

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
Conference Call  
1:00 – 2:30 PM (Eastern) August 8, 2007**

**Topic:** Petitions for YALSA Election

**Background:** According to YALSA's Bylaws, any person may run on the ballot provided they are current members and gather 25 signatures of support from other members; however, the process for doing that is not specified. The Board may want to decide whether or not the signatures can be collected electronically or if they may only be collected by hand.

**Action Required:** Action

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**YALSA Bylaws: Article VIII, Section 4**

"A candidate may be nominated by a petition signed by twenty-five personal members of YALSA. The nominee shall be a member in good standing of the Association. The petition and the written consent of the nominee shall be filed with the YALSA Executive Director a minimum of four months before the Midwinter meeting, and the name of each candidate so nominated shall be listed on the official ballot."

**From ALA:**

For the ALA election for Councilors and President-Elect, they do not allow electronic signatures; however, Divisions can decide on their own what they will allow for division petitions.