

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
March 5, 2009

Topic: Approval of Minutes from the 09 Midwinter Meeting

Background: Minutes are the official record of the Board. It is important that they be as accurate as possible. Any oversights or errors should be identified and corrected for the permanent record. The minutes below have been submitted by Francisca Goldsmith, YALSA's Secretary, for the Board's approval.

Action Required: Consent

Board I
Saturday, January 24, 2009

Present: Sarah Cornish Debraski, Linda Braun, Paula Brehm-Heeger, Christine Allen, Mary Hastler, Francisca Goldsmith, Erin Helmrich, Kimberly Patton, Michele Gorman, Dawn Rutherford, Ruth Cox Clark, Cindy Welch, Sheila Schofer, Melissa Rabey, Beth Yoke

Regrets: Sandra Payne

Observers: Franklin Escobedo, GLBTQ Round Table; Terri Kirk, ALA Executive Representative; Audra Caplan, BARC; Cara Kinsey; Lorraine Squires; Kelly Czernaki; Nick Buron

Meeting called to order at 1:30 by Sarah Cornish Debraski
Linda Braun appointed timekeeper

Information Forum

Debraski: check this am's sign in sheet and contact chairs with whom you liaise who were absent

Paula Brehm-Heeger called attention to ALA President Elect Camila Alire's initiative on advocacy: "Libraries: the heart of all communities" and the particular connection between literacy and advocacy; does message resonate with ALA members and their constituencies? Brehm-Heeger is on Alire's task force working to get out message so please respond to Brehm-Heeger with any feedback on the proposed initiative

Beth Yoke update on ticketed Midwinter events of 1/

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Franklin Escobedo: Round Table still hopes to create awards and list for GLBTQ youth

Debraski: good feedback from attendees at this morn

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Motion #10 (Document #25)

Welch moved that the YALSA Board accept the request as written for the creation of a Technology Award. Rutherford seconded. Motion failed.

Motion #11 (Document #25)

Braun moved that the YALSA Board direct Kelly Czarnecki to go back to the Technology for Young Adults Committee and discuss the issue brought up by the Board and come back at Annual with a new proposal. Melissa Rabey seconded and the motion passed.

Motion #12 (Item Document #22)

Patton moved that the YALSA Board accept in concept the Revised Charge and direct Organization & Bylaws to clarify the wording. Hastler seconded and motion passed.

Motion #13

Brehm-Heeger moved that the YALSA Board approve the

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Visitors: Emily Sheketoff, ALA Washington Office; Sarah Flowers, ALA Nominating Committee; Stephanie Squicciarini

Sarah Cornish Debraski recalled the meeting to order at 10:32 am

Information Forum

Sarah Flowers: Nominations for the 2010 ALA slate are due September 1, and she requests that we contact her with suggestions at sflowers@charter.net or 408-529-6919. The Committee is seeking candidates for ALA President-Elect, ALA Treasurer and at least 50 candidates for ALA Council. She is writing an article for Spring *YALS* on this and looking for input on the article as well.

Discussion Items

Document #36 (continued) Advocacy

Emily Sheketoff provided an update on lead issue: ALA's attorney has contacted the Consumer

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Document #31 Friends of YALSA Update

Hastler thanked the Friends of YALSA and described possible marketing tactics such as an online book discussion of winning Printz books to help generate interest in the event.

Document #45 Strategic Plan Changes

Motion #26

Rutherford moved that the YALSA Board strike Goal Area Four, Objective 3, from the Strategic Plan. Seconded by Braun. Motion passed.

Item Document #35 Council Report

Christine Allen presented her report, including proposed Gaza Strip statement, reduced walk-in registrations at this Midwinter, and school-related issues of intellectual freedom abrogation in favor of principals viewing school libraries as “reading labs.”

Document #46

Motion #27

Paula Brehm-Heeger moved that the YALSA Board accept the recommendation offered in Board Document #46 to create an annual list of Websites/Blogs for Young Adults with young adult input, as written. Hastler seconded. Motion failed.

Document #32 Meeting Member Needs

Debraski noted that two areas on which YALSA can focus to help members through the recession are continuing education and advocacy and pointed out that both of these topics are included in the strategic plan.

Informational Items

Debraski called Board attention to these items (Documents #38-44)

Motion #28

Helmrich moved to adjourn the Midwinter Board meeti