

**Fall Executive Committee Meeting  
October 24-26, 2013, Chicago**

**Topic:** Committee Appointments

**Background:** According to the YALSA Handbook, the President-Elect makes all the appointments to the YALSA and appropriate ALA committees. In an effort to choose the best persons possible, the President-Elect receives input from the Appointments Taskforce and the Executive Committee. It is also important to annually review ALA Committees and identify which ones YALSA would benefit from having a presence on, then recruiting YALSA members to put their name forward. This would help assure that YALSA was adequately represented at the ALA level.

**Action Required:** Action

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### **YALSA Appointments**

An appointments taskforce was finalized in late September. Members reached out in person and via social media to recruit from their contacts, in order to help increase the reach beyond YALSA platforms. I also sent an e-mail to 600 YALSA members who had joined within the last two years, encouraging them to apply.

After the October 1st deadline, there were

- Alex - 115
- BFYA - 134
- Morris - 21
- Great Graphic Novels - 103
- Amazing Audio - 87
- Midwinter Paper Presentation - 16
- Popular Paperbacks - 157
- Quick Pick - 104
- Midwinter Marketing and Arrangements - 0
- Odyssey - 72

After a conference call with the committee outlining selection criteria in order to best reflect YALSA's membership and goals, the committee completed roster drafts, which were discussed on October 14th. Complete lists were submitted to Letitia for invitations, and I have been working to reach out to members with lapsed or about to lapse membership, discuss the chair roles, or talk with members considering their appointments.

I will be meeting with Letitia on October 23rd for a day of appointment work, and hope to have

most of the process finalized by October 25th. Appointing the local arrangements committee for Midwinter 2014 is the next priority, since no members applied for that. I will be using the list of Chicago area YALSA members to help build that committee.

**ALA Appointments:** There have been two ALA Appointment calls, one to set the nominating committee and one to review the general ALA appointment process. The slate for the nominating committee has not been officially presented, but does include one YALSA member.

ALA President Elect Courtney Young has put out a call for volunteers for the ALA committees listed below. The form closes on November 1, 2013.

Accreditation  
American Libraries Advisory  
Awards  
Budget, Analysis and Review  
Chapter Relations  
Conference  
Constitution and Bylaws  
Council Orientation  
Diversity  
Education  
Election  
Human Resource Development and Recruitment Advisory  
Information Technology Policy Advisory  
Intellectual Freedom; International Relations  
Legislation  
Library Advocacy  
Literacy  
Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory  
Membership  
Membership Meetings  
Organization  
Policy Monitoring (current Council members only)  
Professional Ethics  
Public and Cultural Programs Advisory  
Public Awareness  
Publishing  
Research and Statistics  
Resolutions  
Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds  
Scholarships and Study Grants  
Status of Women in Librarianship  
Training, Orientation and Leadership Development  
Website Advisory  
ALA-Children's Book Council (Joint)  
ALA-Society of American Archivists-Association of American of Museums (Joint).