

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Antonio
January 20-25, 2006**

Topic: No Conflict on Selection Committees

Background: Recently some questions about eligibility to serve on selection committees have surfaced. ALSC dealt with these issues by creating a Conflict of Interest Statement. This is something that may also be beneficial to YALSA.

Action Required: Discussion/Decision

Sample Statement from ALSC:

Conflict of Interest

ALSC affirms its confidence in the integrity of members who are invited to be nominated or appointed to serve on award and media evaluation committees, and in the integrity of the officers or nominating committees responsible for selecting candidates. However, because of the nature of the work of such committees, those who

would disqualify him/her under this policy or which would otherwise affect, or give the appearance of tending to affect, his/her ability to carry out assigned responsibilities fairly and without self-interest of any kind. A committee member must resign immediately upon the development of any circumstance or event which disqualifies him/her from committee service under this policy or which would otherwise affect, or give the appearance of tending to affect, his/her ability to carry out assigned responsibilities fairly and without self-interest of any kind.

The president of ALSA shall immediately accept such resignations when tendered. In the event a committee member violates this policy, the Executive Committee shall request the committee member to tender his/her resignation. If a committee member refuses, the Executive Committee shall remove the member and inform the Board of its action. The president shall then appoint a new committee member. The final decision rests with the Executive Committee.