

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

Topic: Pre-Conference Committee Report Concerns

Background: Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work they've accomplished since Annual. At the Midwinter Meeting, each Board Liaison will have the opportunity to summarize and share any concerns their member groups may have since Annual. Reports missing as of January 9th are: Publishers' Liaison, Teen Advisory Groups and the Regional Advisory Board.

Action Required: Discussion

COMMITTEENAME = Advocacy Task Force

CHAIR = Ma'lis Wendt

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BOARDLIAISON = Dawn Rutherford

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To help plan and carry out YALSA's upcoming "@ Your Library Campaign," which will be launched in 2007, and in conjunction with the national campaign to educate and inform the general public about the vital role libraries and librarians plan in youth development and teen literacy, and to provide YALSA members and library staff with tools and resources to do the same in their communities.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = The Task Force is entering its second phase with a totally new membership. We have corresponded some by email but will have more to report after our meetings at Midwinter.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

COMMITTEENAME = Alex Awards

CHAIR = Priscille Dando

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BOARDLIAISON = Erin Helmrich

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = "The charge of this committee is to select from the previous year's publications ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18." CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = The 2009 Alex Committee has accomplished the following since Annual:
-Requested over 116 books from publishers to read and consider -Nominated over 24 books with an additional 29 being nominated from the field.

-Discussed on a daily basis through the listserv what committee members are reading, opinions and reactions to titles, and clarification of the charge.

-Completed survey designed by the chair to help guide reading priorities after the discussions during Annual. Members focused on their current top ten list, which titles they considered

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borderline award winners, and which they rejected. Members are then better able to organize their reading as they prepare for Midwinter.

TERMWORK = None at this time.

ACTIONAREA = marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = publicize on listervs, mainstream press and blogs

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,media,colleagues

COMMITTEENAME = Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

CHAIR = Lee Catalano

EMAIL = leec@multcolib.org

BOARDLIAISON = Francisca Goldsmith

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = Amazing Audiobooks has ensured that at least one committee member listened to nearly every audiobook submitted to us by 13 different publishers: 295 titles totaling over 2,400 hours of listening. As the audiobook business booms, Amazing Audiobooks made connections with several new publishers

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ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing
STRATEGIES = publication,conferenceprogram
PARTNERS = educators,colleagues

COMMITTEENAME = Baker & Taylor Award Committee
CHAIR = Geri Diorio
EMAIL =

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field nominations from professionals outside the committee and approximately 12 of those nominations became official nominations. A readership poll was conducted in early September and a Straw Poll vote was conducted in early December. The results were favorable as the majority of the committee is keeping up with the work load. For each nomination the committee is preparing discussion arguments and are aware of the tight time frame at Midwinter and their comments are encouraged to be concise. They are also enlisting teens in their service areas to provide feedback on titles to help with the decision of each title's quality and potential popularity.

TERMWORK = The BBYA Final list and Top Ten will be voted on Tuesday morning, January 27.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIESOTHER = There is some concern that publishers often do not realize their titles made the BBYA final list.

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS = I have been pondering the questions about possible lessening of the BBYA amount of reading work. (eliminating graphic novels, nonfiction and marketed as adult titles). The time frame is so clogged with reading 224 titles in less than 365 days. (that does not include reading for evaluation of titles that do not make official nominations). Many of the committee members are falling behind as am I with the added tasks of chair duties. I feel that graphic novels can be eliminated from the BBYA charge as they have a completely different evaluation criteria. I am also in favor of exploring limits of nominations. It is fairly routine to discover the top 25 titles published but the problem arises with the 175 or so middle of the road books that are clogging up the nomination process. Straw poll voting helps form a triage, but many titles will not have full readership. The committee is focusing their reading on titles with split votes following the straw poll results. I do believe a mature discussion about BBYA limits is necessary as the publishing industry is flooding the YA market and the charge is open-ended based on criteria from over a generation ago. Books are longer, more in depth and there are more of them. BBYA committees will continue having the rock roll back on them if adjustments are not made.

COMMITTEENAME = BWI/YALSA Collection Development Grant

CHAIR = Catherine Schaeffer

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BOARDLIAISON = Mary Hastler

COMMITTEENAME = ALA Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE)

CHAIR = Nancy Zimmerman

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BOARDLIAISON = Judy Nelson

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = COPE is responsible for reviewing and disseminating the ALA Code of Professional Ethics. In 2007 they reviewed and revised language which was adopted by ALA Council. They are now in the publication and programming phase. I've attached the code itself. There does not appear to be a separate function statement.

