

**YALSA Board of Directors  
Conference Call  
June 1, 2012**

**Topic:** Quarterly Chair Reports

**Background:** Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work their group has accomplished since mid-February. During the conference call, each Board Liaison will have the opportunity to summarize and share any concerns their member groups may have and field questions from Board members. Board members are encouraged to reflect on the reports and discuss how the work of the groups is supporting the strategic plan, as well as look for and discuss common threads or issues between the reports and how the B thrs

encourage teen interest in the lists and award winners through contests, promotions, collaboration with YALSA's blog, The Hub, and other means.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Please include information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

We have created a “tweet calendar” that we use weekly to send tweets to followers. We have been highlighting a different award/list every month and then creating a tweet telling people about the award/list itself, or about a title on the list. This month we are highlighting Amazing Audio.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.

Advocacy and Activism

Research and Best Practices

Continuous Learning and Professional Development

x Member Recruitment and Engagement

Capacity Building and Organizational Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.\* **Required**

Program

Publication

x Outreach

Collaboration

Other (Please explain)

If other, please describe:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

We will continue to highlight a different award/list every month and tweet info about it. We make sure @yalsa and #bestofyalit are in each tweet. We are currently looking into some blogging possibilities; I will reach out to Gretchen asap. I will be presenting to a local library school during the summer months. I also plan on networking with committee chairs at Annuan

Additional Concerns or Comments. If concerns are of a personal nature, please email YALSA's president directly.

n/a

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Y

**Committee Name: The Hub Advisory Board**

**Chair: Gretchen Kolderup**

**Chair Email gretchenkolderup@gmail.com**

**Board Liaison: Nick Buron**

**Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:**

The Hub Advisory Board participates in the development and maintenance of the Hub and follows the guidelines for the site as set out by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the site and assists with the collection of content for the site, generates ideas for content, works (t)er52 (uC 0.2 ( w) gt) 0.2 ((t) 0.2 (t) 0.1

Collaboration

**What is your group's workplan for the next three months?:**

- \* Continue to improve communication with Advisory Board members and develop their capacity to contribute to the blog
- \* Work with Advisory Board members to begin planning another reading challenge for this fall/winter to promote the Nonfiction and Morris Awards
- \* Identify new ways for The Hub to improve its coverage of diversity in YA lit

**What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?:**

- \* Additional calls for new bloggers

**Priscille Dando**

**Name of Group: YALSA Blog Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: mk Eagle**

**Your E-mail address: [eagle.mk@gmail.com](mailto:eagle.mk@gmail.com)**

**Board Liaison: Priscille Dando**

Please provide your Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement. You can find this on your roster.

The YALSAblog Advisory Board's function is to support the Member Manager to ensure that the blog is relevant, innovative and meeting member needs for information about YALSA and the young adult librarianship profession. The Advisory Board participates in the maintenance of the blog and works within the guidelines for the site as set by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the blog and assists with the collection of content for the site; generates ideas for direction and content; helps obtain, analyze and use member and library community feedback about the site; assists with marketing as needed; and writes for the blog when requested by the manager.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Please include information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group w0.2 (r) Tf ( ) Tj ET Q q 0.



**Chair's Name: Joella Peterson**

**Your E-mail address: [jpeterson@trl.org](mailto:jpeterson@trl.org)**

**Board Liaison: Priscille Dando**

Please provide your Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement. You can find this on your roster. To promote the MAE Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to annually select a recipient, when a suitable winner is indicated.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Please include information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing





Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe : The collaboration has begun.

**Name of Group : Strategic Planning Committee**

**Chair's Name : Priscille Dando**

**E-mail address : pdando@gmail.com**

**Board Liaison : n/a**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To work with the YALSA Board throughout the strategic planning process and in between planning cycles, including but not limited to: connect with members to ensure an inclusive planning process, monitor the implementation strategy for the current strategic plan, to communicate the goals of the plan and the planning process to the general membership and to official member groups, and to encourage members and member groups to take an active role in helping YALSA achieve its goals.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : The committee advertised the Great Ideas Contest on a weekly basis across a variety of platforms and solicited applications. Four applications were received. The committee conducted a thorough review of the applications, including completing rubrics on each entry and discussing their merits and drawbacks. Unfortunately, after considering feasibility and contribution to fulfilling the strategic plan, the committee decided not to recommend a winner. As chair, I wrote personal thank you notes to each applicant.

