

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

**Topic:** Special Presidential Recognition

**Background:** At this time the only formal way the YALSA leadership has of recognizing a group or individual for their contribution to YALSA is via a Board Resolution. It may be advantageous to create an additional form of recognition that a seated President can give out at his/her discretion. ALA as well as

ALCTS offers a Presidential Citation which honors ALCTS members who make significant contributions to the association and to the profession but whose accomplishments do not fall within the criteria for ALCTS' other awards. They are awarded by the current ALCTS President. The Presidential Citation is intended to recognize distinguished achievement by a member or members.

LAMA President's Award honors an individual who is not a LAMA member or an organization that has made outstanding contributions and support to LAMA and LAMA sections or committees.

ACRL's Special Presidential Recognition award recognizes transformational efforts and is not limited to activity in a specialized area. Special Presidential Recognition will only be made when warranted. There should be no expectation for an annual award, nor should every President feel encumbered to bestow such recognition. This special recognition is reserved for individuals whose contribution is extraordinarily compelling. There is no limit on the number of recognitions to be made, but it is anticipated that recognitions will be exceptional and infrequent.

**Proposed YALSA Special Presidential Citation Guidelines:**

**Purpose:** The Special Presidential Citation highlights excellence among members of YALSA as well as library supporters who have provided outstanding service to the association and/or profession of young adult librarianship. Among the possible criteria for the Citation:

- Significant impact on the association and/or profession.
- Strategic and compelling advancement of the association and/or the profession.
- Exemplary or innovative service.
- Levels of effort well beyond normal volunteer commitment and leadership.
- Accomplishment(s) are significant but don't meet the criteria of other YALSA awards.
- The Citation can be given to individuals or groups.

**Procedure:**

- Nominations from the Board may be made to the YALSA President at any time.
- It is the President's prerogative to move nominations forward to the Board. When nominations come to the Board for a vote, a simple majority in favor of approving the nomination is required.
- Recognition may be made at any time deemed appropriate by the President. However, the Citation will be given only when warranted and does not have to be given on an annual basis.
- Recognition may be for a series of accomplishments or for one significant contribution or accomplishment.
- The Citation may consist of a plaque, letter, or object of recognition. No monetary award will be connected with the Citation.
- The Special Presidential Citation will be listed among the President's responsibilities; however Presidents should not feel compelled to bestow an award.

**Proposed Action:** To establish a YALSA Special Presidential Citation and approve the proposed guidelines included in this Board document.