Topic: Pre-Conference Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair Reports

Item #28

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

**Topic:** Pre-Conference Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair Reports

**Background:** Reports from the following groups were not available, as of June 12:

Booklist Taskforce, Henne Award Jury, Great Graphic Novels, Great

Books Giveaway Jury, Partnerships Advocating for Teens,

**Publications and Youth Participation Committee.** 

**Action Required:** Discussion

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(50th stickers, pencils, small notepads, candy bars with 50th seal?); flyers for Unshelved T-shirts on sale at ALA store.

Co-chair conference call to prepare inte

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues

CONCERNS =

# **COMMITTEENAME = Alex Awards 2008**

CHAIR = Angela Carstensen

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The charge of this committee is to select from the previous yearÆs

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To promote the use of audiobooks among the young adult population; and to prepare annually an annotated list of 25 to 30 recommended audiobook titles selected from the two previous years that represent the wide scope of interests and concerns of listeners ages 12 - 18.

ACCOMPLISHED = All committee members are actively listening and evaluating titles as they are received. Starting in January 2007, we have been assigned particular titles to report on and evaluate so that no titles are missed. Many of us are also seeking out opinions on these titles from teens and educators.

One committee member had to resign early ig ou e IjEn2Fw 18.58 Tc -0.0015 pe c.

submitted to Executive Board for their review. In particular, committee's recommendation for the establishment of a YALSA Nonfiction award is already being planned.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIES = outreach, other

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Announcement of MAE winner pre-Midwinter so that extra hype can be generated from press coverage/press interviews before Meeting.

STRATEGIES = outreach, other

STRATEGIESOTHER = Creation of MAE and Printz booklets/pamphlets by respective committees to be printed for slaes or downloaded by members for fair use. (Task Force will request Board action to establish guidelines.)

Suggestions for a movie trailer contest, spotlighting a Printz title or any other YALSA award winning book. Contest would be open to teens, possibly distributed for viewing via YouTube.

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, colleagues, youth devorgs

CONCERNS =

# **COMMITTEE NAME = Baker & Taylor Award Jury**

CHAIR = Patsy Weeks

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = This grant is funded by the Baker and Taylor/YALSA Conference Grants. The two grants of \$1,000 each are awarded to librarians who work directly with young adults in a public or school library to enable them to attend the Annual conference for the first time. Application must be received in the YALSA office by December 1.

ACCOMPLISHED = We selected the winners, sent congratulatory letters to them, selected a committee member to serve as liaison to each. Planned to meet at Annual to clarify procedures and committee charge.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

#### STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS = This committee needs to address some ambiguous items in the charge and write more specific definitions and possibley make recommendations.

## **COMMITTEE NAME = ALA Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC)**

CHAIR = Amy Alessio is YALSA Rep.

EMAIL = aalessio@stdl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = BARC oversees all of ALA Finances. The PLAN/BARC meetings at conference are open to division financial leaders to learn about ALA Financial trends and to ask questions relating to division needs.

ACCOMPLISHED = Beth and I have had contact with our liasion, Linda Williams regarding spotty communication between ALA departments and YALSA. This is an ongoing concern. We also expressed concern with changes in service from ALA Departments and how that may or may not be reflected in our overhead contributions.

We turned in a grant proposal for a Diversity campaign with the ALA 2010 money, and are looking forward to hearing the results of that application.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

# **COMMITTEE NAME = Best Books for Young Adults**

CHAIR = Holly Koelling

EMAIL = hkoellin@kcls.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select from the year's publications (more specifically, from the current calendar year and the last four months of the prior calendar year), significant adult and young adult books (fiction and nonfiction titles selected for their proven or potential appeal to

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ACCOMPLISHED = We have been working on brainstorming ideas for making the YALSA booth great for annual 2007 - as well as ideas to allocate more funds for the booth for future conferences. We have been talking about membership retention as well.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = marketing

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS =

# **COMMITTEE NAME = Editorial Advisory Board**

CHAIR = Carol Marlowe

EMAIL = cimarlowe@mindspring.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To serve as advisor to the editors of YALS and YAttitudes on the content of the journal and newsletter by assisting with soliciting contributors and articles and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor(s), and by reviewing scholarly submissions to the publications

ACCOMPLISHED = EAB had a very productive Mid-Winter conference covering the issues of concern to the committee and YAttitudes. A detailed report was submitted to our Board liaison Amy Alessio by the Chair, Carol Marlowe summarizing our thoughts on required changes for YAttitudes to respond to the changing demographics of teen librarians, desired qualifications of the next editor, suggestions for questions the applicants should answer, Suggestions for changes in content and layout for YAttitudes including promotion of the journal continued in the Spring via email. Judy Nelson, requested that Chair submitted a proposal for a referee form to be used for YALSA refereed articles similar to one used by other ALA divisions which has been submitted.