Code of Ethics of the American Library Association

As members of the American Library Association, we recognize the importance of codifying and making known to the profession and to the general public the ethical principles that guide the work of librarians, other professionals providing information services, library trustees and library staffs.

Ethical dilemmas occur when values are in conflict. The American Library Association Code of Ethics states the values to which we are committed, and embodies the ethical responsibilities of the profession in this changing information environment.

We significantly influence or control the selection, organization, preservation, and dissemination of information. In a political system grounded in an informed citizenry, we are members of a profession explicitly committed to intellectual freedom and the freedom of access to information. We have a special obligation to ensure the free flow of information and ideas to present and future generations.

The principles of this Code are expressed in broad statements to guide ethical decision making. These statements provide a framework; they cannot and do not dictate conduct to cover particular situations.

We provide the highest level of service to all library users through appropriate and usefully organized resources; equitable service policies; equitable access; and accurate, unbiased, and

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So far I have been informed about a program at Midwinter on Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 celebrating 70 years of professional ethics in libraries. The regularly scheduled committee meeting will be Monday from 8-10am.

ACTIONAREA = research,continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = not sure at this time

PARTNERS = colleagues,youthdevorgs

COMMITTEENAME= Division and Membership Promotion

CHAIR = Shannon Peterson

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BOARDLIAISON = Christine Allen

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for the Young Adults Library Services Association, to promote the Association to our professional colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Strategic Plan, and to select annually two librarians (one from a school, one from a public library) who work directly with young adults to receive the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Conference Grant.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_NO = 2

ACCOMPLISHED = Since we had a dramatic changing of the guard this term, members of the committee first participated in a virtual "meet and greet" to share professional backgrounds and experience. We then quickly delved into the analysis of the YALSA Membership Engagement survey. Each member selected various elements of the survey to examine and report on. I then compiled the results in a report addressed to the YALSA board. Following this, we then shifted our focus to the YALSA 101 e-course. I have shared information and tutorials on Moodle with the group, and we will fine-tune our plan of action during the meeting.

TERMWORK = Not directly committee specific, members of the DMP Committee have contacted Rosemary Honnold in order to create a YALS article regarding the Engagement Survey Results.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,research,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = conferenceprogram,collaboration

PARTNERS = educators,colleagues,youthdevorgs

COMMITTEENAME = Editorial Advisory Committee

CHAIR = Sarah English

EMAIL = senglish@omahapubliclibrary.org

BOARDLIAISON = Christine Allen FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To serve as advisor to the editors of YALS and YAttitudes on the content of the journal and newsletter by assisting with

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adults and the public library" by Monique Ciofu; -"Young adult use and service needs in the public library sector: A review of literature" by Elizabeth George; -"Elementary and high school students as database and library users" by Theresa Preziosa; and -"Information Literacy and the college bound student" by Maria Von Der Ahe.

TERMWORK = The Editorial Advisory Board is looking forward to seeing some submissions from the ideas that Heather receives!

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = LIS programs to solicit articles

PARTNERS = educators,colleagues

COMMITTEENAME = Fabulous Films for Young Adults

CHAIR = Katie Boyes

EMAIL = kmboyes@kcls.org

BOARDLIAISON = Dawn Rutherford

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Create a list of selected films. The purpose of this list is to identify for collection developers a body of films relating to a theme that will appeal to young adults in a variety of settings. Our theme for the 2009 list is Coming of Age Around the world.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = We have been watching nominated films and nominating films for the list. A sub-group of committee members have been contacting filmmakers and producers to get review copies of films for all committee members with mixed results.

TERMWORK = As this is the first year of having a themed list, it would be nice to feature this year's theme and the new charge of the committee in a YALSA publication.

ACTIONAREA = marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = n/a

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIESOTHER = n/a

PARTNERS = media,colleagues

CONCERNS = Because this is the committee's first year with the new orientation toward a themed list I think it would be useful to evaluate the committee's work and function, either formally or informally. Please let me know if I can help with this, either by offering feedback myself or gathering feedback from members, or in another capacity.

