

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston
January 15-19, 2010**

Topic: Conflict of Interest Policy for Publications

Background: At the 2009 ALA Annual Conference, YALSA’s President was directed to establish a sub-committee to draft a conflict of interest policy for members who serve in publications related positions and member groups. A draft policy was created and reviewed at the fall Executive Committee meeting. The document was then posted on the Board’s ALA Connect space for comment. A final version is provided below for the Board’s consideration.

Action Required: Consent

**Conflict of Interest Policy
Editors, Managers, and Advisory Board Members
Print and Non-Print YALSA Publications**

Conflict of Interest Policy for Member Editors, Member Managers and Advisory Board Members of Print and Non-Print YALSA Publications

YALSA affirms its confidence in the integrity of members who are selected and appointed to be editors, managers, and members of advisory boards of print and non-print YALSA publications. However, because of the nature of the work of these positions, those who are selected must be especially sensitive to conflict of interest situations as well as the appearance of impropriety.

It is in the interest of the organization, individual Editors, Managers and Advisory Board members to strengthen trust and confidence in each other, to expedite resolution of problems, to mitigate the effect and to minimize organizational and individual stress that can be caused by a conflict of interest.

Conflict of Interest

YALSA editors, managers, and members of YALSA advisory boards that support YALSA publications, should use professional, ethical judgment to avoid any real or perceived conflicts of interest that would damage the credibility of the association. In conducting association business, all members of YALSA are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the ALA Code of Ethics (Policy 54.16, ALA Policy Manual).

Conflict of interest may arise in the relations of editors, managers and members of advisory boards of print and non-print YALSA publications and third part

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Signature: _____

YALSA Position: _____

Date: _____

Proposed Action:

The Board vote to adopt the policy as stated above and direct the YALSA Executive Director to work with staff to ensure incorporation of the document into the YALSA Handbook as well as dissemination to relevant member leaders and member groups.

Additional Resources:

- “Conflict of Interest Policy for Papers Authors by ACM Editors in Chief”