The Editorial Advisory Board will continue upon request by the editors of YALS and YAttitudes provide suggestions for topics for these journals and/or possible authors for these articles or for ones for which the topic has already been decided. Also, upon requested the Editorial Advisory Board will be willing to provide support for the appointment of next editor of YAttitudes, or help in related activities within EAB's stated function, as requested.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, association sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS = Concerns have already been discussed in the Mid-Winter post conference report. The primary one being the continuation of the Editorial Advisory Board and improving

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The function of this committee is to select an author who best meets the criteria of the award for the 2008.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1.We continue to review the eligible works of the selected authors and research their impact on teens.

2. We continue to discuss the authors and their works via e-mail.

TERMWORK = None at this time since our discussions are closed.

ACTIONAREA = marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

# **COMMITTEENAME** = Financial Advancement Committee

CHAIR = Mary Arnold

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ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = ALA divisions, youth organizations, literacy organizations and publishers,

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues, youth devorgs

CONCERNS =

## **COMMITTEENAME** = First Time YA Author Task Force

CHAIR = Ann Theis

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop the policies and procedures for a new YALSA committee that will annually select a First Time YA Author Award that will be funded by the Morris endowment and offered for the first time in 2008; to develop criteria for the First Time YA Author Award; to create a proposal according to the ALA Awards Manual guidelines for the new award for YALSA Board's consideration.

ACCOMPLISHED = A second draft of the proposed award was prepared following the Midwinter task force meeting and was discussed during a YALSA Board meeting. Useful feedback was provided to direct

STRATEGIES = outreach, conference program

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth devorgs

CONCERNS =

# **COMMITTEENAME** = Intellectual Freedom

CHAIR = Kathy Krepps

EMAIL = kathleen\_krepps@yahoo.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To serve as a liaison between the division and the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and all other groups within

#### STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS = One concern relates to some of the ideas we've been brainstorming and the \$ available for the program. For example, we are thinking of providing hands-on training on setting up a Second Life account, creating an avatar, etc. That might require more technology - laptops and Internet access - than we have used before.

#### **COMMITTEENAME** = Non Fiction Award Task Force

CHAIR = Amy Alessio

EMAIL = aalessio@stdl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop procedures for a proposed Award for Nonfiction Literature for Young Adults

ACCOMPLISHED = We have worked out the details and criteria for a NF Award. We will submit a document for Board Input at Annual.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

# **COMMITTEENAME = Nominating**

CHAIR = Jessica Mize

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To prepare the slate of candidates for the annual election of YALSA officers and directors, the Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee, and the Michael L. Printz Award Committee, in accordance with the YALSA By-Laws, Article VIII, Section I.

ACCOMPLISHED = The Nomination Committee coordinated with Nicole to set up a e-mail list so that we can communicate easier.

We have been open to receive names of potential nominees while we awaited the Spring election to see if we would need to seek more candidates for new positions.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = association sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS = We have received direction from the Board as to exactly which offices and how many will need to be filled. It was my understanding that adjusts may be made to current terms so that we did not have to find both a fiscal officer and secretary at the same time.

## **COMMITTEENAME = O&B**

CHAIR = Shannan Sword

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#### FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Function:

- 1. To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the Division, for the achievement of its state objectives, and to keep them in harmony with the ALA Constitution and Bylaws.
- 2. To study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure, to advise on the organization manual, and to make recommendations on other organizational matters.

ACCOMPLISHED = \*Revised, then revised some more, then approved the yalsa WIKI guidelines.

