has had an impact on library services to children. The nominee may be a practicing librarian in a public or school library, a library or information science educator, a member of the library press, or an editor or other employee of a publishing house. The individual may be active or retired. The recipient receives $1,000 and an engraved pin.

- **Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Visit Award.** Established with funding from Simon and Schuster Children’s Publishing, this award pays the honorarium and travel for a visiting author/illustrator up to $4,000. Hayes Award applicants seek to provide a visit from an author/illustrator who will speak to children who have not had the opportunity to hear a nationally known author/illustrator.

- **Penguin Young Readers Group Award.** This $600 award is presented to up to four children’s librarians to enable them to attend the ALA Annual Conference for the first time. The 2010 Annual Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. The recipients must be ALSC members, work directly with children, and have less than ten but more than one year(s) of experience as a children’s librarian by the opening of the Annual Conference.

For more information about each award and to download applications, visit the ALSC website at www.ala.org/alsc and click on Awards and Grants—Professional Awards. To request a form by e-mail, send a request to alsclibs@ala.org. Please check the website for the application deadline for each award.

**Major Board Actions**

**Electronic Actions**

The following actions were voted on electronically by the ALSC board of directors on the electronic discussion list ALSCBORD. The month in which the vote took place is in parentheses after each item.

- VOTED, to accept the Organization and Bylaws Committee’s motion to integrate the Bechtel Fellowship and National Planning of Special Collections Committees into one body called the Special Collections and Bechtel Fellowship Committee with new membership and function statements. (May 2009)

- VOTED, to move the Oral History Committee to Priority Group IV: Organizational Support and the Special Collections and Bechtel Fellowship Committee to Priority Group VIII: Professional Development, and to disolve Priority Group V: Projects and Research. (Current Priority Groups 6–8 will be renumbered as 5–7.) (May 2009)

- VOTED, to accept the Organization and Bylaws Committee’s motion to integrate the ALSC/BWI Summer Reading Program Grant Committee, Hayes Award Selection Committee, Penguin Young Readers Group Award Selection Committee, and Bookapalooza program into one body called the Grant Administration Committee with new membership and function statements. (May 2009)

**2009 Annual Conference Actions**

During the 2009 Annual Conference in Chicago, the board voted to take the following actions:

- VOTED, to approve the board meeting agendas for Annual Conference 2009.

- VOTED, to send the Belpre Task Force report back to the task force for review with the following recommendations: co-Latino writers or illustrators can be honored; change “native Spanish speaker” to “fluent Spanish reader” or something equivalent; ALSC president should have role in announcing the award—introducing the award and the REFORMA president, or his/her designee; no Canadian publishers; no extension of eligibility to age 16; add the role of a cultural consultant vetted by REFORMA.

**Bylaws Changes Adopted**

ALSC members voted to approve changes to the ALSC Bylaws during the ALA elections this past spring. The text in Article VIII (Committees) has been revised to reflect these changes adopted by membership.