

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
2007 Annual Conference
Washington, DC, June 21-27, 2007**

Topic: First Time YA Author Award Proposal

Background: A second draft of this proposal was presented for Board comment at Midwinter. A fourth draft is presented here for Board discussion and approval. The goal is to take a final draft to the ALA Awards Committee for their approval on Monday June 25, 2007, so the first award can be given in January 2009.

Action Required: Action

The award winner will be selected at the ALA Midwinter Meeting following committee discussions.

The title receiving at least two thirds of the majority vote will be declared the winner. The remaining books will be considered short-listed.

The purpose of the William C. Morris YA Debut Award is to annually honor the best book published for young adults by a first-time author, as selected from a shortlist of five books by