

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
3:30 – 5:00 PM (Eastern) August 25, 2009**

Topic: Selection Committee Terms of Appointment

Background: Currently the O&B Committee is looking at standardizing policies and procedures for the selection committees. Kim will begin appointing to the 2011 selection committees in October of this year. One item that has surfaced not just with the O&B Committee, but was a recommendation from the Selection List Task Force and surfaced during the recent BBYA discussion was that the three year term for BBYA and Quick Picks was too long. While the O&B Committee will continue to work on standardization, the Board may want to take action now on this one issue before Kim begins her appointments.

Action Required: Action

Proposal: Modify the term of appointments for BBYA and Quick Picks Committee members from three to two years so that members will receive a one year appointment with the option to serve one additional consecutive year (currently the re-appointment is for two years).

Rationale: Making this change will bring these committees in line with YALSA's other selection committees. This change was recommended by the 2007 Selection List Task Force, and it is also something several members recommended during the recent BBYA discussions. A shorter term will allow for greater member participation and will address the issue that some members get burned out after spending that much time on a demanding committee. A two year appointment may also be more favorable to members who are struggling to find funds to travel to conferences.

Requested action: Change the term of appointments for BBYA and Quick Picks as outlined above and direct the O&B Committee to reflect the change in the written policies and procedures for these two committees.