

ALA Awards Committee
Saturday, January 25, 2003, 9:30am-11am
Marriott Hotel, Room B213
Meeting Minutes

Award Committee Members:

Leslie Burger, chair
David Dowell
Kaye Grabbe
Timothy Grimes
Geraldine Harris
Cheryl Malden, ALA liaison
Robert Newlen
Annie Zeidman-Karpinski

Observers:

Peggy Sullivan, Library Consultant
Tom Abbott, University of Maine at Augusta
Laine Castle, ALA Development Office

Leslie Burger called the meeting to order at 9:30am and those present introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the last mid-winter meetings were approved with the following changes:

Saturday meeting

-Kaye A. Grabbe was not present

-The empty parentheses after Shirley Loo's name were deleted

-Under heading _Proposed name change_ sentence should read: The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Book Award (GLBT)... [acronym was incorrect]

-Under heading _Award Manual Update_ Page 13, Establishing New Awards Policy....(\$100,000 is needed to support an award annually) [previous figure was \$200,000]

Monday meeting:

Second to last paragraph should read:

Increasing award donations is progressing. Newlen is speaking with Mary Ghikas and Susan Roman.

Last paragraph should read:

Kratz made a motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Sullivan Award for Public Library Administrators Supporting Services to Children - Action Item

The award would be recognition of support by Library administrators of Youth Services (especially related to development) and a tastefully sized plaque (no cash). Emphasis is on supporting youth services programs, not necessarily for folks who excel in their knowledge of the field. The first award would be in 2004

Question raised and discussion:

Sullivan wants the award image to be consistent. Biggest questions were about clarifying policy 1.8.5.1 which is that scholarships and awards must be self-sustaining so that ALA doesn't need to dip into any of the principal to pay for awards in the present. Many questions were raised about how the money was invested and used for paying for the award. Most importantly, in order to pay for the fees and actual award plaques, \$1,000 was needed each year. There was a discussion about the money needing to be available for 5 years (and an agreement needed to be made in writing), and if donor could give ALA the money each year or if a lump sum needed to be deposited when establishing the award. These questions were important for understanding next steps needed for setting up the award. But, since questions about the idea of the award had been answered and the donor was willing to be flexible, discussion about the award was closed, while Burger promised to get answers about the money needed for the next session.

Action taken:

Motion to vote was proposed by Dave Dowell, seconded by Kaye Grabbe. Passed unanimously. Malden will work on the details.

Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship - Action Item

This is really a name and funding source change for the award which is a conference sponsorship, but wanted it to be anonymous.

Discussion/Questions raised:

Need to talk to Ken Haycock about the name, but he wasn't at the conference. Newlen agreed to speak with him about the name.

Due to financial issues raised in discussion of Sullivan award, wasn't clear if we could approve the award at this time. Wanted endowment committee to make a recommendation. Newlen needed time to present this to council, but we all thought it was possible to have a better answer by Monday. Since Haycock is Canadian, there was some concern about getting this figured out in time to announce at Annual meeting in Toronto.

Action taken:

Informal agreement that the idea of the award was good (and, in fact, the essential idea had already been approved, as the award exists already), but that we would wait until Monday to see if we had all the information needed to make the decision.

Schneider Family Book Award:

A substantial amount of money was proposed to create 3 awards for authors or illustrators of books about disabilities (if the author has a disability, but the book they write/illustrate isn't about disabilities of some kind, they wouldn't be eligible for this award).

1 award for young children (4-8 years old, or younger)

1 award is for middle school aged children (8-12 years old)

1 award is for teens

Discussion/Questions:

Some talk about how many books would qualify for this award annually. Assumption was that the purpose of the award was to stimulate publishing in this area (do we know what to do if there are no suitable books for a category in any given year? would they not award it and save the money for the next year, or award to the next best thing?) Jury would be composed of members from ALSC, ASCLA, YALSA, SRRT, Council for Exceptional Children, American Association of People with Disabilities. Clarification was needed during the meeting and Malden was able to call donor during meeting on cell phone (everyone was very impressed.)

Action:

Vote to establish the award, but leave the ages vague proposed by Dave Dowell. Seconded by Tim Grimes. Pass unanimously.

Award Manual Update

Most changes were made in consistency on pages 1 and 2. On page 3 the paragraph under Policy (cont.) should read as follows:

The winner of each award is selected according to the stated terms of the particular award. Neither jury members or their library can be considered for the award if they are serving on the jury making that award. Apart from these limitations, no member of the profession shall be either selected for or excluded from any award on the basis of the position an individual holds. ALA awards are intended to recognize living persons rather than to honor the deceased; therefore, awards are not made posthumously except in situations where death occurs between the time nomination are closed and the winners announced. ALA awards may honor retired librarians unless otherwise excluded under the terms of an award for which they have been nominated. For purposes of awards, the term "librarian" is not limited to those with formal library degrees but includes anyone with a recognized library affiliation unless specified by the specific criteria of the award.

page 7:

Neither jury members nor their institutions are eligible for nominations for the award jury on which they are currently serving. If this occurs, jury members should recuse themselves from discussion or voting or decline the nomination if they have a conflict of interest. If a further conflict of interest exist, the jury member should recuse themselves from voting. If necessary, Final determination shall be made by the ALA Award Committee Chair. If there is any other conflict of interest, it should be discussed with the ALA awards committee chair who will make the final determination.

page 12

4. Notifying each winner and donor/sponsor when and where to be present to receive for the award ceremony...

7. Update online list of award winners online by September of each year.

page 16 (last paragraph on the page)

Paragraph starts:

Should a proposed ALA award be deemed inappropriate...A revised proposal can be submitted to the Awards Committee at the next regular meeting of the committee. A revised....

