

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

Topic: ALA Committee Participation Policy Change

Background: ALA recently revised the policy that dictated virtual membership on committees. Prior to this change, YALSA committees followed the previous ALA rule that only 1/3 of members of a committee that allowed for virtual participation could be virtual. Now there is no limit on the number of virtual members for committees that allow virtual participation. With the change in policy, YALSA's Board needs to re-consider the current committee structure for YALSA as well as evaluate the possible impact to other member groups, and determine what, if any, changes should be made to improve members' experience on committees and other member groups. The YALSA Board discussed this topic via conference call and online discussion in November 2009. This proposal reflects the ideas and comments generated in those conversations.

Action Required: Action

Suggested Virtual Participation Guidelines for Committees

The following are taken into account in making recommendations for increasing virtual participation and/or transitioning a committee to full virtual membership.

The charge and goals of the committee

The type of work required by the committee during their work year

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Organization & Bylaws Committee--the Chair of this group serves ex officio on the Board; therefore, the Chair must attend the Midwinter Meeting a

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the President and the Executive Committee will facilitate a process for making those revisions with Board input and interaction and submission of a revised virtual committee document for approval at Midwinter 2012. This timeline will allow for changes to take place in time for process appointments following the Midwinter 2012 meeting.