

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia
January 11-16, 2008**

Topic: YALSA Representatives to ALA Committees Update

Background: YALSA has representatives on various member groups throughout ALA. Some of these are in an official capacity where YALSA appoints a member to serve, and others are just part of the ALA group due to their involvement with YALSA Committees. Information is provided below to update you on YALSA's involvement with these various member groups

Action Required: Information

Joint Committees

ALA-APA Committee Representative

Michael Cart – has completed his term on this committee

Update: I wasn't re-appointed to this position and I'm not even sure that YALSA has a representative this time around. Committee contains only two divisional reps. It meets only once a year. Did go this year (it was in D.C. in the spring) We weren't briefed in advance. The whole focus of the committee, by the way, is on academic publishing.

ALA-CBC Committee Representatives

David Mowery
Sheila Anderson

David

Update: My (David) term began at the end of the 2006 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans and expires at the end of the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. And I am very interested in being re-appointed!

The spring and fall ALA/CBC meetings are held in New York City, in the Children's Book Council Conference Room, 12 West 37th Street. The committee does not meet at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and/or ALA Annual Conference.

As you know, I had emailed you the agenda for the meeting on Monday, October 22, 2007. I reported on Teen Read Week, Support Teen Literature Day, and YALSA's conflict of interest policy.

At the previous meeting on Monday, March 19, 2007, I reported on YALSA's uses of the Bill Morris Endowment.

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sponsored program at 2008 Annual in Anaheim. Since early July, I have been working with committee members to fine-tune the scope and cont

We will have a phone conference in mid-November to prepare the short list, then we will be meeting Friday at Midwinter to select the titles and again that Sunday to call the winners.

Division, Office or Round Table Committees (YALSA's representatives serve on these because of their committee work in YALSA)

ASCLA Accessibility Assembly Representative (ASCLA Committee)

Victoria Vogel

Update: I have only been to one meeting, and that was the one at the past Annual (June '07), so to be honest, I have not done much in the past 6 mos.

However, there is one development in the works which pertains to YALSA that I can pass along to you.

At Annual the Accessibility Committee was working on forming an ad hoc advisory committee on web standards. The (ad hoc) committee would exist to devise standards for libraries to keep in mind when choosing database vendors or web designers. These standards would pertain to accessibility for all types of users, with the goal of libraries only offering technology that is universally accessible. The (ad hoc) committee would also serve as a watchdog for best applications of these standards in the digital library world. They asked for a representative from our Outreach to serve. I asked if anyone was interested, and no one felt comfortable volunteering. So, I volunteered myself. However, I know nothing about web standards, and I feel like the wrong fit for this role. Could I ask other committees if anyone else would be interested?

I have not heard about any upcoming meetings of this ad hoc committee yet, so perhaps I should ask the chair about that. They would like all divisions represented on it. Perhaps I should get some clarity on the status of this committee before I proceed.

ALA New Members Round Table (NMRT) Representative

Kristin Heathcock

Update: If you are unaware, NMRT Liaisons are volunteers who provide outreach services to designated ALA Units, communicating relevant events, activities, and announcements. Liaisons serve a crucial role in disseminating information about respective ALA Units to other new members in the profession, gaining not only knowledge of the association, but also experience and leadership opportunities within the profession.

From Kristin: Thank you for the warm welcome. I monitor the YALSA listserv for information that is useful for NMRT members - and am always looking for YALSA information to share. If ever you need me to make any announcements, I am always willing and able.

