

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

**Topic: Request for Board Action: Popular Paperbacks Committee Changes**

**Background: Karen Brooks-Reese, the Chair of the PPYA Committee is requesting several changes, which are outlined below.**

**Action Required: Action**

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sent to us by publishers. A trial year would ensure that individuals who are not willing or able to fulfill their responsibilities do not remain on the committee for more than one year and open up spaces for YALSA members who are truly dedicated to our charge.

Similarly, implementing a two consecutive term limit would ensure that there are continually positions open for new PPYA members. During my tenure on PPYA, I know of at least one individual who was on the committee for a total of six years. While he was a valuable member, by the end of the sixth year he was burnt out on committee work. By instituting a two term limit, we would allow current members to seek out additional leadership opportunities in YALSA and ensure a steady influx of new information and ideas.

**OTHER ACTION** = By ensuring that we not only have the best possible committee members but a constantly evolving committee make-up, we will be better able to create the best possible themed lists for teens. In addition, by providing a strong structure for committee members and opportunities for new members to join regularly, we are contributing to the stability of YALSA and giving the maximum number of YALSA members the opportunity for the amazing professional development committee membership allows.