As chair, I researched best practices for evaluating the progress and success of a nonprofit strategic plan and wrote points for the Executive Committee to consider.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Recruitment

Capacity

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : The committee, with input from the Executive Committee, staff, and Board, will determine and carry out an evaluation process of YALSA's progress in accomplishing the goals of the Strategic Plan.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Information about the progress of the strategic plan as it is determined.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 3

Member Participation : None, all members of the committee participated in a professional manner regarding the evaluation of the Great Ideas contest.

Additional Concerns or Comments : I recommend that the committee and Board evaluate the Great Ideas contest.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes  
If other, please describe :

**Name of Group: Teen Tech Week**

**Chair's Name: Sarah Ludwig**

**Your E-mail address: sarah.ludwig@gmail.com**

**Board Liaison: Priscille Dando**

Please provide your Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement. You can find this on your roster.

To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to feature all of their nonprint resources for teens and their families. Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Tech Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Tech Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library, education and technology fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme. Committee Size: 7 virtual members, including at least two members from the previous year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Please include information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

Teen Tech Week happened! As far as I know, everything went well, though I haven't heard



None.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes.

## **Sarah Flowers**

**Name of Group : Executive Committee**

**Chair's Name : Sarah Flowers**

**E-mail address : sarahflowers@charter.net**

**Board Liaison : Sarah Flowers**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : The Executive Committee acts for the Board of Directors between Board meetings, reviews agendas, coordinates orientation and training for YALSA Board members and Chairs and makes recommendations for action.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : The Executive Committee met by conference call on May 3.

Jack will do a webinar for new process committee chairs in June. For the selection chair leadership development session:

Information-sharing for everyone on the basics of YALSA's financial situation (where the money comes from, where it goes, etc.)--Penny, Sarah and Beth

3 leadership mini-sessions :

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Research

Learning

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : The roster was sent to publishers who have been invited to submit books for committee consideration. A space for committee work was set up on ALA Connect, with separate sections for pertinent documents, discussion of titles being considered (or not) for nomination, and a section for posting and discussing nominations. Books have been slow to arrive, but most publishers seem to be moving ahead with shipments now and committee members are busy reading and talking about the submissions. Administrative Assistant Laurie Bartz has compiled and updated submission and nomination lists and was very helpful in organizing the committee's Connect space.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy & Activism

Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Outreach

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : The chair will send a list of currently nominated titles to committee members by May 15 and the committee will meet at Annual in Anaheim to discuss these nominated titles. The committee will also talk about what members are doing in their communities to promote the Printz Award. These promotions can then be shared with others through YALSA publications. Committee members will continue to read, evaluate, and nominate books eligible for the 2013 Printz Award.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The chair will share what committee members are doing to promote the Printz Award in their individual communities.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : The members of the 2013 Printz Committee are a very hard-working and dedicated group. We waited longer than we'd hoped for titles to arrive on our doorsteps, and now committee members have really stepped up their reading in order to find books that meet the nomination criteria.

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Capacity

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : Review the four sets of guidelines; look for holes--what isn't there; evaluate value for practitioners; inventory YALSA website for effective integration of guidelines; establish specific ways in which YALSA CE and other association activities meet guidelines; identify decision makers and stakeholders that monitor and evaluate teen services programs/librarians and establish lines of communication to share





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**What news or information related to your group do you plan to**



Linda Braun for best post on the YALSABlog between Dec. 1, 2010, and Nov. 30, 2011, for "The Internet IS a Toaster"

Maria Kramer for best post on The Hub between Dec. 1, 2010, and Nov. 30, 2011, for "In Which Our Author Tips Her Cog-Bedecked Top Hat to Steampunk"

The journal authors each won \$500 and the blog authors each won \$200. The YALSA Writing Award recognizes the contribution of YALSA members who have written an article or blog post for the association's journals or blogs that is timely, original, relevant to YALSA members, and well-written. Learn more at the YALSA Writing Award webpage.