COMMITTEENAME = Financial Advancement Committee

CHAIR = Ma'lis Wendt

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BOARDLIAISON = Dawn Rutherford

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Offer support and assistance to YALSA's fiscal officer as requested, including attending BARC meetings as appropriate; overseeing the implementation of Friends of YALSA, including the development of a recognition program for individuals, organizations and vendors who donate funds, and providing suggestions for other viable revenue generating ventures to the YALSA Board.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = Committee members have been in communication through email and a conference call in early December. We have been gathering ideas for fundraising and sent suggestions to the Executive Board for their October meeting. Several members are contacting

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the chairs of the fundraising committees in ACRL, ALCTS and LLAMA to get information on how they manage their fundraising. . TERMWORK = I wrote an article for the Summer issue of YAttitudes on Friends of YALSA and have contacted the YALSA Emerging Leaders who will write short articles for future issues ACTIONAREA =

advocacy,marketing,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

PARTNERS = educators,colleagues,youthdevorgs

COMMITTEENAME = Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates)

Research Grant

CHAIR = Jana Fine

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submit the evaluation and scoring sheets to YALSA where they will be tallied to determine the

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to propose and write. As a committee we are all happy to have the opportunity to write articles and publications for and about the list.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Teen readers, parents, educators, graphic novel publishers and imprints

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues

COMMITTEENAME = Intellectual Freedom

CHAIR = Holly Anderton

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ACCOMPLISHED = We have discussed whether we plan to repeat the I Love My Library campaign and the committee was lukewarm about the idea, especially since we don't know what the ALA legislative agenda includes yet. Members pointed out that if SKILLS Act is the priority, AASL should be taking the lead on this project instead of YALSA. We will discuss this further at Midwinter, but probably will not repeat I Love My Library this year.

Cynthia Matthias wrote blog posts regarding cyberbullying legislation and ballot initiatives around the country.

Two of our members resigned due to staff cuts and budget issues that affected their ability to travel. Two new members were appointed in December and will be joining us at Midwinter. We are working with the Advocacy Task Force on a "28 Days of Advocacy" blog series in February. We're currently in the brainstorming phase of the project and will work with them to assign bloggers as soon as we have our topics set.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Other youth divisions, YALSA members

PARTNERS = colleagues

COMMITTEENAME = Local Arrangements Committee

CHAIR = Rose Allen

EMAIL = rallen@mppl.org

BOARDLIAISON = Cindy Welch

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To handle YALSA local arrangements for the ALA Annual Conference, in close cooperation with the division president and YALSA office staff.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee met at the Mount Prospect Public Library on October 13, 2008. Contact information for members was updated and forwarded to the YALSA office.

Discussion followed for suggestions for restaurant listings(catering to specific dietary needs,

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CHAIR = Monique A. le Conge

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BOARDLIAISON = Sandra Payne

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To promote the M. A. E. Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to annually select a recipient, when a suitable winner is indicated.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = The award announcement was sent to following groups/organizations specifically by the jury members:

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time for Midwinter 2009 and request that the Task Force be extended through Annual 2009. We will have our recommendations ready at that time.

COMMITTEENAME = (Margaret A.)Edwards Award, 2009

CHAIR = David C. Mowery EMAIL = d.mowery@brooklynpubliclibrary.org

BOARDLIAISON = Cindy Welch

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select a living author or coauthor whose book or books, over a period of time, have been accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives. The book or books should enable them to understand themselves, the world in which they live, and their relationship with others and with society.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. We have reread the eligible titles by the five authors on our "short" list.
2. After emailing to discuss these authors and their

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CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = Introductions, establishment of listserv and wiki, initial discussion of mentoring plan.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, continuouslear

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COMMITTEENAME = Midwinter Institute Taskforce

CHAIR = Dora Ho and Ritchie Momon

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BOARDLIAISON = Cindy Welsh

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Plan and implement a full day Institute on a topic relating to serving diverse teen populations for Friday, January 23rd at the 2009 Midwinter Meeting in Denver. Tasks

include: Creating & implementing an interactive curriculum for the day Securing and liaising with dynamic and experienced speakers/presenters Working with YALSA's Program Officer, Nichole Gilbert, on logistics Providing updates to the Board via pre and post conference reports

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = Contacted and secured four speakers for the Midwinter Institute. The speakers are:

Jennifer Velasquez, Vicki Emery, Yolanda Cuesta and Osei Baffour.

