

# ALAAC 2017 - 2018 Pura Belpré Award Committee Minutes

Saturday 6/24/17 - Hyatt Regency Chicago, Skyway 265-4:30pm

**Present:** Emily Aguiló-Pérez - Stefanie Bailey - Amy Martin - Susan Polos - Patty Ramirez - Edwin Rodarte - Alicia Long (Chair)

**Introduction:** Ice breaker: "The picture book of your life"

**Update about the 2017 Celebración:** The Chair thanked all committee members for attending the planning breakfast and for volunteering to assist with the 2017 Awards Ceremony.

## **Committee Work Updates:**

The Chair provided members with packets containing copies of the Calendar, Agendas, Book Discussion Guidelines, and personal notes from the award co-founders.

Chair informed members about contact information updates. Members were reminded about problems associated with changes of address. Two members need to change addresses. Address changes will be submitted to ALSC, but timeliness of publishers getting the new address cannot be guaranteed.

## **Award criteria and definitions:**

The committee discussed terms and criteria for the award. Discussion topics included clarifications on eligibility, suggestions and nominations, and upcoming processes.

## **Communications:**

Chair reminded members about upcoming suggestions and nominations deadlines and communications between Annual and Midwinter meetings.

## **Quarterly reports:**

Chair submits these reports to ALSC. Members are invited to provide recommendations about policy and manual. The committee discussed a few of the eligibility terms and agreed to suggest that members be allowed to exchange lists or titles in a shared document (such as Google Doc). Other suggestions involved expanding the country of publication to include Canada, and the possibility of accepting only one of co-authors of Latino origin.

## Sunday 6/25/17 - 8:30am

### **Committee Plans:**

Members of the committee discussed ideas to complement our work by promoting the Pura Belpré Award at the Midwinter Awards Announcement day and afterwards. Ideas such as wearing a special attire or making promotional items were discussed. Committee members will seek information about some of the ideas, such as making puppets of Pura Belpré, scarves, t-shirts, etc.

### **Books lists:**

The Committee reviewed the working list of possibly eligible titles that were or will be published, and the committee compared titles received from publishers, as well as others that committee members are seeking to read. The current list of suggested books was revised. Clarifications about suggestions were discussed.

### **Calendar review:**

Members were reminded of upcoming deadlines, and details about how to prepare for Midwinter were provided and discussed, including plans for travel, confidentiality, meeting requirements, etc.

### **CCC visit:**

Oralia Garza de Cortes, Cultural Competence Consultant, visited. Members were able to get clarification about eligibility terms and criteria regarding cultural authenticity and content. There was also a discussion about language and the Award terms regarding books in English, Spanish, or bilingual.

### **Book Discussions:**

The committee reviewed guidelines about the process of evaluating and discussing books in Midwinter. Considerations about the use of external reviews were discussed.

### **Discussion Practice:**

Two books were used to practice the flow of discussion. Committee members took turns evaluating the merits of books with regards to the award. Chair reviewed the process of voting and selecting the winners, and also the schedule of Midwinter, including drafting Press Releases, making the calls to winners, attending Monday morning's Midwinter announcements, etc.

**Conclusion:** Committee dismissed the meeting to attend the 2017 Awards Ceremony and Celebración.