**Sandra Hughes-Hassell**

**Mid-**

**Name of Group : YALSA/VOYA Frances Henne Research Grant**

**Chair's Name : Rebecca Morris**

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**Board Liaison : Sandra Hughes-Hassell**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : Judge applications for the YALSA Frances

If other, please describe : The group utilized email, Google Docs, and ALA Connect to work on these tasks.

**Name of Group : Research Committee**

**Chair's Name : Don Latham**

**E-mail address : dlatham@fsu.edu**

**Board Liaison : Sandra Hughes-Hassell**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of the field of young adult library services, and to regularly compile abstracts, disseminate research findings,

update YALSA's Research Agenda as needed and to liaise with ALA's Committee on Research & Statistics. Committee size: 7 virtual members including at least two

members from the previous year. Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : In February, our committee, along with the Frances Henne Committee and the JRLYA Committee, petitioned the YALSA Board to consider changing the publication schedule of the journal. In March, the Board approved changing the schedule to a "rolling" publication schedule, rather than regular quarterly issues. The next step is for the three committees to work together to develop strategies to promote the journal more aggressively.

This month (May) I will be submitting a proposal for a research program (most likely a poster session) for the 2013 Annual Conference.

This past year has seen the finalization of the new Research Agenda, which was promoted in various venues at Midwinter, as well as through various listservs, a special issue of JRLYA, etc. The next major task for the committee is to update the research bibliography to align it with the new research agenda. The committee will be working on that task this summer, with the goal of having the agenda updated by October, at the latest.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Research

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : 1. Submit proposal for a research poster session for Annual 2013.

2. Update the research bibliography.
3. Continue to promote the research agenda.
4. Work with the Henne and JRLYA Committees to promote JRLYA more widely.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Status of bibliography update, upcoming poster session at Annual 2013, publication opportunities in JRLYA.



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Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including fundraising efforts and donor recognition. Work with the Board to create and implement regular fundraising campaigns based on fiscal priorities identified by the Board. Implement fundraising opportunities approved by the YALSA Board.

**What were the outcomes or results of your group's work over the past three months?:**

Over the past three months the Committee:

- \* Continued to get the word out about YALSA's Booze for Books event via the YALSAblog, lists, Twitter, and e-news.
- \* Working with YALSA staff on a possible fundraising opportunity that may take place at Annual.

An article written by member Priscille Dando on FAC and YALSA fundraising originally scheduled for the spring issue of YALS will be included in the summer issue of the journal.

**Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were Addressed?:**

- ! Advocacy and Activism
- ! Research and Best Practices
- ! Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- X Member Recruitment and Engagement
- ! Capacity Building and Organizational Development

**Which strategies were used for the above action areas?:**

- ! Program
- ! Publication
- X Outreach
- ! Collaboration
- ! Other (Please explain)

**What is your group's workplan for the next three months?:**

Continue to plan potential fundraising leading up to or taking place at Annual.

**What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?:**

N/A

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months?**

- 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well
- 2
- 3
- X 4
- 5 Not Accomplished

**Member Participation**

N/A

**Additional Concern** T Q q 0.2e0.2 (nd Y) -0.2 (A) -0.2 (L) 0.2 (S) -0.2 (A) -0nc

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

X Yes

No

**Name of Group: Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers**

**Chair's Name: Becky Jackman**

**Your E-mail address: Rebecca.jackman@cmcss.net**

**Board Liaison: Penny Johnson**

Please provide your Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement. You can find this on your roster. To annually prepare an annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Please include information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing. The Quick Picks committee members have been reading and nominating books for the current list. We have been working with young adult readers to see which titles meet our criteria. We have 48 nominations on our nomination list at this time.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.

XX Advocacy and Activism

Research and Best Practices

Continuous Learning and Professional Development

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Capacity Building and Organizational Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.\* **Required**

Program

Publication

XX Outreach

XX Collaboration

Other (Please explain)

If other, please describe:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged y

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Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. No concerns at this time.