TERMWORK = None

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = To reach out to potential YALSA members and other ALA division members that serve diverse teens.

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,colleagues,youthdevorgs

COMMITTEENAME = William C. Morris Award Committee

CHAIR = Bonnie Kunzel

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BOARDLIAISON = Paula Brehm-Heeger

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The William C. Morris Award Committee debuts in 2009, honoring a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee continued to read, discuss and nominate first-time YA books for this award. We then faced the challenge, after only being able to discuss the books online, of coming up with a shortlist DURING THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEKEND. This proved to be virtually impossible. Committee members were traveling, celebrating the weekend with family members, and away from their email during the final critical period in which I was trying to draw everyone together for the vote. I had wanted to leave time for a second vote, concerned about the very real possibility of a tie in the initial voting process. My fears turned into a reality, not because of a tie but because the fifth title we selected received less than a majority of votes by the committee. This necessitated a re-vote for the fifth slot, at which time that fifth title was added to the shortlist. I would like to recommend that the Board consider changing this requirement in the Policies and Procedures. I think we need a majority vote for the winning title, a vote we will be able to make at Midwinter, after we have discussed all five books on the shortlist around a conference table. We are all really looking forward to being able to conduct our deliberations face-to-face again. But I do not feel that a majority vote is needed for the shortlist. If you have five titles and no ties, then I would think the committee's job is done, at least as far as the shortlist is concerned. The committee is very concerned about the deadline for selecting the shortlist. We would like to see it moved to the second Friday after Thanksgiving. This year, that date is Dec. 5. That was the original deadline given to me. Later in the year it was changed to Dec. 1, which proved to be an impossible deadline to meet. Discussing these books in an online forum only is both difficult and challenging. If we have to come up with an official shortlist before Midwinter, then I would like to recommend that YALSA bring the committee members together, either in Chicago or another location that is readily accessible. Ideally, this should take place over the weekend after the Thanksgiving weekend. Committee members would be able to discuss all the nominated books and vote for their favorites while sitting around the conference table. Sunday afternoon could be the deadline (or even Sunday at noon, which would give them time to get back home for work on Monday.) I would like to see YALSA explore the possibility of such a meeting. Committee members would be told in advance of accepting the appointment to the committee that such a trip would be a requirement.

TERMWORK = The committee would like to see this award celebrated like the Printz. We assume Booklist will offer it's Friday night forum the first year, to celebrate this brand new award and its winning authors -- all five who were on the shortlist. If not, then it is our opinion that YALSA needs to find a forum for introducing these brand new authors to our membership. The possibilities discussed range from a luncheon to a high tea. Our favorite choice is a breakfast. Bill Morris was famous for his breakfasts. If there is some way to work an annual Morris Award Breakfast into the annual schedule, that's what we would recommend.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

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strictly online environment. I also discussed the difficulty in coming up with a shortlist that requires a majority vote of all the committee members. Definitely such a requirement should be in place for the winning title. But the committee vote for the shortlist selected five titles, with no ties, all five with more votes than the other titles we discussed. But the fifth title on the list was not voted for by a majority of the committee. Which necessitated a second vote for the fifth slot. At which time that title did receive a clear majority of the committee votes. The same outcome, just a more cumbersome process to get there. We recommend that the committee vote for their five favorites for the shortlist, a

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To annually select the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States during the preceding year and, if desired, to also select honor titles.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee has completed listening to over 350 audiobooks, some of which arrived late in November. This was a problem, but we delayed the date by which nominations were submitted. In future years, as more producers become used to there being an Odyssey award, I think this problem of late arriving audiobooks will disappear. There's no need to make any date changes now.

TERMWORK = After Midwinter the winning titles and annotations can be shared.

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changed to better reflect their role as collator of information in all formats. Other committees perform related work, but not in the same manner as this group. Research: Function and charge still accurate. Youth Participation: Function and charge accurate. There are philosophical overlaps with other committees that encourage youth participation (eg TAGS) but Youth Participation's actual function is unique to the committee. There needs to be more priority given to youth involvement in other committees' work. Suggestion to Board: Based on the information we received from these chairs, these five committees can continue as they are. I know there have been questions raised, in particular, about Youth Participation, yet it appears that this group is the most clear about their role within YALSA. It would seem that they have just not been able to take the necessary steps to put their ideas into broader practice. This committee gave us the most feedback in response to O&B's questions, and I'd hate to see that enthusiasm broken up by sunseting the committee. Handbook Revision Process - Revising the Handbook is a time-consuming process, as it is a living document that changes often. In addition, the Handbook spans the breadth of YALSA, and therefore involves activities and functions beyond O&B's knowledge. O&B would like to suggest the following process for revising the Handbook:

- 1) Each section or area would have a point committee identified, and that point committee would be asked to perform a one-time review of that section. This allows for accurate revision and divides the workload.
- 2) For any section that a point committee cannot be identified, O&B would perform the review.
- 3) Once a section has been reviewed, any future changes would be made to that section.
- 4) After each conference, O&B would make any adjustments to the Handbook, as needed based on Board actions.

A suggestion was made within O&B that perhaps a question relating to each committee's section of the Handbook, asking if the section is still accurate and reflects any changes, could be added to the pre or post conference report. This way, rather than expecting a separate report from a committee, they could include it in the reports they already have to create.

TERMWORK = ? Since O&B will be kicking off a more comprehensive review process for member groups after Midwinter, an article in YAttitudes as well as postings to yalsacom would help to reassure committee members that this process is not designed to root out "bad" groups, but to determine how to best utilize YALSA's resources to meet the organization's goals.

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- Uploaded PowerPoint presentations and edited entries on the YALSA wiki from the Hyperlinks program at ALA Annual 2008.
- Continued brainstorming theme and book title for Great Stories CLUB Round III (plan to have both selected by Midwinter).
- Committee Member Lisa Youngblood acted as a peer reviewer for Round II of the Great Stories CLUB.
- Committee Member Danielle Dreger is currently the YALSA representative to the Schneider Family Book Award Jury.
- Committee Chair Vikki Terrile completed two articles dealing with library services to youth with special needs: “Technology for Every Teen @ Your Library” (YALS, Winter 2009) and “Library Services to Children, Teens and Families Experiencing Homelessness” (Urban Library Journal, Winter 2009).
- Committee Chair Vikki Terrile applied for the Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) Research Grant proposing research on how teens in detention receive library services.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = ALA Public Programs Office, ASCLA Accessibility Assembly

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

COMMITTEENAME = Outstanding Books for the College Bound

CHAIR = Sarajo Wentling

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BOARDLIAISON = Christine Allen

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To prepare a revised and updated edition of the Outstanding Books for the College Bound booklists every five years. The purpose of the list is to provide reading recommendations to students of all ages who plan to continue their education beyond high school.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = • We have continued to discuss and nominate titles for the 2009 OBCB list. When nominations closed on Dec. 19th we had a grand total of 251 nominations.

• We decided as a committee to put in an OBCB program proposal for Annual 2010.

• I have verified format and drop deadline for list annotations.

TERMWORK = The new OBCB list will be ready early in 2009!

ACTIONAREA = marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = AASL, ACRL

PARTNERS = educators,media,colleagues

COMMITTEENAME = PAT Committee (Partnerships Advocating for Teens)

CHAIR = Amber Creger

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BOARDLIAISON = Michelle Gorman

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To explore, recommend, initiate, and implement ways of working with other organizations that work with youth.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

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ACCOMPLISHED = We have been finalizing presenters for our upcoming program at Annual '09. Also we have been designing a survey that examines school and public library collaborations around the country, which we hope to send out to the YALSA membership in February.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

PARTNERS = educators,colleagues,youthdevorgs

COMMITTEENAME = Popular Paperbacks for young Adults

CHAIR = Karen Brooks-Reese

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BOARDLIAISON = Michele Gorman

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To encourage young adults to read for pleasure by presenting to them lists of popular or topical titles which are widely available in paperback and which represent a board variety of accessible themes and genres.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = Since the Annual Conference, we have continued to hone our list scopes, nominate titles and discuss the range of our lists. We decided to change the title of "Death, Dying and the Undead" to "Death and Dying" (working title) because we found that a large number of "Vampire Romance" books were being nominated, which we felt did not quite gel with books about grief and loss.

When nominations closed on 11/15, we had 48 nominations for "Death and Dying," 48 for "Fame & Fortune," 39 for "Journey > Destination" and 41 for "Spies and Intrigue." The publishers have been notified of all nominations, and a fair number have responded by sending us the nominated books.

The committee has also discussed some changes to the PPYA policies and I have/will have submitted Requests for Board Action on those items (term limits and nomination deadlines).

