

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Diego
January 7 - 11, 2011**

Topic: Youth Council Caucus

Background: In 2009 discussions began among YALSA leaders around the role of the Youth Council Caucus. In an effort to facilitate communication among caucus members, a space was created for them in ALA Connect. Nick Buron has also worked with the other youth division Councilors to help raise the profile of the caucus within Council. As a result of their efforts, a resolution on summer reading was developed and passed by Council in June 2010. The Board may want to discuss the progress of the caucus and explore ways that it might support the work of this group.

Action Required: Discussion

Youth Council Caucus activity:

- No activity up until this week
I posted a discussion item on ALA Connect regarding the Exec Board recommendation for an after school programming in libraries
- Some Youth Council Caucus (YCC) members are vocal for school library resolution, but it is my belief that while YCC could support a resolution that helps some children and/or teens, any Youth Council Caucus resolution should be inclusive for all teens and children in all libraries.
 - Waiting for two other Division Councilors to weigh in
- respectfully submitted, Nick Buron, YALSA Division Councilor*

Additional Information

The Executive Committee discussed the YCC at its October meeting and came to the consensus to take these actions:

- Order badge ribbons or buttons for YCC for conferences
- Add YCC discussion to the Joint Executive Committee meeting agenda for 2011 Midwinter, including the ideas about creating a manual and providing training to YCCs
- Send out an email from the Division Councilor with information about the YCC meeting at Midwinter and encouraging everyone, especially new Councilors, to attend
- Explore ways that the YCC might take on the role of trainer/leader developer as part of the long term goal to have active YALSA and/or YCC members move up the ALA leadership chain

Resources:

- Guidelines for Preparation of ALA Resolutions:
www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/council/resolutionguidelines/index.cfm
- Youth Council Caucus space on ALA Connect: <http://connect.ala.org/node/81259>

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- Summer Reading Resolution: <http://tinyurl.com/35wvwmk>
- <http://tinyurl.com/344zw6x>