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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

MAJOR ACTIONS OF THE ASLC BOARD

- Supported the ALA Strategic Long Range Plan.
- Accepted the ALSC Intellectual Freedom Committee's recommendation to endorse "Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*."
- Established a Computer Software Committee to define guidelines for the evaluation, the selection, and organization of computer software, and requested the ALSC Organization and Bylaws Committee to prepare a function statement for the committee.
- Requested the *Top of the News* Advisory Committee to study the feasibility of appointing a technology editor for *Top of the News* and the need to address such items in a regular column.
- Requested the ALSC Evaluation Committee to develop a long-range plan for providing relevant workshops, conferences, seminars, and publications on the developing issues and programs in the information technologies.
- Directed the ALSC Education Committee to distribute a press release requesting information regarding the difficulty of hiring children's librarians and to test the drafted survey.
- Commended the Caldecott Fiftieth Anniversary Task Force for its suggestions to launch the fiftieth anniversary of the Caldecott Medal and referred the plan to the ALSC Executive Committee.
- Accepted the Putnam Publishing Group Award Selection Committee's proposal to grant awards to the four best ALSC applicants who work directly with children regardless of school or public affiliation.
- Directed the editor of the *ALSC Newsletter* to be responsible for submitting reports of ALSC activities to *Cognates* at the Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference.
- Voted that if a book is published prior to its year of copyright as stated in the book, it shall be considered in its year of copyright as stated in the book. The intent of the definition is that every book be eligible for consideration, but that no book be considered in more than one year.
- Dismissed, with thanks, the Recruitment and Professional Education of Children's Librarians Task Force, the Notable Children's Books 1976-1980 Reevaluation Committee, and the Out-Of-Print Titles Task Force.