

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle  
January 25 - 29, 2019**

**Topic:** Filling the Board Vacancy

**Background:** Kathy Ishizuka resigned from the Board in July; however, her term on the Board runs through June 2020. In the past, the Board has made a practice of voting on a course of action for the vacancy. Crystle Martin presents the following proposal for the board's consideration.

**Action Required:** Action

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**Potential options for filling this vacancy**

1. Do nothing and to leave the position vacant through the end of June 2020, at which point newly elected board members will take over.
2. Appoint a seasoned board member who would be interested in and able to fill the spot, as this person would not need orientation or have a learning curve. Since at-large board members aren't allowed to serve consecutive terms (per the bylaws), eligible candidates would be 1) from the 2016 - 2017 board or earlier, 2) have served in an ex-officio capacity, 3) served as an officer (President, Secretary, Fiscal Officer, Division Councilor; or 4) served fewer than three years on the board.
3. Appoint someone who's recently stood for election, as those individuals have already indicated their current willingness to serve and have been carefully vetted by the Board Development Committee.
4. Appoint an up and coming YALSA leader who has expressed interest in Board service, such as an unsuccessful Board Fellow applicant, but who has not served on the board in any appointed or elected capacity. This could possibly be someone that the current Board Development Committee is considering for the 2019 slate.

**Proposal**

Appoint a seasoned board member who could immediately begin contributing to the work of the board. Crystle Martin asked the Board and the Board Development Committee for suggestions and the person nominated is Ryan Moniz, and their qualifications are that he submitted his name to the Board Development Committee and been has been vetted, he was recommended by the Board Development Committee as the most prepared candidate to fill this vacancy.

**Rationale**

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- Ryan Moniz was recently vetted by the 2018 - 2019 Board Development Committee, is Chair of the President's Taskforce, and is a member of the Library Ready to Code Taskforce.

**Recommended Board Action**

The Board directs the President to appoint Ryan Moniz to serve as Board Member at Large through the next election and directs the Board Development Committee Chair to put the position on the ballot for a one-year term, to finish out the remainder of Kathy Ishizuka's appointment.

**Additional Resources**

- YALSA Bylaws:  
[www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/BYLAWS\\_2016approvedchanges.pdf](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/BYLAWS_2016approvedchanges.pdf)