\*Board document # 15 from Midwinter: rewordi

TERMWORK =

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS =

# **COMMITTEENAME = Outstanding Books for the College Bound**

CHAIR = Sarajo Wentling

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To prepare a revised and updated edition of the Outstanding Books for the College Bound booklists every five years. The purpose of the list is to provide reading recommendations to students of all ages who plan to continue their education beyond high school.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee will meet for the first time at Annual. We have gotten our listserv up and running (which was no easy task due to some email issues some members were having!) and have had some good communication about expectations and planning for our meeting in D.C.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS =

# **COMMITTEENAME = Odyssey Award**

CHAIR = Mary Burkey

EMAIL = mburkey@columbus.rr.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = This annual award will be given to the producer of the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States. The selection committee may also select honor titles.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee met informally during Mid-Winter. An Odyssey Sympa listserve was created and the committee has maintained lively electronic communication. Various procedural points were brought to the attention of the YALSA & ALSC leadership, as this is a shared committee, and resolved for the good of the committee. Communication with ALA leadership & audiobook producers about the creation of an award seal was initiated. The chair is compiling items that will be useful when the committee Manual is written. A rubric with the Odyssey evaluation criteria was developed by the chair and serves as a method of record keeping by committee members. The chair established communication with audiobook publishers, and maintains a mailgroup and database of contacts. Submissions were requested and as titles were submitted a ôThank Youö message was sent to publishers. As of May 25th, the committee has received 117 audiobook titles. Committee me,me,m AsN9naly electra rigo -mmittemmittee sType

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To annually prepare one to five annotated list(s) of at least ten and no more than twenty-five recommended paperback titles, selected from popular genres, topics or themes.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee selected four booklist topics: Sex is a Touchy Subject, What Makes a Family?, Magic in the Read World, and Get Your Game On.

Additionally, the committee has posted information on yalsa-bk, started posting on the yalsa blog and will do so monthly, and established a yalsa wiki page for internal committee communications.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Continued outreach to Teen and Youth Services Librarians with postings to yalsa-bk along with the yalsa blog with the hope of increasing visibility and use of this valuable selection list.

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues

CONCERNS = This selection committee would benefit from more exposure not only among those librarians serving youth and yalsa members, but also those library professionals who serve teens in a reader's advisory capacity, but don't have the knowledge of the literature. These topical lists would be especially helpful in these situations and the question is how to take this list to the next level.

### **COMMITTEENAME** = Sins of YA Lit Preconference

CHAIR = Ty Burns & Walter Mayes

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Plan and execute a preconference of interest to YA librarians for annual in DC.

ACCOMPLISHED = The Precon will take place from 8:00 û 5:00 PM. Each presenter will talk about a different sin. Presenters and their sin are as follows: Virginia Euwer Woolf û Envy, Tim Wynne-Jones û Gluttony, Gail Giles - Anger/Wrath, Jack Gantos û Greed, Nancy Werlin û Hubris/Pride, Annette Curtis Klaus û Sloth, Cecily von Ziegesar û ôPopularity,ö Publishers -

Beverly Horowitz (Random House) & Elise Howard (Harper) û Sin of Making Money, Elizabeth Partridge û Lust.

There will be a panel discussion on the sin of formats (audio, graphic novels, etc.) led by Jaime Watson. Panel members include Frank Warren and Barry Lyga. There will also be a panel discussion on Censorship, Controversy, and Challenges. This panel is organized by Patty Campbell and Joni Bodart and will include author Nancy Garden.

Walter Mayes and Ty Burns will conclude the session. Our primary aim is to have participants examine the ôsinsö they may commit each day when they are selecting titles, etc. We want them to realize that it is a great sin to prevent a YA from access to a title or subject they are interested in exploring.

We will have dinner the night before, sponsored by Little Brown. We will stuff goodie bags (sponsored by Hyperion) with books (signed or with bookplates) the night before. These will be distributed as the attendees leave the precon. Every author speaker will have a signed book or ARC in the attendee bags, and there will be books from other publishers, too. It should be a great bag.

TERMWORK = We are exploring publishing the speeches in a book format. Walter Mayes is leading this investigation.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Youth organizations

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

# **COMMITTEENAME = 2008 President's Program**

CHAIR = Sarah Cornish Debraski and Carrie Bryniak

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = the function statement of the Committee is: to plan, organize and present the YALSA President's Program at the next Annual Conference.