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What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

- Build

- Submitted articles about Anaheim and the Orange County area that appeared in YALSA e-news during March, April, and May.
- Posted entries to the YALSA blog about the Annual Conference. The committee is currently contributing a weekly series of blog posts on Orange County dining options.
- YALSA blog posts written by the Local Arrangements committee were shared with a local library listserv (calix) and shared via Twitter by committee members.
- Contacted Nichole Gilbert to confirm how Local Arrangements committee members can provide onsite help at the conference; created a schedule accordingly.
- At Beth Yoke's request, promoted YALSA's preconferences and ticketed events via social networking and through word-of-mouth with local colleagues.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.\* **Required**

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration
- Other (Please explain)

If other, please describe:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

- Members will be in very frequent communication in the weeks leading up to the conference, ready to address any needs that arise.
- Allison (chair) will communicate with YALSA Staff Liaison and Board Liaison answer to members' questions as they arise.
- Committee members will assist with YALSA activities at the conference and provide any other on-site help as needed.
- Allison (chair) will wrap up the committee's work after the conference and pass along documents and information to the incoming Local Arrangements chair.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

- The committee will continue to contribute blog posts and promote YALSA's activities at the conference via social media and in person.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1-Accomplished Exceedingly Well to 5 – Not Accomplished

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Member Participation:

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Members participated as expected. They contributed blog posts and passed along information via social media. I was particularly impressed with the initiative taken by member Erica Cuygan to identify and communicate with a potential venue.

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If other, please describe:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

We plan to submit the manual to the Board by the end of May 2012. Then we look forward to



Member Recruitment and Engagement

Capacity Building and Organizational Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.\* **Required**

Program

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

Other (Please explain)

If other, please describe:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

--Continue with the next round of committee evaluations, based on the calendar created by the previous committee.

--Prepare any information needed for Board Action.

--Prepare information to pass along to next committee chair.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Nothing at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1-Accomplished Exceedingly Well to 5 – Not Accomplished 2

Member Participation: None at this time.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. The only participation concerns are my own. As chair, I feel that I have let down the committee because I've not been able to complete the work I'd planned to do. In retrospect, beginning a new job with 3 capital projects underway was not a good time to accept appointment as chair. For this, I apologize.

Additional Concerns or Comments. If concerns are of a personal nature, please email YALSA's president directly.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes.

## **Jack Martin**

**Name of Group: Awards Nominating Committee**

**Chair's Name: Jerene Battisti**

**Your E-mail address: jdbattisti@kcls.org**

**Board Liaison: Jack Martin**

Please provide your Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement. You can find this on your roster.

To recruit, vet, and select award committee candidates for the YAL22 (e) 0.2 (rns) -0.2 ( or Com)6d (e) 0.20.

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If other, please describe:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1-Accomplished Exceedingly Well to 5 – Not Accomplished

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Member Participation:

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

No concerns at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments. If concerns are of a personal nature, please email YALSA's president directly.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Why, yes.

**Name of Group: Presidential Appointments Taskforce**

**Chair's Name: Jack Martin**

**Your E-mail address: jackmartin@nypl.org**

**Board Liaison: Jack Martin**

Please provide your Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement. You can find this on your roster.

To provide support and advice to the President-Elect in regards to committee/jury/taskforce appointments. Activities may include: recruiting members to fill out volunteer forms, providing

The taskforce worked quickly in March-April 2012 to make recommendations for Process Committee appointments from the pre-screened list of volunteers sent by the amazing Letitia Smith. Jack Martin is now working with the YALSA office to finalize the appointments.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.

Advocacy and Activism

Research and Best Practices

Continuous Learning and Professional Development

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Capacity Building and Organizational Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.\* **Required**

Program

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

Other (Please explain)

If other, please describe:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1-Accomplished Exceedingly Well to 5 – Not Accomplished

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Member Participation:

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.



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development of a summer reading webinar and a week-long YALSA Forum discussion in ALA Connect. To vet the applicants for the summer reading mini grants and choose 20 winners by Feb. 10th, 2012, according to eligibility requirements and responses to questions on the application form.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : The task force has evaluated the Dollar General Summer Reading Intern Grants (45 applications received, 40 grants to be awarded) and submitted the winning names to the YALSA office. Katie Bradley has taken on the responsibility of providing a tip on summer reading for each YALSA E-News issue. Jennifer Fairchild moderated the April YA Forum, which covered summer reading programs. The task force has been compiling resources to put together a webinar.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy & Activism

