

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco  
June 26 – June 30, 2015**

**Topic:** Confirmation of Filling Board Vacancy

**Background:** Maureen Hartman's term on the Board as a Director-at-Large runs through June 2016. However, she has decided to resign, effective June 30, 2015. Article VIII, Section 15 of the YALSA Bylaws states that vacancies other than those provided for in these Bylaws shall be filled by the Board of Directors by appointment until the next annual election, at which time a minimum of one candidate shall be nominated to fill each unexpired term. Chris Shoemaker has presented a proposal for filling the vacancy for the board's consideration. On May 27<sup>th</sup> YALSA's Board voted to fill the vacancy with Crystle Martin. Including the item as a part of this meeting simply ensures it will be entered into the official record of the association.

**Action Required:** Consent

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Options for filling the vacancy:

1. Do nothing and to leave the position vacant through the end of June 2016, which is when Maureen's term expires. There would still be a quorum for voting; however, there would be an even number of voting members on the board, which does open up the possibility for tie votes.
2. Appoint a seasoned board member who would be interested in and able to fill the spot. Since at-large board members aren't allowed to serve consecutive terms (per the bylaws), eligible candidates would be from the 2013 - 2014 board or earlier, or would have served in an ex-officio capacity.
3. Appoint someone from the 2015 slate, as those individuals have already indicated their current willingness to serve. The two unsuccessful board candidates are Crystle Martin and Adrienne Strock. However, after Adrienne agreed to run on the slate, health issues cropped up that have required her to take a step back from association involvement in order to focus on her health.

**Proposal**

Appoint Crystle Martin to finish out Maureen's term.

**Rationale**

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- Crystle is eligible—she’s a current member within her 3 committee limit and doesn’t have a conflict (such as current service on an award committee)
- Crystle had already demonstrated her willingness and availability to serve on the board by putting her name on the slate

**Recommended Board Action**

The Board directs the President to appoint Crystle Martin to finish out Maureen Hartman’s term, which runs through June 2016.

**Additional Resources**

- YALSA Bylaws: <http://ow.ly/sblCl> (.pdf)