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ACCOMPLISHED = This committee has only just formed and not met yet. However, the chairs have provided readings to the committee members to prepare for our meeting at annual. We have also introduced ourselves via email.

TERMWORK = At the time, nothing. However, an article in YALS following the program at 2008 Annual seems a natural follow up.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS =

## **COMMITTEENAME = Michael L. Printz 2008**

CHAIR = Lynn Rutan

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor books.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have been surveying the field of eligible books and reading intensively. We are receiving many books from publishers and we have been reading as widely as possible. At Midwinter we decided to try a ôsuggestionö method of bringing books to each otherÆs notice on our listserv. If a committee member reads a book that seems especially excellent or if it is a book the committee member wants additional input on, he or she makes a ôsuggestionö of that title. Committee members then understand that this is a book that we should try hard to read. I compiled a list of the suggested titles that I have sent out periodically. The committee has found this method helpful in prioritizing our reading. Some of the suggestions have become official nominations but not all.

We held several online discussions of literary elements and have had some discussion on the books we are reading. We now have our list of nominated titles and are reading those and preparing for our in-depth discussions at Annual.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS = I have directed a concern to Judy via email. Another ongoing issue is the Chair handbook which the previous Printz chair and I are planning to update this summer and will submit for approval.

# **COMMITTEENAME** = **Professional Development**

CHAIR = Melanie Kimball

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To create and maintain a professional development plan that responds to the needs of librarians serving young adults; to implement, evaluate and revise this plan as necessary; and to maintain a liaison with the ALA Committee on Education and other related ALA units.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. The Committee has had ongoing discussion about criteria for e-courses for YALSA. The discussion will continue right up until ALA Annual at which time we hope to make recommendations to the YALSA Executive Committee

2. Individual members are reviewing sections of the Professional Development website. They will forward any changes to the Chair who will forward everything to Nicole so the website may be updated.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = continuouslearning

ACCOMPLISHED = The committe has fulfilled its charge by helping to coordinate the slate of programs for ALA Annual, 2008 in Anaheim.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,colleagues

CONCERNS =

## **COMMITTEENAME = YALSA Publishers' Liaison**

CHAIR = Gail Tobin

EMAIL = gtobin@stdl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To create a better understanding between publishers and librarians in the library's use of materials with teenagers, in order that such materials be supplied more effectively. To select annually in accordance with the terms of the Book Wholesalers, Inc./YALSA Collection Development Grant, two YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. We worked closely with the YASLA office and Beth Yoke to complete plans for the first annual Support Teen Literature Day, which was held in Chicago, IL, at the Benito Juarez Community Academy on April 19, 2007. The event featured author Tiffany Trent, the band High Strung, participation from teens from the High School, and media coverage of the event.

- 2. The event was further tied to other YALSA initiatives by using it to launch the Teen Read Week initiative, LOL @ your library, which will be celebrated October 14-20, 2007.
- 3. Committee Chair Gail Tobin emceed the event and spoke to local media to promote teen literature. Other committee members were not able to attend since most do not live in the area and did not budget for an additional business trip. The other event participants, as well as YALSA Executive Director Beth Yoke, were also interviewed. Positive press coverage of the event was documented by the YALSA office.

- 4. Committee members worked via email to create a sample letter to the editor and suggested activities for members to use at their local libraries to celebrate Support Teen Literature Day. These were posted on the YALSA website and wiki.
- 5. We worked on revising our program proposal for Anaheim 2008, which was not accepted as originally submitted, and will re-submit the revised plan for a future conference.

TERMWORK = We would like future ôSupport Teen Literature Day eventsö to be featured/promoted in as many YALSA and ALA publications as possible.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Work with publishers, authors, media and other YALSA committees to promote media event and grassroots support.

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues

CONCERNS = We recommend that a budget for ôSupport Teen Literature Dayö be established so we can do a bigger event and more promotion of the event and the day through mailings, etc. The committee had many good ideas that could not be implemented because of lack of funds.

More input from the YALSA office on restrictions on the event before the committee spends a lot of time researching ideas and making contacts that will not be accepted.

Update committee function statement on the website. The committee no longer administers the BWI grant and requested this change prior to the mid-winter.

