

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

**Topic:** Student Intern Proposal

**Background:** At the 2007 Midwinter Meeting the Board established an ad hoc committee to “investigate the possibility of a student intern position on the Board for a one-year term, including budgeting and mentoring support, with input from the Student Interest Group, and to have said ad hoc committee report back at Annual 2007.”

**Action Required:** Action

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The ad-hoc committee struggled with the idea of what an intern could do that would be valuable to them during a conference. We discussed using the RUSA model, but really had no concrete details. Our subgroup kept getting bogged down in our discussions wondering what meaningful work we may have for an intern. The goal of the intern position was to start developing new leaders. Last year we funded two Emerging Leader positions and this year one position, and we were funded for a Spectrum scholar. We think these should be in place of the student intern for now. Partly this is due to the new Executive Committee and Board positions. We think this idea is perhaps a bit off timing right now until we see what the new positions do and then how an intern could help. Therefore we do not recommend the establishment of a YALSA Student Intern at this time.

-Respectfully submitted, Amy Alessio, Judy Nelson and Kim Patton