

**YALSA Board of Direct**

**When asked what YALSA change for future conferences, respondents said:**

- Do more with other relevant divisions, such as PLA, AASL and ASLC including joint programs and cross promotion of programs of interest.
- Make YALSA Member Booth more visible and keep staffed at all times. Do more at the Member Booth: raffles, silent auction for charity, a map where members can put a pin next to their home town, etc.
- Ensure speakers are well prepared. Consider developing & distributing a tip sheet about public speaking, moderating, managing time, presenting, etc.
- Try to get book selection committees to meet centrally rather than spread out so members can easily sit in on discussion.
- Do more online before and after the conference:
  - Make presentations, handouts, etc. available after the conference (consider podcasts, DVDs, wiki)
  - Get a YALSA flickr account and ask members to create a shared photostream.
  - Have someone blog what happens at programs
  - Send more pre-conference emails

**When asked what programs or activities attendees would like to see at future conferences, some particular topics and ideas bubbled up:**

- More for school librarians
- Workshops on technology (using it to reach teens, programming ideas, demos of the latest, etc.)
- Reaching different teen audiences: urban, multicultural, special needs, ESL
- Reference service to teens
- Programming for teens
- Graphic novels, manga, anime
- Gaming
- Teen volunteers, training them
- Make sessions interactive and not mostly a lecture format
- Provide more opportunities for informal networking and mingling with fellow YALSA members in the evenings or during mealtimes. Possibly a reception following the membership meeting.
- Offer programs targeted to people at a specific level of expertise. For example: gaming in libraries for beginners or building YA collections for seasoned professionals. Consider labeling programs as beginning, intermediate and advanced, so attendees know what to expect content-wise.
- Consider a poster session, fair, etc.

**Proposed Action from YALSA’s Executive Committee:**

Charge the Program Clearinghouse Committee with:

- Developing a handout of speaker tips
- Using the above list of program ideas to prioritize what programs will be offered in 08
- Communicating with all committees the request for more speakers from outside the library world and/or new voices and/or technology and information literacy experts
- Communicating with all committees the request for more collaboration with other ALA divisions and units ○