# **Quick Picks For Reluctant Readers**

Chair: H. Jack Martin, <a href="mailto:hjmartin@nypl.org">hjmartin@nypl.org</a>

## **Committee Function/Purpose Statement:**

The list is for young adults (ages 12-18) who, for whatever reasons, do not like to read. The purpose of this list is to identify titles for recreational reading, not for curricular or remedial use.

#### **Accomplishments/News:**

As a selection committee, Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers have identified 65 titles for list possibility. While the majority of the titles are fiction, there are several non-fiction and graphic novel nominations as well. Prior to nominating anything, each committee member answered the following questions regarding their reluctant reader populations:

- 1. Who are the reluctant readers in your service area?
- 2. What activities have you noticed them participating in?
- 3. What are their interests? Or if you haven't had a chance to make contact with them, what interests do you think they might have based on your observations?
- 4. What methods might you use to get them interested in QP nominations?
- 5. What methods of feedback from them--verbal or written--do you think you will be able to bring to our committee meeting at Annual in June?

Despite the different locations of committee members scattered across the county, we found many similarities regarding the interests of our reluctant reader nominations. Many of our RRs love skateboarding, punk rock, hip hop, heavy metal, movies. Our reluctant readers are interested in discovering stories about themselves, their neighborhoods, their ethnicities, their friends and families. Several are manga fans; other prefer super hero comics. Many of us work with incarcerated teens who have third grade reading levels. Our reluctant readers are interested in sports, sneakers, girls and boys. Reluctant readers everywhere are curious about technology, and they spend hours each day contacting each other via myspace, scolnex and other online meet-and-greet hubs.

We hope that these findings will provide the committee with a blueprint on which to begin making nominations. Hopefully, in matching these interests with books, we can strengthen the connection between reluctant readers and literacy.

Perhaps YALSA would be interested in looking to the Quick Picks committee to publish an article about the interests of their reluctant reader populations?

## YALSA Strategic Plan Action Areas Reached by Quick Picks:

Advocacy Marketing Research Continuous Learning

## **Strategy Possibilities:**

Outreach
Publication
Conference Program
Collaboration

#### **Key Partners:**

CHAIR = Sarah Flowers/Helen Hejny(RUSA)

EMAIL = sarah.flowers@lib.sccgov.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop and promote reference guidelines for serving young adults, ages 12 through 18.

ACCOMPLISHED = We re-wrote the introduction to the guidelines, in accord with the wishes of RUSA's Standards and Guidelines committee. We are re-submitting the guidelines for approval by RUSA and YALSA at annual. Meanwhile, we have submitted program proposals for ALA Annual '08 and for PLA '08.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = RUSA, AASL

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS =

## **COMMITTEENAME** = Research

CHAIR = Randall Enos

EMAIL = renos@rcls.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To stimulate, encourage, guide and direct the research need of young adult library service; to compile abstracts, disseminate research findings.

The following is no longer part of committee charge (and judge applications for the Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant.)

ACCOMPLISHED = Previous actions have been reviewed.

Plans for the conference program at upcoming annual conference have been finalized Investigated best practices of association mentoring programs.

Worked on organizing committee notebooks for incoming committee chair.

TERMWORK = N/A

ACTIONAREA = research

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS = N/A

# **COMMITTEENAME** = Sagebrush Award Jury

CHAIR = Cara Kinsey

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The Sagebrush Award is designed to honor a member(s) of the Young Adult Library Services Association who has developed an outstanding reading or literature program for young adults. The award provides a grant of \$1,000 to support the winning member's attendance at the ALA Annual Conference. The award is made possible through an annual grant from the Sagebrush Book Company, a division of The American Companies. Applications must be received in the YALSA office by December 1

ACCOMPLISHED = We've been working to set up next year's committee to publish in the fall (with enough time before the application deadline to put together an application, but close enough to the deadline to encourage applications) an article about what Sagebrush has to offer

# **COMMITTEENAME = ALA Schneider Family Book Award**

CHAIR = Donna McMillen (cmte member/YALSA rep)

EMAIL = donnamcm@kcls.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Selects books for youth in three age categories that best portray the artistic expression of th

TERMWORK = Nothing at this time.

