

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Denver
January 23-28, 2009

Topic: Request for Board Action: Professional Development Committee Charge

Background: Sarah Erwin, the Chair of the Professional Development Committee is requesting a change in the charge for this committee. She has worked with her committee members to develop a proposed new charge, which is presented below.

Action Required: Action

NAME: Sarah Erwin, Chair of the Professional Development Committee

REQUEST: change the committee charge to more accurately reflect the intent of this group

RATIONALE: the past one is out of date and is no longer meets the needs of the association

Old charge:

To create and maintain a professional development plan that responds to the needs of librarians serving young adults; to implement, evaluate and revise this plan as necessary; to maintain a liaison with the ALA Committee on Education and other related ALA units.

Proposed new charge:

To use YALSA's strategic plan, goals and mission as a foundation to create, enhance and facilitate professional development opportunities and resources for library workers at all levels of professional growth who serve teens as well as to promote best practices in professional development. To work with appropriate ALA and YALSA member groups and the Board to identify and promote professional growth opportunities for YALSA members, including selecting members for special training opportunities such as the ALA Emerging Leader program.