

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Dallas  
January 20 – 24, 2012

**Topic:** Piloting a Virtual Selection Committee

**Background:** Since 2010, all process committees moved to a virtual work environment and thus opened up the doors for more YALSA members to participate across the country. The YALSA Board may want to explore the desirability of expanding virtual options to selection and awards committees in order to further increase opportunities for members.

**Action Required:** Discussion

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**Proposal**

For selection and award committees that start their work Feb. w/ ( t)-2(he)4(i)t1 D tTICS441 1 omcD oequ5C

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final evaluation would be conducted to determine whether or not the pilot was successful. If so, then the Board would need to decide whether or not it is feasible to continue these committees as virtual groups and/or whether to begin transitioning other selection committees to a virtual format.

**Proposed Next Step**

Direct the President to establish an ad-hoc board committee to work out the details of piloting a virtual award and selection committee, including a timeline, suggested committees to use for the pilot, an evaluation plan, and recommended resources for facilitating virtual meetings and to present a preliminary report to the Executive Committee by April 2<sup>nd</sup> for spring April meeting.

**Additional Resources**

- Street Lit Book Award Committee (works entirely virtually):  
[www.streetliterature.com/2011/02/slot-available-on-2011-street-lit-book.html](http://www.streetliterature.com/2011/02/slot-available-on-2011-street-lit-book.html)
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