

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

**Topic:** 2008 – 2009 Presidential Initiative

**Background:** In the past it has been a practice of the President to choose a topic to focus on for his/her presidential year and a theme to go with it. Sarah Debraski has provided information about her theme below.

**Action Required:** Information

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Presidential Theme for 2008-2009

The theme of my presidential year will be *Engaging the YALSA Community*. We know that our membership has grown tremendously in the past several years. We also know that although we all are associated with young adult librarianship, not everyone has the same role. Differences among members go beyond geography to include career stages, types of communities, budgets, and so much more. During my year as YALSA President it is my goal is to work with the membership to ensure there are great activities, resources and services for every member, no matter what their role in young adult librarianship may be. I will strive to make sure our association is meeting the needs of all members, including those who do not have the opportunity to attend our conferences. The first step in this process is gathering data and that process starts with a new member survey, which will be announced in the summer issue of YALS. After members have shared their feedback I will establish a task force to analyze the results and make recommendations based on the survey data. I am especially interested in establishing a greater online community for our members and am looking to this survey to help determine interest level.