Recruitment

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : We will continue to provide a summer reading tip to each YALSA E-News. The task force will continue to work on creating and presenting a webinar on evaluating summer reading programs. We will continue to add content to the YALSA wiki.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We will continue to provide a summer reading tip to each YALSA E-News. The task force will continue to work on creating and presenting a webinar on evaluating summer reading programs.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : No concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :



## Shannon Peterson

**Name of Group : Morris Award 2013**

**Chair's Name : Joy Kim**

**E-mail address : [joy.kim@gmail.com](mailto:joy.kim@gmail.com)**

**Board Liaison : Shannon Peterson**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To annually select and annotate from the previous year's publications a short list of five of the best young adult books betir ( )( be ( )( bet) 0.2 (n by) (

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Outreach  
XCollaboration

Other (Please explain)

If other, please describe:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the Y



What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1-Accomplished Exceedingly Well to 5 – Not Accomplished 3

Member Participation: Good-everyone is responsive and has initiative.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

Additional Concerns or Comments. If concerns are of a personal nature, please email YALSA's president directly.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes, I have been in touch with Shannon about how things are going.

## Sara Ryan

**Name of Group: Continuing Education Advisory Board Task Force**

**Chair's Name: Mari Hardacre**

**Your E-mail address: [mhardacre@acpl.info](mailto:mhardacre@acpl.info)**

**Board Liaison: Sara Ryan**

Please provide your Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement. You can find this on your roster.

The function statement of the Member Group is: To provide feedback to YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education on: 1) appropriate and timely topics for continuing education offerings and 2) identifying qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions. To assist the Program Officer for CE as requested with promoting CE opportunities and recognizing the contribution of facilitators, presenters, etc.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Please include information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing

The group was not very active this quarter. Some of us did visit the YA Forum discussion on ALA Connect to help get the conversations going.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.

Continuous Learning and Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.\* **Required**

Other (Please explain)

If other, please describe: Offering feedback as requested by Eve Gaus.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months 4

Member Participation: Could be better.



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If other, please describe :

**Chris Shoemaker**

**Name of Group: YALSA IG/DG Task Force**

**Chair's Name: Stephanie D. Reynolds**

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updates and usually several times before receiving a response. I am sure that the ALA staff is overloaded, but it took at least two weeks to find out we only had 2 responses.

**Member Participation:**

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. Group participation continues to be a challenge. When members were asked for feedback on the initial survey, all but one responded with blanket approvals. One member never responded (multiple requests were made). I will be asking group members to actively work to obtain survey responses from the other group chairs.

**Additional Concerns or Comments.** If concerns are of a personal nature, please email YALSA's president directly.

Were you able to touch

**Name of Group: Margaret A. Edwards 2012**

**Chair's Name: Susan Fichtelberg**

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**Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker**

Please provide your Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement. You can find this on your roster.

To select a living author or co-author as well as a specific body of his or her work, who has made a significant and lasting contribution to literature for young adults. The book or books should be accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives.

If other, please describe:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1-Accomplished Exceedingly Well to 5 – Not Accomplished

Member Participation: Since we are not currently working on a selection, our work is essentially done and the above questions are moot.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

Additional Concerns or Comments. If concerns are of a personal nature, please email YALSA's president directly.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? By email.

**Name of Group: Teen Read Week Committee**

**Chair's Name: RoseMary Honnold**

**Your E-mail address: rhonnold@gmail.com**

**Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker**

Please provide your Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement. You can find this on your roster.

To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to encourage their teens to read for the fun of it. Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Read Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Read Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library, education and literature fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme.

Committee Size: 7 virtual members, including at least two members from the previous year.

Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Please include information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

The committee created the first themed Teen Read Week manual. A committee member also contributed to YALS. We started a Pinterest board for Teen Read Week.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.\* **Required**

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Since the last board report preliminary programs have been released, registration has opened and we are accepting applications for scholarship funds. We have spent the last 3 months advertising through YALSA resources like the e-news and the Ning. We have also worked on adding more local interests to the Ning.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.

Advocacy and Activism

Research and Best Practices

Continuous Learning and Professional Development

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Capacity Building and Organizational Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.\* **Required**

Program

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

Other (Please explain)

If other, please describe:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing.

