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2008 ALA Midwinter Meeting

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Subject: [honorary] Announcement of nominees for ALA Honorary Membership

Please read to the bottom of this message to see the nominees for election to ALA Honorary Membership in 2008.

At the 2006 Midwinter Meeting, the ALA Executive Board approved a revised procedure that provides more time between the announcement to Council of the names of nominees for ALA Honorary Membership and the actual Council vote.

In accordance with the new procedure, each year the Executive Board will release the names of its nominees for ALA Honorary Membership to the ALA Council via a special electronic discussion list created solely for the purpose of disseminating these names.

The announcement will be made two weeks before the start of the ALA Midwinter Meeting. A document summarizing each nominee's contributions and accomplishments, prepared by ALA Librarian/Knowledge Manager Karen Muller, will be included with the announcement. Councilors who have any additional information that could be pertinent to the nomination are asked to send the information directly to the Interim Manager, Office of ALA Governance at jkempf@ala.org.

** It is important that Councilors respect the privacy of the nominees. Please do not use the Council electronic discussion list to debate these nominations. The list at which you are receiving this message was created solely for the purpose of disseminating the names of the nominees. The only individuals subscribed to this list are current Councilors; there are no "lurkers." Opportunity for discussion will be provided on the Council floor as indicated below. **

Should additional information relating to a nomination for Honorary Membership be received that suggests the need for further research, staff will research the matter to the best of their ability in the time available. Staff will report any results of their research in Executive Session at the first Board session at the Midwinter Meeting, and the Executive Board will determine at that time whether to reconsider the nomination.

Presentation to the ALA Council of nominees for Honorary Membership by the Immediate Past President on behalf of the Executive Board will occur at either Council II or Council III at the Midwinter Meeting.

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Council will be asked to vote on each nominee in turn. Prior to calling for the vote, the presiding officer will offer Council the opportunity to discuss each nomination. If Council indicates that they wish to hold a debate on the merits of any candidate, Council will move into closed session in accordance with ALA Open Meetings Policy 7.4.4, which stipulates that discussion of matters affecting the privacy of individuals be held in closed session.

I am very pleased to announce that the Executive Board is recommending that Council elect three distinguished individuals as ALA Honorary Members in 2008. The nominees are:

-- Pat Mora, Author, is nominated in recognition of her work on behalf of bilingual reading for children, her establishment of El dia de los ninos/El dia de los libros (DNDL), and her commitment to libraries across the country.

-- Effie Lee Morris, Retired Coordinator of Children's Services to the San Francisco Public Library, is nominated in recognition of her legacy to children's services and her early pioneering participation in the field of librarianship as an African American.

-- Peggy Sullivan, former Executive Director of the American Library Association and retired university Dean, Professor, Consultant and Scholar, is nominated in recognition of over 50 years of dedicated service to librarianship during which she wrote the definitive scholarly history of the tenure of Carl Milam [ALA secretary 1920-1946] and the growth of the American Library Association to an international organization.

Biographical summaries of the nominees are attached.

Council will be asked to vote on these nominations at ALA Council II, which will be held Tuesday, January 15 from 9:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Ballroom B.

Individuals elected by the ALA Council at the Midwinter Meeting will be honored at the Opening General Session of the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA.

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