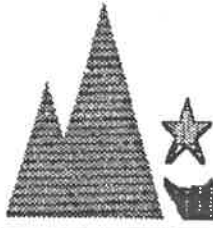


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Marilyn Iaruso
President, Association for Library Service to Children
c/o Susan Roman, Executive Director, ALSC
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Dear Marilyn:

After reading the report of the ALSC Board Meeting in last month's School Library Journal, I did follow through and ask Councilor Norman Horrocks to provide an opinion on the 1985 ALSC policy which was enclosed with the appointment letter you sent me last year.

Enclosed is a copy of Norman's reply. When I asked Norman to read and reflect on the policy I did not mention that scheduling was virtually not an issue.

I do understand that there are strong views held by past, present and probably future ALSC Board Members about this issue. From my point of view, it is an issue which concerns principle. If it is the intent of the ALSC Board for people who are members of division boards not to serve on awards committees - a reasonable intent - coordination between the youth divisions' nominating committees and the present-elect would be desirable. If it is the intent that Councilors also not serve, it seems that this something for

president-elect and nominating committee to consider in their selection.

I'm sorry that I have caused you so much trouble. I would appreciate being informed about the ALSC Board's action on this matter and will assume that I do not need to bring this before Council. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Symons".

Ann Symons

cc: Norman Horrocks
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Dear Ann,

Thank you for your letter of October 1. Delighted to learn that you have lined up Peggy Sullivan. I am sure that she will do a fine job for Councilors both new and old (including yours truly!)

Insofar as the ALS^C's situation is concerned, it does conflict with ALA Policy. It is my understanding that ALSC took this action in 1985 to seek to resolve what was essentially a scheduling problem. It may be difficult but not insuperable to schedule award or media evaluations committees and Board meetings at times other than when Council is in session.

To comment further on the committees - if I am correct in believing that these are one year appointments with meetings held at Midwinter only, as for Caldecott and Newbery, then a Councilor could if he/she so chose ask for an excused absence from one or two Council sessions. They would still be able to attend all other sessions of Council at that Midwinter and all other Midwinter and Summer sessions for the remainder of their term. I am not recommending this as a course of action but legally it could be done, I think. A Board term is longer than one year I believe so the answer here would be to schedule at different times from Council.

This matter doesn't need to come to Council. It could all be resolved by the ALSC Board (or if timing permits by its Executive Committee head of Midwinter) rescinding its policy so as not to be in conflict with ALA Policy. When it does that it might take the opportunity to correct the wording on

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page 22 of the ALSC Policy Manual. Here it refers to the "Annual and Mid-winter Conferences of ALA." The correct terminology is Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting as ALSC has it on its page 21.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,



Norman Horrocks
Councilor at Large

NH/vs

cc: Julie Cummins