Next meeting

Monday, January 27, 2003, 2:00-4:00pm

Hawthorn Suites - Franklin A

Downtown Philadelphia

Agenda:

Rick Schwieterman, Senior Endowment Trustees

Scholarship Process Review

Increase Award Donations Update

ALSC Award (if Executive Board approves this on Saturday)

Haycock award continued

Submitted by: Annie Zeidman-Karpinski, intern

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Observers:

Rick Schwieterman, Sr Endowment trustee
Mary Helen Jones, Florida State University
Mary Faith Pankin, George Washington University
Thomas Abbott, University of Maine at Augusta

Rick Schwieterman, Senior Endowment Trustees

Discussion:

Revisions to 8.5.1 formalizing realigned scholarship and awards and life memberships and other awards subsidized by future fund was actually encumbered dictate that awards best practices should be self funding endowment with dividends and income be calculated at 5% for \$1,000. Therefore, need \$25,000 to use equity to deal with inflation all awards and scholarship. Should all be self funded, if not the principal will be used and eventually won't have money to give the award/scholarship. Will permit the transfer of funds from other sources to designate for an award. The hope is that it will motivate folks to raise the money for popular awards, like the Boyd military history award

Need information from finance office on state of endowments consultation from ALA development fund. Want to see the data before Toronto. In Toronto hope to get an update on information on endowment and investment fund. ALA might be thinking about a campaign committee.

action:

Will invite Susan and Greg to talk to committee.

Scholarship Process Review

We do not know the changes as of yet. The committee will try to figure out a way of reviewing scholarship applications without placing an undue burden on the juries. Perhaps this summer the jury chairs can get together to talk about this.

SIRSI award

Chair reported that none of the applicants for this award were outstanding. The question was do they have to be awarded each year?

discussion:

Since the company donating the money was doing so to increase their profile at ALA, committee thought that the award should be made with the citation worded very nicely.

action:

Burger will contact sponsors and ask them to promote the award and solicit applications.

ACRL award

questions/discussion:

divided over the \$5,000 minimum. Was set up with the Hayworth Press to operate for 4 to 8 years
Keith Brown just wanted to think about next steps.

Will send to Mary Ellen Davis to work with Keith

May need to get endowment after 3 years, review the publicity.

Also want to remove the conference sponsorship words

action:

Robert Newlen moved the motion to approve, Timothy Grimes seconded. None opposed, passed.

Haycock award (con't)

discussion:

Reported that the \$5,000 to start an award wasn't a hard and fast rule, but a recommendation.

Question remains if the gift can be made in incremental payments, will money earn interest for 1 year? Or because of the amount will it be deposited in a restricted account and not earn interest?

Need clarification from Keith Brown if the money will earn interest with ALA if the amount is less than \$3,000 at once. Tried calling him, but he was busy.

Newlen agreed to contact Brown later.

action:

approved the award with the provision to work out the mechanics later. Ask Ken which options would mean that we'd have the award ready for 2004.

1. Malden will contact Brown about the options.
2. A conference call with Burger, Newlen and Brown will be scheduled.
3. A conference call with the committee will be scheduled
4. Present it at the first council meeting in Toronto, so that it can be announced before the end of the Toronto conference.

Grolier Award

The award will be renamed Scholastic Grolier. Amount awarded will be increased to \$5,000.

discussion:

want to have it approved prior to ALA annual and want to present it at the awards ceremony

action:

time constraints won't allow another award to be presented. Since the jury is not appointed by ALA awards committee, it's not an ALA recognition award and therefore doesn't get announced during that ceremony.

Award donations:

An attempt to increase donations via solicitation.

Start by sending a draft letter to see interest.

action:

Decided that we don't want to compete with ALA campaigns and therefore need to have Susan Roman consider it. Melvil Dewey award would like OCLC to increase money for administrative fees.

Have head of Awards committee send it to Leslie or Endowment Trustees.

Try to get it out before Annual Conference

need to call and follow up

Timothy Grimes will contact Beth from Gale Group

solicit upcoming agenda items

review of decisions and next steps:

Bill Boyd meeting before Toronto with the Development Office

Approval of new awards Sullivan, Schniederman, ACRL

Approval in concept of Haycock award

Changes to Awards Manual

Invite scholarship jurors to help streamline the process

Have the finance and development office to meet with us

If ok with ALA, have a letter to donors

Follow up with Boyd

Contact Public Aware./Scholastic-Grolier award folks and tell them no!