We will continue our advertising push, interviewing presenters, bringing interesting articles to light on the Ning, YALSA Blog and The Hub. We will be working with presenters to outline our expectations and requirements for symposium programs. We will also evaluate scholarship applications when the application period closes.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

As stated above we will be building a buzz for the symposium by interviewing presenters and authors on the YALSA Blog, The Hub and the Ning.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1-Accomplished Exceedingly Well to 5 – Not Accomplished

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Member Participation:

Everyone has been very helpful and responsive. Summer is a busy time for librarians, so we are

Yes.

**Name of Group: YA Lit Symposium Evaluation Taskforce**

**Chair's Name: Franklin Escobedo**

**Your E-mail address: adrithian@yahoo.com**

**Board Liaison: Christopher Shoemaker**

Please provide your Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement. You can find this on your roster.

Explore the feasibility of an annual YALSA symposium beginning with 2014, including determining: 1) whether or not YALSA has adequate staffing and resources to hold an annual

**Member Participation:**

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

While we've using ALA Connect to communicate, the discussion hasn't been as active as I would like. I'm proposing to the group that we do more e-mails in order to move quicker.

Additional Concerns or Comments. If concerns are of a personal nature, please email YALSA's president directly.

No concerns at the moment.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

I haven't had any issues to bring up with our liaison.

## **Stephanie Squicciarini**

**Name of Group: 2013 Alex Awards Committee**

**Chair's Name: Rachel McDonald**

**E-mail address: rmmcdonald@kcls.org**

**Board Liaison: Stephanie Squicciarini**

**Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:**

To select from the previous year's publications ten books written for adults which have special appeal for young adults, ages 12 through 18. Committee size: 9 plus one consultant from Booklist and one administrative assistant if requested.

**What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?:**

We got a late start as we searched for and confirmed a ninth committee member, but since we began discussing via listserv in late February, all committee members have been active in requesting, reading, and reviewing titles:

- Total Books Requested: 144
- Total Books Reviewed: 24
- Total Eligible Nominations: 13 (field nominations need a second)
- Eligible Field Nominations: 4
- Committee Nominations: 11

**Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed?:**

Advocacy and Activism

**Which strategies were used for the above action areas?:**

I have contacted Gretchen Kolderup, manager of YALSA's teen literature blog, The Hub, about submitting an article soliciting field nominations for the Alex Awards.

**What is your group's workplan for the next three months?:**

We will continue to request, review, and nominate titles for the 2013 Alex Awards. We will meet at ALA Annual in Anaheim to further discuss our charge and nominated titles.

**What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?**

We will coordinate with the YALSA's The Hub blog manager to see about writing posts about the Alex Awards program at Annual, as well as a post about field nominations for the Alex Awards.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 2**

**Member Participation:**

At present, every committee member has been communicating via email and I expect everyone to be in attendance at Annual.

**Additional Concerns or Comments:**

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?:**

Yes (I sent initial email, Stephanie sent a follow up email)

**Name of Group : Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults**

**Chair's Name : Gretchen Kolderup**

**E-mail address : [gretchenkolderup@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenkolderup@gmail.com)**

**Board Liaison : Stephanie Squicciarini**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : \* Established procedure for assigning, assessing, voting on, and discussing potential titles

\* Sent letters to publishers explaining AAYA's purpose and inviting submissions

\* Began our listening and have compiled (to date) a list of 16 potential nominees

\* Received and considered four field suggestions

\* Worked with Nichole Gilbert to arrange for meeting time and space at Annual

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Member Recruitment and Engagement



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publishers and the committee. I have also been keeping record of all submissions and the committee's votes.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.

Advocacy and Activism

Research and Best Practices

Continuous Learning and Professional Development

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Research and Best Practices

Continuous Learning and Professional Development

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Capacity Building and Organizational Development

Which strategies were used for the above

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**Christian Zabriskie**

**Name of Group: YALSA Legislative Committee**

**Chair's Name: Carrie Rogers-Whitehead**

**Your E-mail address: crwhitehead@slcolibrary.org**

**Board Liaison: Chris Zabriskie**

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4. Lizz Zitron and Angela Carstensen are representing this committee at ALA in June, we have created a handout they will pass out and Lizz will represent us at ALA Assembly. What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

We should have an article about the YALSA's Advocate of the Month coming out in summertime. Also, we will continue to utilize the YALSA blog for promoting the Advocate of