

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

Topic: Reinventing the Train the Trainer Program

Background: At their fall meeting the Executive f/8d [Tomitt Tc 0 Tc 0.00284]

Only once has a training update been offered for SUS trainers, in 2002. It was optional, and held at Midwinter.

The SUS initiative was valuable for growing membership and awareness of YALSA services, but it is an expense even with past grant help. No funds are garnered from the trainings, trainers, or publication of training materials. While the program does not necessarily need to make a profit if it offers members and the profession a valuable service, it does need to be at least self-sustaining.

The impact of the SUS program is unknown, as libraries and other organizations that utilized the SUS trainers were never surveyed about the impact of the trainings.

Proposed Actions:

1. Accept the findings of the SUS Evaluation Taskforce and thank them for their work.
2. Establish a new taskforce with the charge of envisioning a new YALSA train the trainer program which incorporates both successful elements from the SUS model and newer best practices. The taskforce would first determine the goals and objectives of the program, then recommend a scope, format and outline a desired curriculum for the new program taking into consideration member feedback from recent surveys on professional development and member needs.