

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Via conference call
March 2, 2011**

Topic: Request from ALSC President

Background: On January 25th ALSC President Julie Corsaro contacted Kim Patton via email and asked to have a phone conversation in regards to a message that ALSC was sending out to its membership. The message is provided below for your reference. A brief conference call between Julie, Aimee Strittmatter, Kim and Beth Yoke took place on Feb. 9th. Julie presented the idea that the ALSC and YALSA Executive

Committee meeting this coming October. Kim has placed this request on the agenda for the YALSA Executive Committee meeting v005604 A O/07 0 0 1S

One definition of a good board, according to ALA Parliamentarian Eli Mina, is that it's a learning board. The ALSC Board's judgment on the scope of attention issue is that flaws in the process that brought the issue to ballot were significant enough to merit a new decision-making process. Therefore, the Board has outlined the following steps to move forward:

The ALSC Board will invite the YALSA Board to participate in a mediated discussion about the issue of the age overlap in service between the two divisions. While details have yet to be determined, we hope that this discussion between the leadership of the two divisions can take place as soon as possible. The principal goal of this dialogue is a mutual understanding of each division's concerns.

At the Annual Conference, there will be opportunity for a face-to-face discussion among the membership about this and other issues. Details of where and when this discussion will occur will be provided in advance of Annual. The discussion of this issue on ALA-Connect will remain open.

As your board members we welcome your comments on this and any other issue. ALSC's leadership is informed, and our organization strengthened, when members thoughtfully and respectfully engage on issues of concern. Our new draft strategic plan identifies our vision as "creating a better future for children through libraries." Thank you for joining with us to realize that vision.

Respectfully,

The 2010-11 ALSC Board of Directors