hands/ your teeth, your nose/ your ankles, feet/ and all ten toes.'...The artist's skillful visual shorthand and his use of warm, stained-glass colors...ward off sentimentality and bring on a happy, jazzy mood."
—*Publishers Weekly** (starred review)

"Begs to be shared....Youngsters will delight in both the sounds and shapes of this title."
—*School Library Journal*

★ Ages birth up. 24 pp.
TR \$16.00/0-688-16271-1; LE \$15.93/0-688-16272-X

 Greenwillow Books • A division of William Morrow & Co., Inc.
1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019 • www.williammorrow.com

- Directed the Organization and Bylaws Committee to submit recommendations on a structure to promote Teen Read Week 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.

continued on page 60