ACTIONAREA = continuouslearning, association sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS = The most significant concern that has been expressed by all the task force members is the funding component for a scholarship--we'd like a little more guidance from YALSA as to the scope and possible of funding. Or, is this something that you're hoping we propose?

# **COMMITTEENAME = AASL/ALSC/YALSA School/Public Library Cooperation**

CHAIR = Kevin Scanlon

EMAIL = kscanlon@hdpl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = This Joint committee will identify, develop, promote and disseminate information on effective cooperative or collaborative projects that link schools and public libraries. The committee will: maintain and update the resources that have been compiled on the ALA website; develop training workshops and/or programs on cooperative or collaborative projects and present them at conferences, institutes and for other organizations serving youth; and detail findings in articles and books for division publications.

ACCOMPLISHED = We are in the process of finishing an article featuring a public library within a school building.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media

CONCERNS = We would like to see an award that spotlight a school/public library collaboration. We also believe that we could develop an online course for school/public library collaboration skills and/or programs.

## **COMMITTEENAME** = Selected Videos and DVDs for Young Adults

CHAIR = Michael T. Wallace, Sr

EMAIL = michaelwallace@verizon.net

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select videos and digital video disks especially significant to young adults from those released in the past two years; to prepare an annotated list for publication in Booklist, School Library Journal, the YALSA web site, and other appropriate publications; and to present an annual showcase for selected items.

ACCOMPLISHED = Continually engaged in team building. Sent letters to producers/distributors of materials selected for 2007 list.

Created a Process Evaluation Subcommittee to evaluate previous year's operations and submit recommends for improvement.

Created a Wiki Feasibility Subcommittee to ascertain how it can be utilized by the committee to pursue its mission and objectives.

Utilized input from subcommittees to create both a Member's Only Wiki and a public Wiki of the YALSA site.

Planned an informative, entertaining, and engaging program for the Annual Conference.

Created an Action Plan that includes tasks, deadlines, and responsibilities, to guide the committee's activities through Midwinter 08.

TERMWORK = "The Danish Poet," a film selected by the SDVD at the Midwinter Meeting, was awarded an Academy Award for the "Best" animated short film.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conferenceprogram, collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth devorgs

CONCERNS =

## **COMMITTEENAME** = Selected Lists Task Force

CHAIR = Di Herald

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The Selected Lists Task Force has been charged with conducting ôa thorough evaluation of YALSAÆs current selected lists program (Audiobooks, BBYA, DVDs, GN, OBCB, PP, QP and TTT) including: 1) continued relevance of the existing focus/philosophy of the lists; 2) appropriateness of current policies and procedures; 3) opportunity for generating revenue; 4) strengths and weaknesses of marketing efforts; 5) strengths and weaknesses of the current format for the announcement and any subsequent recognition and/or conference program(s); 6) determining completeness of YALSA coverage of selection lists, and any possible need from librarians for additional lists.ö

ACCOMPLISHED = We have surveyed YALSA membership as well as current and previous chairs of the Selected Lists for problems with the committees as well as what is working well. at is worksn 0 Td( )TJ-0.0001 49cTj0s/2csurv

òBy June 4 it will submit a list of items that have not been completed for the YALSA board to review

At the Annual Conference, the committee will complete the action steps for the 2008 items and finalize a draft RFP to submit to the executive director.

TERMWORK = None

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS =

## **COMMITTEENAME = SUS Evaluation Task Force**

CHAIR = Francisca Goldsmith

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To evaluate the serving the Underserved program and to make recommendations to the YALSA Board on ways to improve or enhance thr program; to consider ways that revenue may be generated, either by produts or services, from the SUS program....

ACCOMPLISHED = While we have continued to receive a small trickle of input from SUS trainers, we have not been able to present the survey to agencies and institutions where SUS training took place, 2001-2006, that we believe would be informative.

