

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
March 5, 2009

Topic: Update on Committee Restructuring

Background: On Feb. 19th email messages were sent to the Chairs of all standing committees. For those Committees that the Board voted at Midwinter to expand into an Interest or Discussion Group between now and 2010, they received a specific message from Sarah Debraski. The other Committees received a more general message encouraging them to explore the concept of expanding into an Interest or Discussion Group. The targeted Committees who received the message explaining the Board decision to expand their group are: Intellectual Freedom, Outreach to YAs, Partnerships Advocating for Teens, Professional Development, Technology, Teen Advisory Groups, Youth Participation. The Board may want to discuss next steps.

Action Required: Discussion

Some questions to consider:

- Have all the Chairs received and read the message? Should Board Liaisons check in with their Chairs (only for standing committees: not juries, taskforces or advisory boards) to determine this?
- Do you think Chairs need more information &/or support in order to be able to adequately conduct an evaluation with their committee?
 - Would setting up some live chats between Sarah and the Chairs help Chairs feel more a part of the process and better prepared to consider the change?
- How should YALSA roll out the news to the general membership?
- What IG/DG resources does YALSA still need to create? What we have so far:
 - Description of current IG/DGs:
www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsab/discussion.cfm
 - FAQ about IG/DGs: www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsab/faq.cfm
 - Petition form for starting a new IG/DG:
www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsa/petition.doc
 - List of resources for member groups:
www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsab/memborgroups.cfm
 - Info about IG/DGs on Get Involved page of wiki:
http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Get_Involved_in_YALSA#Interest_.26_Discussion_Groups