

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Via Conference Call
August 26, 2011

Topic: Prioritizing STEM Activities

Background: At the June 2011 Board meeting, the group decided to form an ad-hoc committee of the board to prioritize STEM activities, as listed in the Annual Board Document #29, and identify those which would be most useful to members and/or the association and present them during the August Board call. Shannon Peterson, ad-hoc committee chair, has provided a report below.

Action Required: Discussion

As stated in Annual document #29, STEM education has been a strong focus for policy makers, philanthropic agencies, and grant makers in recent years. As students in the United States continue to lag in the these core areas and as technology continues to emerge, the necessity of STEM education will continue into the foreseeable future. It is of interest for YALSA to develop

grant/award opportunities, podcasts with outside organizations, or links to current research.

- Work with the YALS Editor to create a STEM issue, which could for example, highlight the work of the STEM programming contest winner, reproduce key pieces of the toolkit, interview members currently engaged in STEM related work, etc.