TERMWORK = Past YALSA chairs (notably, Diane Emge) have expressed an interest and willingness in a YALSA book, and I agree that a book suggesting ways librarians can use PPYA lists to better serve their teens is an excellent idea. Like Diane, I would be happy to work on such a publication if time permits.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Continued outreach to YALSA members via YALSA listservs and blog; publication of themed lists relevant to current events or trends (i.e., "Death and Dying" with Twilight movie release)

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

COMMITTEENAME = Preconference 2009 Half-Day Task Force

CHAIR = Mary Hastler

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BOARDLIAISON = Sarah Debraski

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To plan, organize and implement, with the assistance of YALSA's Program Officer, a half day preconference about moving up the career ladder to take place at the 2009 Annual Conference. The event should include information about how to write a CV/resume, what skills are necessary to move into management, career options for librarians, etc.

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CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = A Preconference description was completed and submitted to YALSA. In addition, the Task Force has been working on program format, individual and group presenters, activities and discussions. Linking to the Annual Project Runway event has been planned along with discussions on marketing the preconference.

PARTNERS = colleagues

COMMITTEENAME = President's Program Planning Committee

CHAIR = Susan Person/Robyn Lupa

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BOARDLIAISON =

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To plan, organize and present the YALSA President's Program at the Annual Conference.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES = A

CCOMPLISHED = Via email, brainstorming a variety of programming possibilities, ranging

interactive. It was also suggested that a “dear abby” type of column or area of the wiki be available for librarians working with teens to write in.

ACTIONAREA = continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = publication

PARTNERS = educators,media,colleagues,youthdevorgs

COMMITTEENAME = Program Clearinghouse

CHAIR = Morgan Doane

EMAIL = mdoane@kdl.org

BOARDLIAISON = Kim Patton

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To review, facilitate and coordinate the planning and evaluation for all conference and non-conference program proposals and to make overall recommendations to the YALSA Board on the package of programs for Annual Conferences.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = After annual, all form B's were submitted electronically. Also, in October I attended the Conference Planning meeting in Chicago and tracked all of YALSA's programs.

TERMWORK = It would be great to have a detailed account of the program planning process from initial concept all the way to the fruition of the program. Jessy Griffith and I will be presenting on Teen Crafts in Chicago and we are interested in putting this piece together. We think being members of the committee as well as being presenters will work well for this type of publication.

ACTIONAREA = associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = publication

PARTNERS = media,colleagues

COMMITTEENAME = Publications Committee

CHAIR = Heather Booth

EMAIL = teenreadersadvisor@gmail.com

BOARDLIAISON = Michele Gorman

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop a publications plan in the areas of young adult services and materials, to identify topics to be covered and potential authors; to oversee and coordinate the YALSA publications plan; to regularly review all YALSA publications in all formats and make recommendations to the YALSA Board regarding those needing revision or elimination.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = We approved proposals for two books and passed them on to Beth Yoke.

We reviewed several other proposals and are either working with the prospective authors to revise the proposals, have passed on them, or have referred them to YAMA We revitifaJE /P MCID 27 en/D086

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COMMITTEENAME = Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers

CHAIR = Joy Millam

EMAIL = jmillam@pylusd.org BOARDLIAISON =

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Charge To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adul

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CONCERNS = I am hoping that the all-discussion group meeting will indicate if this group is still viable, or if the time has come to simply move it to its online list venue. I also am unable to continue as convener after Denver, so we would need to elect a new convener in Chicago

COMMITTEENAME = Technology for Young Adults

CHAIR = Kelly Czarnecki

EMAIL = kczarnecki@plcmc.org

BOARDLIAISON = Erin Helmrich

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To provide a forum for learning and discussion of the use of technology with young adults, to liaise with other groups and organizations on technology issues, to promote the use of technology and other media; to suggest ways to use those media with young adults; to advocate equal access.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = We have divided up into three subcommittees within our committee to work on the following; 1) finalize panelists for the committee's session at annual on Downloadable Technology: Current and Future Trends. So far, a representative from Overdrive and librarian and YALSA member Beth Gallaway is speaking on downloadable gaming technologies. 2) Propose award and develop criteria for a technology innovation for a public or school library. We are working on this and will send in our rba by 12/19 3) Develop a resource (online and in print such as a bookmark) to identify the most popularly used technologies by librarians to reach out to their teens. We've suggested coming up with a member survey to get answers to helping us develop the resource.