Give the 2003 SIRSI award

Submitted by: Annie Zeidman-Karpinski, intern

Schneider Family Book Awards

Purpose: to encourage the artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences.

Criteria:

- Must portray some aspect of living with a disability or that of a friend or family member, whether the disability is physical, mental or emotional.
- Must be published in the U.S. in the year prior to the award
- Must be an original work
- Must meet established standards of quality
- Particular attention will be paid to titles which portray the disability as part of a full life, not as something to be pitied or overcome.
- Preference is given to books by authors with disabilities or by authors with a personal connection to persons with disabilities

Number and frequency of the award: Three awards will be funded to run in perpetuity. If a suitable candidate is not found for a particular category in a particular year, that award will not be presented that year. The three awards are for the following age groups: young children, middle grades, and young adults.

Selection of jury: The committee to administer the award should be composed of six members, at least one third of whom should be people with disabilities or family members of a person with a disability. A majority of the members should be librarians, but consumer members are also encouraged. The members will be appointed by the chair of the ALA awards committee. The following units will be solicited for membership on the committee: Task Force/Roundtable for Social Responsibility, American Association of School Librarians, Association for Library Services to Children, Young Adult Library Association, and Association of Specialized and Cooperating Library Agencies. Deadline for nominations: Nominations are due December 1 of the year prior to the award.

Announcement and presentation of the award: The awards will be publicly announced and presented at the inaugural banquet at the annual ALA meeting.
Form and type of award: A check for \$5,000 and a framed citation will be given to each awardees.

Donor: Dr. Katherine Schneider is the donor of these awards.

Contact information: Dr. Katherine Schneider, 222 McKinley, Eau Claire, WI 54701
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August 30, 2002

Dr. Susan Roman
Development Office
American Library Association
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Dear Susan Roman:

This letter presents my proposal for an ALA award that I will fund. I have read the part of the ALA Policy Manual that is about awards, and I believe that I am following the procedures/requirements noted there. I am writing to you because I have discussed this possibility with you, but you, of course, are free to share my letter and to discuss the prospect of the award with members and staff as you see fit. These are my intentions concerning the award:

1. The award would be made no more than once a year to an individual who has shown exceptional understanding and support of public library service to children while having general management/supervisory/administrative responsibility that has included public library service to children in its scope. It is not for individuals whose primary or sole responsibilities are library services to children. The definition of public library service and service to children shall be the same as the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children identify them. Especially to be noted is that children are defined as being "from preschool through the eighth grade or junior high school age." (ALA Handbook of Organization 2001-2002, p. 73.)
2. It should be irrelevant whether the individual receiving the award has special background in education or experience in library service to children. The emphasis should be on exceptional understanding and support of library service to children, including support and understanding of the library personnel engaged in that service. The supervisory/management/administrative service should also be fairly recent, at least within the past five years, but the individual should have had that responsibility for at least five years.
3. While I would hope that public library administrators and children's services personnel should be represented on the awards jury selecting the individual, there should be no requirement that they hold memberships in any specific divisions.

4. Members of the award jury should have the right to nominate persons who meet the requirements if no suitable nominations are received. They should also have the right not to confer the award when, in their judgment, there is no appropriate recipient. However, if more than five consecutive years pass without an award being made, the fund for the award should be transferred to the general endowment funds of the American Library Association and the award should be discontinued.

5. The award name may be selected by the Awards Committee or other responsible group. I am suggesting that the name be the Sullivan Award for Public Library Administrators Supporting Services to Children.

6. The award itself should include a citation not to exceed 300 words on a plaque or other displayable item not to exceed nine inches by twelve inches. I wish to have this award be of a size that it can be readily displayed in the recipient's office or home and not require a truck to move it. It should also include some desk ornament or piece of jewelry that commemorates the award. While the citation would necessarily be unique for each recipient, the ornament or jewelry piece should be the same for all recipients. I am thinking of the simple tie-tacks or studs that recognize past presidents of ALA, the ALSC distinguished service pin, etc.

7. I do not believe that a cash award is desirable. Recipients should probably receive thousands of dollars for their excellence in this regard, but I see no reasonable amount that would be satisfactory for them to receive.

8. Noting that the Policy Manual cites \$5,000 as a minimum for recognition awards, which this appears to be, I am prepared to fund the award to a maximum of \$10,000. I wish to be sure that the amount is sufficient to maintain the award in perpetuity.

9. Realizing that the Awards Committee may need to consider these points at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in 2003, I will be prepared to transfer funds for this purpose no later than March 1, 2003. If no action to approve the award is taken by that time, I will assume that ALA is not interested in administering this award and will withdraw the offer.

Susan, please let me know if anything more is required or desirable for me to provide at this time. Thank you!

Peggy Sullivan
Peggy Sullivan

Cost Associated with the Sullivan Award

Plaque	\$300/year
Desk Ornament (samples attached)	\$500/year
ALA Overhead 20%	<u>\$160/year</u>
Total yearly cost	\$960.00/year

If we have a logo for this award design cost is approximately \$1,500 - \$2,000.