



- Groups can determine their focus based on interests of members. Groups can be entirely discussion driven or can work on projects that lead to a specific product.
  - IGs and DGs do not have to be long-term. They can be organized based on a need or interest at a particular period in time and, when that need or interest is no longer at the forefront, can easily disband and/or become inactive.
  - Starting a new group is easily accomplished; a petition with 15 signatures, a statement of purpose and rationale, and the name of a convener (or co-conveners) are required in order to be presented to the YALSA Board for approval.
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- Six interest groups and one discussion group are listed as active on the YALSA website.
  - A listserv exists for the group of conveners in order to facilitate an exchange of information among conveners.
  - Two chats were held with group conveners in the fall and early winter of 2010 in order to brainstorm ways to gain and involve members. (The first chat had high participation, the second did not.)
  - One virtual open house was held as a way for conveners to market their groups. Participation by both conveners and members was low.
  - Conveners have published articles in the YALSA E-news regularly since December 2010 in order to advertise the work of the groups and gain and involve YALSA members.
  - Conveners struggle with finding ways to involve members in a totally virtual environment. Some conveners have focused on discussions on ALA Connect in order to involve members. (Most of these have had limited success in order to gain more members.)

- Establish an ad-hoc group of the board to explore the issue further and to make recommendations to the board on further steps to take in regards to how to proceed with IG/DGs specifically and member engagement groups generally