

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim  
June 26 – July 2, 2008

**Topic:** Online Availability of Annotations for Selected Lists

**Background:** In 2003 when the YALSA web site was transformed from Teen Hoopla into something similar to what there is today, the annotated lists were moved into the “For Members Only” portion of the web site in an effort to provide members with an exclusive benefit of membership. The decision was controversial at the time, particularly because it meant teens would not have easy access to the lists, and was brought to the Board to reconsider in 2004. The Board affirmed its decision that the annotated lists were a member benefit and therefore should be kept in the members’ only part of the web site.

**Action Required:** Consent

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**Proposal:**

In an effort to meet members’ needs as well as to align practices with the new strategic plan which places an emphasis on creating more awareness of YALSA’s awards and lists, post the annotated lists on the public side of the web site.

**Rationale:**

Both recent member surveys and anecdotal evidence show that current members do not view the annotated lists as a member benefit, but as a resource for all library workers to use with collection development and readers’ advisory. Additionally, member surveys have indicated that the selected lists are the #1 most important thing that YALSA does (#2 TRW, #3 literary awards) and they want YALSA to increase the visibility of its awards and