TERMWORK = In fact, the filling of positions on this Task Force was not completed this term. While Elizabeth Shuping and Francisca Goldsmith remained active, the other previous members went away and new appointees seemed hesitant to accept the invitation to participate. The YALSA Institute format is tighter and better clarified than the current SUS model of staff development program delivery, so it may be possible to spin out SUS content into as many as 12 more institutes (eg, Adolescent Development, Library Policy, etc.) but a good beginning would be to provide SUS with a focused governor.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = LAMA, PLA, PTA

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

#### STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS = It is clear that the SUS program deserves a paid oversight leader in order to address the issues identified in my post-conference report in January 2007: assistance for trainers in negotiating contracts, assistance for agencies in finding the appropriate trainer, and evaluation of the training, both short term and long term. There is much that is good in this program, but SUS is currently so diffuse in its organization and oversight that neither the trainers nor their prospective clients have clear paths of communication with each other, nor effective methods by which to assess their suitedness to their strengths and weaknesses.

# **COMMITTEENAME** = Teen Advisory Groups

CHAIR = Melissa T. Jenvey

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To provide a forum for learning and discussion of TAGs as a critical part of library service to teens, to liaise with other groups and organizations on issues relating to TAGs, to promote the establishment of TAGs in both school and public libraries; to identify and disseminate best practices in establishing and maintaining TAGs; to advocate for teen involvement in library services; to incorporate the principles of TAGs and youth involvement into YALSA initiatives, such as Teen Read and Teen Tech Weeks.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have created 50 Tag Tips for our Blog to later be added to our Wiki and Website resources. We have discussed establishing a TAGs portion on the YALSA Wiki and will continue with that initiative in the coming year. We have continued to Blog on the YALSA Blog about TAGs.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS =

spokespersons and potential Corporate Sponsors, Promotional Partners and Non-Profit Supporters.

ACCOMPLISHED = Linda: After the Midwinter Meeting the Committee continued to get ready for the first Teen Tech Week. This included setting up virtual events for teens and librarians and continuing to help promote TTW programs and events. The two virtual events held for TTW were a discussion on teen publishing and media with Lauren Myracle, her publisher and Anastasia Goodstein (of Ypulse) facilitated by Carlie Webber. The second event was a discussion on gaming with a rep. from Wizards of the Coast and Craig Davis of Youth Digital Arts Cyberschool. This discussion was facilitated by Jami Schwarzwalder. Neither event drew a big crowd - only about 5 people attended each. Following TTW committee members judged the Lauren Myracle contest and the YouTube contest.

find out early in the year that is responsible for what aspects of the event. Perhaps a document that outlines the different tasks and who does what when would be helpful. This might be more bureaucratic than necessary but I think gives the idea of the kind of framework that needs to be developed.

Stephanie: I am also concerned about the marketing of Teen Tech Week, and hope to address the issue by formulating a marketing plan. I will share the plan with YALSA office to get a better understanding of who does what, in regards to the marketing and promotions.

So far the committee members have been successful in brainstorming and developing ideas for Teen Tech Week and there are no concerns about participation and contribution.

## **COMMITTEENAME** = Teen Read Week

CHAIR = RoseMary Honnold

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To provide recommendations for each annual Teen Read Week to the ALA/YALSA staff; to assist in the selection of a slogan, the drawing up of a timeline, the creation of new items to be added to the tip sheet and Teen Reading website, and to recommend promotional activities and products.

ACCOMPLISHED = Our committee established a Teen Read Week wiki and submitted material for the Teen Read Week website.

TERMWORK =

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS =

# $\label{eq:committeename} \textbf{COMMITTEENAME} = \textbf{Regional Advisory Board}$

CHAIR = Angela Parks

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To collect and share information with the YALSA office about issues relating to young adult librarianship at the state and regional levels; to liaise with state and regional chapters and share with them information and resources about key YALSA programs and initiatives; to communicate with YALSA's Division and Membership Promotion Committee and collaborate as appropriate; to work with ALA's Chapter Relations Office as appropriate; and to assist the YALSA office with participation in state and regional conferences.

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ACCOMPLISHED = Our biggest accomplishment was obtaining information about the upcoming conferences for 2008 and deciding which conferences it would be in the interest of YALSA to have a presence at. Contact information was included with these recommendations.

I also wrote an article for the YAattitude this year about the committee and how neat it is to b Annual 2007 de the

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ACCOMPLISHED = After the feedback from the Board, the Task Force brainstormed new potential themes and narrowed down the list to the top 5 vote-getters among the committee. The top five were: True Confessions of Young Adult L

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, associations ustain ability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, colleagues

CONCERNS =