

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans
June 24 - 28, 2011**

Topic: Board Fellow Guidelines

Background: In February the YALSA Board discussed, in their ALA Connect space, the 2011 Midwinter Meeting document #31. (This was a document the Board was unable to discuss at Midwinter 2011, due to a lack of time). Document #31 presented a proposal for the launch of a YALSA Board Fellow program. The proposal was approved in concept during the Board conference call in March with the next step the development of a set of guidelines for the Board to discuss at their meetings at Annual 2011. Mary Hastler and Linda Braun worked on the guidelines, which are is presented below for board consideration.

Action Required: Action

Overview

Each September YALSA will announce availability of an application for an association Board fellow. YALSA members who have not sat on the YALSA Board previously will be invited to submit an application for consideration as a Board fellow. An Ad-hoc Committee of the Board

At the end of their service, each Board fellow will be asked to complete an evaluation of his or her term by taking part in a phone interview with the immediate past president of the association.

Where can I learn more?

Visit the YALSA website (link TK) to learn more about the Board Fellows program and how to apply for a fellowship position. You can also contact the YALSA President (email TK) with questions about the program.

Application

In order to apply to be a YALSA board fellow the applicant must be a YALSA member and be able to:

- attend all meetings of the Board at Midwinter and Annual;
- actively participate in virtual discussions in between face-to-face meetings;
- participate in work as assigned by the President;
- attend conference call meetings;
- participate in periodic trainings held virtually throughout the year;
- complete an evaluation of the board fellow experience;

The applicant cannot have served a term on the YALSA Board previously either as an elected or appointed ex officio member.

In compliance of the award and selection committee conflict of interest policies, members on these committees are not eligible to serve as a Board fellow, Section 1 B states, “Any member who is already on a YALSA award or selection committee may not serve on an Association Board or an ALA jury (ex. the Schneider Family Jury).” -

<http://ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsa/conflict.cfm>

Those serving on a YALSA process committee (either as a member or chair) are eligible to apply as a YALSA Board fellow. It is important however to consider the time commitment required of committee work and Board work.

In order to be eligible as a Board fellow the candidate needs to not exceed the number of groups within ALA on which members are permitted to serve at one time. ALA Policy 4.4 states: “No person shall concurrently serve in more than three separate positions. Governing board, committee, liaison, subcommittee, and other responsibilities that require service in another position (e.g., service on a committee which entails assembly representation) are not in conflict with this policy.”

YALSA will provide the Board fellow with a \$500 stipend to attend Midwinter Meeting and a \$500 stipend to attend the Annual Conference during the year of their fellowship.

The Ad-hoc Board Committee will vet applications and applicants will be informed of the status of their application by January 31.

Name

Employer

Title

Number of years in position

ALA membership number

Email address

Phone number

Please list your participation over the last five years in any ALA, YALSA and/or state level committees or groups.

Describe one achievement from the above participation that you think demonstrates your skills as a leader.

Which of the following skills, experience, or knowledge would you bring to the YALSA Board?
(Check as many as apply)

- Finance/Accounting
- Ability to read and understand financial reports
- Legal
- Government/Public Policy
- Education
- Marketing
- Fundraising/Grant writing
- Management
- Media/Journalism
- Public Relations
- State Associations
- Strategic/Organizational planning
- Technology
- Social media
- Future Trends/Innovative thinking
- Youth-Serving Organizations
- Civic/Volunteer organizations

Which of the following skills or knowledge would you like to gain as a result of being a YALSA Board Fellow? (Check as many as apply)

- Finance/Accounting
- Ability to read and understand financial reports

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Which of the following skills or experience would you describe yourself as having? (Select three)

Aspirations to be a leader
Has chaired a committee
Passion for YALSA mission
Good at execution and follow-through
Values personal growth and learning
Sense of humor
Good at identifying problems
Good at offering solutions
Active listener
Critical thinker
Ability to analyze
Big-picture thinker
Innovative thinker

Why do you want to sit on the YALSA Board as a Board Fellow?

What other information do you think will be helpful to the YALSA Executive Committee as they evaluate Fellow applications?

I understand that if I am selected as a YALSA Board Fellow I must attend all face-to-face Midwinter and Annual Conference meetings of the Board, participate in virtual discussions throughout the year, attend conference call meetings, and participate in activities as assigned by the YALSA President.