

Annual Conference Highlights

Major Actions of the ALSC Board

- Directed the president to appoint a task force to investigate the advisability and feasibility of establishing an information award and to report back to the ALSC Board by the 1999 ALA Midwinter Meeting.
- Approved the following requests outlined in the Children and Technology Committee's (CATCom) report and that were recommended also by the Executive Committee: 1) the establishment of a task force that will be charged with the active monitoring and development of the 700+ GreatSites Web site; 2) the establishment, on a pilot basis, of two committees and one task force to be designated as "Electronic Only" and that the 700+ GreatSites Task Force be designated as the task force in this project; and 3) the development by CATCom of a procedural manual for the electronic participation of ALSC committees, task forces, and members by the 1999 ALA Midwinter Meeting.
- Commended Eliza Dresang for her extraordinary service in her liaison role between Board and CATCom and released her from that responsibility.
- Directed the president to submit the report on Electronic Committees to Barbara Ford, ALA President.
- Reconfirmed the commitment to the Pura Belpré Award and urged the ALSC/REFORMA Task Force to meet and make recommendations to be submitted as a report at the 1999 ALA Midwinter Meeting.
- Directed the president to urge the ALA Executive Board to support the United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) statement developed by NCLIS chair Jeanne Simon and Virginia Mathews that embodies principles concerning the importance of libraries and youth services.
- Directed the president to appoint a task force to examine the current practices and procedures of the

Arbuthnot Lecture Program and recommend future directions by the 1999 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

- Approved establishing liaisons to the following national organizations: International Society for Technology and Education; School-Age Child Care Project; Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families; and National Latino Children's Institute.
- Elected Sue McCleaf Nespeca to be the Board representative to the ALSC Planning and Budget Committee.
- Changed, upon recommendation of the Organization and Bylaws Committee, the function statement of the National Children and Youth Membership Organizations Outreach Committee to: "To assist and advise the members of children and youth membership organizations in selecting books and other media for bibliographies, booklists, periodicals, and other publications; to explore and implement other kinds of cooperation with children and youth membership organizations in areas of concern to ALSC; and to promote libraries and reading to these organizations."
- Approved, upon recommendation of the Wilder Committee, presenting the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award every two years and increasing the number of committee members to five.
- Approved the appointment of Carole Fiore as liaison to the 4th National Institute of the Hispanic Library Education Association.
- Approved ALA President Ann Symons' request, in-name only with no financial commitment, to co-sponsor a preconference at ALA Annual Conference 1999 and a preconference at the 1999 AASL National Conference.
- Cosponsored a memorial resolution for Augusta Baker to be submitted to ALA Council.
- Cosponsored a resolution honoring Lillian Gerhardt at the time of her retirement to be submitted to ALA Council.

Major Actions of the YALSA Board

- Approved the minutes of the 1997 ALA Midwinter Meeting of the YALSA Board of Directors.
- Directed the YALSA staff to investigate enhanced teen participation in TeenHoopla.
- Endorsed the Trejo Foster Foundation Florida Institute and appointed Jana Fine as YALSA's liaison.
- Directed the YALSA staff to create a new three-year financial plan for 2000-2002 to update the current five-year financial plan for 1994-1999.
- Approved the revised YALSA budget.
- Approved the recommendations from the report of the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Approved the Resolution Reaffirming Support of Universal Service and Urging that School and Library Discounts begin without Further Cuts or Delay.
- Directed the YALSA president to establish an advisory committee to maintain and oversee the YALSA Web site for teens.
- Approved in concept the programs proposed by the Program Planning Clearing-house and Evaluation Committee.
- Approved motion to appoint a vision committee and to revise *Directions for Library Service to Young Adults* to be published in 2000.
- Directed the YALSA staff to investigate the possibilities of an electronic version of *VOICES* and report back to the Publications Committee and to the Board by the 1999 Midwinter Meeting.
- Changed the name of the Selected Films and Videos for Young Adults Committee to the Selected Videos for Young Adults Committee, and the charge to read: "To select videos especially significant to young adults from those videos released in the past two years; to prepare an annotated list for publication in *Booklist*, *School Library Journal*, the YALSA Web site, and other appropriate publications; and to present an annual showcase of selected videos."