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## News from ALSC and YALSA

### 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 Posting of Web Pages as submitted by the Children and Technology Committee.
- Elected Marie 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 WGBH 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;

WHEREAS Susan Roman has extended ALSC reach internationally by leading librarian tours to Russia, China, South Africa, and Eastern Europe, and;

WHEREAS Susan Roman has actively and ably represented ALSC within ALA and outside the profession, and;

WHEREAS Susan Roman has been a role model and leader to the profession by being a frequent speaker, author of books and articles, and serving on several boards, national advisory committees, and steering committees for nonprofit organizations and national projects, and;

WHEREAS Susan Roman is professional and positive in her interaction with colleagues,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the board of the Association for Library Service to Children offers its grateful thanks for fourteen years of service to the division and the profession, and wishes Susan Roman the very best success as she begins new service to librarianship as director of development of the American Library Association.

- Charged that the Nominating Committee identify five or more ALSC members to be asked to run for Council and that this be incorporated into the charge of that committee.
- Accepted in principle the interim report of the JOYS Task Force to the ALSC and YALSA Boards.
- Approved, upon recommendation of the Organization and Bylaws Committee, the following:
  - The request by the Education Committee to change its function

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 long term continuing education for the division.
- Approved, upon recommendation of the Publications Committee, the publication with ALA Editions of a

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 YALSA History: 1992 to 2000 draft written by Miriam C. Gotschalk.
- 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

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- Voted to change the name of the National Organizations Serving Young Adults Liaison Committee to the Partnerships Advocating for Teens Committee (PAT).

- Approved the FY2001 Budget.
- Directed the Partnerships Advocating for Teens Committee (PAT) to work further with YALSA staff to review and rewrite the PAT Committee rationale, statement of purpose, committee member responsibilities/obligations, guidelines, liaison activity report forms, and criteria for new organization liaisons.