

Reporting Period*: February 15

Name of Committee or Task Force*: Pura Belpré Award 2018 Selection Committee

Priority Group Area *: Book & Media Awards (PGC V)

Current Chair*: Alicia K. Long

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Incoming Chair (if known):

Committee Members (names only)*: Amy Martin
Susan Polos
Emily Aguilo-Perez
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Stefanie Bailey
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Per the Division Leadership Manual, the committee is expected to annually review its function statement to ensure the charge meets the responsibilities of the priority group area, recent changes to the professional environment, and facilitates the implementation of the ALSC Strategic Plan. When did you last review it with your committee?

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Note: Recommendations for changes should be submitted to Organization & Bylaws. :

Summarize work accomplished, decisions reached, and follow-up action needed (objectives, timetable, and assignments) since your last report. Please remember not to include confidential or

During the period between being appointed in January 13, 2017 and February 15, 2017, our committee achieved the following:

Introductions of Chair and members by email.
Selection and organization of preferred means of communication.
Creation and submission of rosters to ALSC.
Letters to members' supervisors sent by Chair.
Arranged plans for Midwinter meeting.
Introductory meeting in person during ALA Midwinter in Atlanta: Sunday 1/22 at 4:30pm. Guest speakers were invited.
Members were encouraged to read the Background Bibliography from Manual. Members are compiling all the readings and sharing among

sensitive information.*:

themselves. Plans are being discussed for updating the bibliography with more current readings for the benefit of future committees. We will discuss this further at ALA Annual Meeting in Chicago, June 2017

The Awards and Notab.../Advocacy:

The ALA YMA are one of the most visible aspects of ALSC work. The Pura Belpré Award is generally considered a "minor" award and therefore could benefit from more visibility. We would like to work with ALSC to advocate more for ethnic awards such as Belpré, especially in these current times.

The Awards and Notab.../Education:

It would be important to see a more active promotion of the Awards and Notables in library schools and education schools in universities. Programs or materials prepared with future librarians and future teachers in mind could be considered.

The Awards and Notab.../Access to Library Services:

Please describe activities you would like to pursue for future education topics, publications, or online resources (such as toolkits) to be developed based on the committee's work? What are the next steps you have set to accomplish this? What assistance do you need in taking this forward? Please be as detailed as possible.:

Our committee would like to update and share the bibliography of recommended readings that the Belpré Award Manual contains. We will be working as a committee to create it. We would like ALSC support in adding it to the Manual and possibly in creating a document to share, so those interested in the Belpré Award or on Latino Children's Literature could use it. Our plan is to discuss this in person at the ALA Annual meeting in June 2017, and then suggest a more detailed plan to ALSC and REFORMA.

If you could recommend a research topic, pertaining to the realm of your committee's work, to an academic colleague, what would you request s/he research and why? (In other words, what gaps in research do you see in this particular area so that ALSC can share with the Association for Library and Information Science Educators and/or help develop ALSC's own research agenda?):

The Pura Belpré Award just turned 20 years. Although it provided more visibility to Latino Children's Literature and helped raise a standard of excellence, the dismay figures that show lack of publishing of this type of books is still surprising. I would like to see research being conducted on what the factors that impact the low numbers of books by and about Latinos are (exploring areas such as publishing, marketing, promotion, material support, etc.)

When you communicate electronically, how are you preserving the work of the committee for the next committee?*

Posting minutes in committee's ALA Connect space., Saving emails in folder to forward to next chair.

Has the committee recently reviewed its most recent procedural manual?*

No

If yes, are there any points that need to be added, deleted, or clarified? Have you come across a new example that your recommend be added to the Expanded Definitions and Examples section? If so, please report here briefly the sections you will be editing; make your recommendations with Track Changes directly in a Word document version of the manual, and forward it to your PGC, Awards Coordinator, and Executive Director.:

Are there changes to the committee's definitions, procedures or process you'd like to bring before the ALSC Board? Please consult with your PGC on next steps, and whether you should submit a Board Action request form. *:

No