Annual Conference Highlights

Major Actions of the ALSC Board

• Approved the minutes from the 1997 Midwinter Meeting.
• Appointed Eliza Dresser to the board liaison to the Children and Technology Committee and asked Steven Herb to convey this to the committee.
• Revised the terms of the ALSC/Bookwholesalers Summer Reading Grant to allow proposals for any theme-based reading program in a public library.
• Directed the ALSC Counselor to support an ALA Executive Director Search Committee comprised of the 1997-98 ALA Executive Board and the representatives from the previous search.
• Requested that the Planning and Budget Committee and the Organization and Bylaws Committee explore the establishment of an Oral Record Committee.
• Supported the joint ALTA/ALSC/PLA initiative to generate guidelines for the development of policies for children’s use of the Internet in public libraries.
• Approved the formation of an ALSC/REFORMA task force to work out the details of the Pura Belpré Award, including terms and criteria, funding, design of the award, publicity, etc.
• Directed the incoming president to support the Spectrum Initiative Special Committee, to ensure youth division representation, and to recommend that Oralia Garza de Cortes be our representative to that committee.
• Directed that each of the Putnam & Grosset Group Award winners be invited to serve on an ALSC committee in the fall or spring appointment cycles following the award.
• Elected Barbara Genco to serve as board representative to the ALSC Planning and Budget Committee.
• Approved the FY 1998 budget as presented, including an allocation of $50,000 from reserve funds for the 1998 phase of Born to Read.
• Dismissed the Oral History Project Advisory Committee with thanks for their contributions to the Oral History Project.
• Directed Elizabeth Watson to appoint a member to oversee the completion of the eleven remaining interviews; authorized a budget of up to $250 for expenses; and set a deadline of Midwinter