

YALSA Board of Directors – Annual 08
Topic: Adoption of Resolutions

Resolution for Maria Gentle

Whereas Maria Gentle brought selection committee experience, love of teens and those who serve them as she served as an Ex-Officio Member of the YALSA Board of Directors.

Whereas Maria Gentle has served as a member of the Board of Directors of YALSA with gentle grace and charm and poise.

Whereas Maria Gentle Maria has been an enthusiastic international ambassador for YALSA,

Whereas Maria Gentle can always be relied upon spread the YALSA message during her extensive travels abroad.

Whereas Maria Gentle has the immense talent and ability to look at different points of view for every issue.

Whereas Maria Gentle is a doting grandmother who is beginning to instill the love of reading in her grandchild... and eagerly preparing for the day the child becomes a teen reader.

Whereas Maria Gentle has ably served as liaison for various YALSA committees including most recently, the Advocacy Task Force, Alex, Intellectual Freedom, Publishers' Liaison, TAGS committees)

Whereas Maria Gentle bestows beautiful notes of e and encouragement and kindness to many friends.

Therefore be it resolved that the YALSA Board of Directors express its gratitude and appreciation for her dedication during her term of office, and wish her only the best in her future endeavors.

Judy's Resolution

Whereas Judy Nelson led YALSA through an unforgettable 50th Anniversary Presidential year incorporating her theme of 'Still Reading After All These Years',

And Whereas Judy started the task forces and committees for many new awards and projects, including the Greenwood Outstanding Achievement Award, the Odyssey (with ALSC) and more,

And Whereas Judy led the efforts to counter DOPA and other legislation impeding young people's right to information with education and YALSA initiatives,

And Whereas Judy used her excellent humor, knowledge and connections to help YALSA partner with other divisions and famous comic strips to serve teens and their librarians everywhere,

And Whereas Judy took that Advocacy spirit to higher levels by helping to develop the Advocacy task force,

And Whereas Judy welcomed YALSA to her home state and Seattle for the first time during her Midwinter Presidential conference,

And Whereas Judy inspired teens with the first National Student Legislative Day contest,

And Whereas Judy enjoyed the first Support Teen Literature Day during her Presidential year,

And Whereas Judy headed the first Wrestlemania national challenge during her Presidential year and learned a lot about wrestling,

And Whereas Teen Tech Week launched during Judy's Presidential Year,

And Whereas Judy mastered many new technologies while taking Linda Braun's YALSA online class and through YALSA's new technological communications,

And Whereas Judy brought her considerable management and selection committee experience to help with countless YALSA committees and projects during her Vice Presidential and Past Presidential years even while balancing the considerable needs of her family and position,

And Whereas Judy donates generously in time and money to YALSA,

And Whereas Past Presidents find Judy as a voice in YALSA's continued efforts to honor them and utilize their skills,

YALSA thanks...