COMMITTEENAME = Teen Read Week

CHAIR = Alissa Lauzon

EMAIL = aalauzon@comcast.net

BOARDLIAISON = Erin Helmrich

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To provide recommendations for each annual Teen Read Week to the ALA/YALSA staff; to assist in the selection of a slogan, the drawing up of a timeline, the creation of new items added to the tip sheet and Teen Reading website, and to recommend promotional activities and products.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = Since the 2008 Annual Conference, our committee continued to promote and get the word out about the 2008 Teen Read Week "Books with Bite". We brainstormed slogans for a science fiction theme for 2009 per Beth Yoke's request and sent our top five choices to YALSA for consideration. We are currently in the process of judging the entries for the Teen Read Week Best Celebration Contest and should have a winner selected shortly. We alid shoulss graittee workgTJea

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School Libraries, libraries on small budget, and libraries that want advanced technology programming. Kim Jackson put together a walk-through on viewing and commenting on VoiceThread presentations. Stephanie Iser put together a checklist on Steps towards celebrating a successful Teen Tech Week. Stevie has plans to post these presentations on the official Teen Tech Week web site and promote them to the YALSA community at large. We also collaborated with the Midwinter Social event taskforce to create a Teen Tech Week presence at the Tech Playground event. Teen Tech Week will have it's own booth and committee members will focus on providing resources, feedback, and advice during the MidWinter social.

What news or information related to your committee do you want to share with YALSA publications? Please forward all publication ideas to YALSA's Publications Committee Chair, Heather Booth as well.

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current with friend requests and by adding new content, in the form of themed slideshows, twice per month.

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more so since past chairs didn't delegate very much or pass on much information about how to chair this committee. Added to that we have been making a lot of changes to simplify the way the project works in the past couple years. I rarely feel knowledgeable enough to answer daily questions from advisors and publishers, so it's a good thing Nichole usually answers for me. I look forward to passing the torch next summer.

COMMITTEENAME = YALSA Trainer Program Task Force

CHAIR = Stephanie A. Squicciarini

EMAIL = Stephanie.Squicciarini@fairportlibrary.org

BOARDLIAISON = Michele Gorman

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Develop a proposal that envisions a YALSA trainer program, which would enable YALSA to provide training and resources to library workers on the topic of teen services in an effort to work towards YALSA's goal to "be the driving force behind providing excellent library services to all teens." The proposal should include goals, objectives and outcomes. Progress reports will be submitted beginning with the 2008 Fall Executive Meeting, with a final report due for the 2009 Annual Conference. Taskforce size: 5-7 members, including the chair.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = We have brainstormed reasons for needing a Trainer Program to include what the potential goals and beneficiaries of such a program could be as well as what the focus of such a program could entail. I have sent a summary of the email discussions to the Task Force and to our Board Liaison, Michele Gorman. I have also asked for clarification of our end goal as a Task Force and to seek guidance on the work we have done so far to make sure that we are on the right track and to get a better idea as to what the YALSA Board is looking for in a final report.

TERMWORK = None yet.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = conferenceprogram,collaboration

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS = Am hoping to get responses to my queries about further clarification on the end goal and what kind of specifics are needed for our final report to the Board. Basically, does the Board want us to have a formal and complete recommendation for what a possible Trainer Program would look like or just report on whether or not one is needed and what should/could be included in such a program?

COMMITTEENAME = YALSA TV TASK FORCE

CHAIR = Connie Urquhart

EMAIL = libraryconnie@gmail.com

BOARDLIAISON = Linda Braun

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Develop a proposal that outlines the necessary technology, ongoing maintenance, management, and suggested funding sources for a web-based YALSA-TV, including how it can be used as a vehicle to promote YALSA's literary awards and selected lists, and to submit progress reports beginning with the 2008 Fall Executive Meeting, with a final report due for the 2009 Annual Conference. CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = Our task force convened for the first time in July, and began tossing ideas back and forth. After a Skype call in September we pulled together a rough outline of ideas for

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ACCOMPLISHED = The Youth Participation Committee has been working to develop both the Teen Summit as well as creating a Teen Library Services Award proposal. The Teen Library Services Award proposal has been the committee's highest priority and we hope to have a detailed proposal to the board in