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Annual Conference Board Actions

Major Actions of the ALSC Board

At the 2000 Annual Conference in Chicago, July 7-13, the ALSC board:

- Established a Program Committee and charged the Organization and Bylaws Committee to write a charge as soon as possible.
- Adopted the Guidelines for ALSC Committee Protocols of Web Pages as submitted by the Children and Technology Committee.
- Elected Marte Orlando as the ALSC Board of Directors' representative on the ALSC Planning and Budget Committee.
- Endorsed the following resolution in honor of Susan Roman:

WHEREAS Susan Roman has been executive director of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) since 1986, and
WHEREAS the division has thrived under her leadership, and
WHEREAS Susan Roman has strengthened ALSC through extensive cooperation with other agencies, including the U.S. Department of Education, the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Prudential Foundation, Ameritech Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and WGRN Boston, and;
WHEREAS Susan Roman has supported ALSC elected officers and served its membership, and;
WHEREAS Susan Roman has represented ALSC within ALA and outside the profession, and;

statement to read: "To review the elements considered essential to the formal academic and continuing education of children's librarians. To inform the ALSC Board of members' needs and concerns regarding continuing education, and to assist in the initiation of programs and new publications to meet these needs and concerns. To represent ALSC at appropriate ALA committees, councils, and assemblies, and to serve as a liaison to these bodies as directed by the ALSC Board."
The request by the Research and Development Committee to change its function statement to read: "To discover areas of library service to children in need of study and development, and to stimulate, encourage, and guide such research. To compile abstracts of pertinent research and disseminate research findings. To advance library service to children through the use of research and statistics, to educate children's librarians on the value and use of research and statistics. To serve as a liaison to the ALA and division research committees. To evaluate and to recommend research projects to the ALSC Board for action."
Elected Grace Ruth as the ALSC Board of Directors' liaison to the Education Committee to work with the members on recommendations growing from the media evaluation workshop in the general context of continuing education for the division.
Approved, upon recommendation of the Organization and Bylaws Committee, the following:
- The request by the Education Committee to change its function

resource for librarians doing after-school programming for youth of all ages submitted by Caroline Ward and Jana Fine.
- Endorsed, upon recommendation of the ALA Legislation Committee, the resolution in memory of Eileen Cooke.
- Established a task force to revise the Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Manual incorporating recommendations of the Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Task Force.
- Approved the president's proposed programs for Annual Conference 2001.

Actions by the YALSA Board of Directors

- Supported the Information Literacy Advocacy and Partnership Preconference at the Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Accepted as a working document the presentation of Conference Program Proposals at the 2001 Annual Conference in San Francisco, with the understanding that the staff will work with the Program Clearinghouse Committee to refine and monitor the tracking system being used by the ALA Program Planning Committee for the 2001 Annual Conference.
- Accepted the JOYS Task Force Report in concept while agreeing to review issues of financial implications of recommendations and changes in JOYS editorial staff, at the Fall Executive Committee Meeting.
- Approved the continuation and expansion of the Galley for Teens Task Force for one year.
- Accepted with thanks the ALSC History: 1992 to 2000 draft written by Miriam C. Gonschalk.
- Accepted the YALSA Financial Plan Draft from Rosemary Chance with thanks.
- Accepted the Sponsor and Vendor Participation Policy.
- Voted to use authentication of some YALSA conference-produced materials in a pilot project on the YALSA