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- other expenses related to enhancing JOYS and an invitation to YALSA to continue as a full partner in JOYS with evaluation after two years.
- Established, upon recommendation of the Planning and Budget Committee, a committee to work in cooperation with the Planning and Budget Committee to develop a mechanism for continuation of the Friends of ALSC campaign and to ensure that funds are expended as designated.
- Established a joint REFORMA/ALSC task force for the purpose of raising the necessary funding to endow the Pura Belpré Award. The task force will work in cooperation with the ALA development office and report back to the REFORMA and ALSC boards with a status report at Annual Conference 2001, an interim report at Midwinter Meeting 2002, and a final report at Annual Conference 2002.
- Endorsed the "Library Service for People with Disabilities Policy" and asked the ALSC councilor to communicate this to the ALA council.
- Established a Task Force, to be appointed by the ALSC president, to evaluate and make recommendations regarding eligibility of emerging formats for ALSC's evaluation committees and report back to the board by Annual Conference 2001.
- Approved, upon recommendation of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, the encouragement of ALA to challenge the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act and Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act.
- Established, upon recommendation of the Organization and Bylaws Committee, the Program Coordinating Committee with the following charge:
 - To serve as a liaison between ALSC committees and groups who are developing programs for conferences, institutes, and preconferences to ensure quality and eliminate overlap;
 - To work within the organization to encourage and stimulate cre-

- ative programming that will provide a wide range of themes and topics appealing to a diverse membership;
- To review program proposals for membership appeal, relevancy, quality, and value; and
- To provide support in actual planning and implementation once approved.
- Approved, upon recommendation of the Organization and Bylaws Committee, an addition to the charge of the ALSC Nominating Committee as follows:
 - Upon the completion of the slate of ALSC nominations the committee will identify at least five ALSC members who would be ideal candidates for ALA council, who will be willing to run and forward these names to ALA nominations by the Midwinter Meeting.
- Endorsed the Resolution on LSTA Reauthorization.
- Established a Task Force to revise and update the Newbery and Caldecott procedure manuals.
- Established a Task Force to develop a manual for the ALSC/Robert F.
 Sibert Informational Book Award.
- Adopted "Creating a Better Future for All of America's Children: Association for Library Service to Children Strategic Plan 2000–2005" as amended. The plan will be disseminated to all ALSC Priority Group Consultants and to the leaders within each Priority Group and placed on the ALSC Web site. Priority Group Consultants will be requested to report after each conference on committee accomplishments that tie into the strategic plan.
- Endorsed the vice president/president-elect's preconference proposal for 2002—Many Voices-One World.
- Endorsed the Resolution on Opposition to Federally Mandated Internet Filtering.
- Pledged \$25,000 in support of litigation by ALA to challenge the provisions of the Children's Internet
 Protection Act and the

- Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act.
- Endorsed the following resolution in honor of Linda Bostrom, ALSC program officer:
 - WHEREAS Linda Bostrom has worked with ALSC for the better part of ten years; and

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- WHEREAS Linda Bostrom is becoming the new education coordinator with the Public Library
 Association; and
- WHEREAS Linda Bostrom has worked to expand and enhance the Born to Read program; and
- WHEREAS Linda Bostrom has gone above and beyond the normal to maintain the ALSC electronic mailing list when the office was understaffed; and
- WHEREAS Linda Bostrom has helped to establish ALSC as a founding partner of Between the Lions; and
- WHEREAS Linda Bostrom works to maintain the ALSC awards and scholarship programs; and
- WHEREAS Linda Bostrom provides honest feedback to colleagues and members; and
- WHEREAS Linda Bostrom has a wonderful sense of humor and uses it to lighten difficult situations; and
- WHEREAS Linda Bostrom has an informed sense of style,
- THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ALSC Board conveys its sincere thanks to Linda Bostrom for her service to ALSC and wishes her much success in her new position with PLA.
- Established an Oral History
 Committee to continue gathering
 materials for the ALSC oral history
 collection and approved the charge
 of the committee as brought forward
 by Caroline Ward for the Oral
 History Task Force.
- Approved the changes recommended in a report from the Liaisons with National Organizations Serving Children and Youth Committee describing confirmation of past changes and

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