YALSA Board of Directors – Annual 2016
Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports
Item # 23

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Orlando
June 24 - 28, 2016

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Background: Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work their group has accomplished since mid-February. Standing Board Committees each discussed the reports relating to their strategic goal area in early June. They considered the following questions:

• Is each group making adequate progress on their charge and/or tasks (as outlined in the task list)? If not, what do they need to get back on track?
• As a whole, how are these groups doing in terms of supporting the strategic plan goal? Are there any gaps that need addressing? If so, how?
• Are there any commonalities among the groups, either positive or negative? If so, what are they and how might they be addressed?
• Are there opportunities to connect some or all of these groups to each other in order to increase efficiency or impact?
• What, if anything, does the standing committee or individual committee members need to do or follow up on?
• Is there anything high level that should be shared with the President and Executive Director? If so, what?
• Other? whatever else you feel is needed

At this meeting, Standing Board Committees are encouraged to reflect on the reports and discuss trends, common threads, overarching issues, opportunities for cross-committee collaboration, etc. among the reports so that the Board might address them as a whole.

Action Required: Discussion

YALSA Chair Reports, May, 2016

Reports missing as of May 23rd, 2016

• 2016 Award Nominating Committee, Robin Kurz
• 2016 Summer Reading & Learning Taskforce, Barbara Bahm
• Book Wholesalers Grant Jury, Sara Ray
• Community Connections Taskforce, the chair position has been vacant since Feb.
• Literacies Taskforce, Greta Bergquist
• Organization & Bylaws, Robin Kurz
• Teen Read Week, Amanda Barnhart
• Volunteer of the Year Award Jury, Sharon Levin
• Alex Awards, Kristen Thorp
• 2017 Margaret Edwards Award, Joy Millam

ADVOCACY

Advocacy Support Task Force
Chair's Name: Sarah Kepple
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Board Liaison: Jane Gov

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:
1. Provide a means for identifying advocacy experts and connecting them to members to enhance their advocacy efforts.
2. Engage members in advocacy through contests and incentives.
3. Promote subscriptions to the YAdvocacy listserv, post regular tips on everyday advocacy and encourage discussion.
4. Model use of social media as an advocacy tool to members and encourage them to use it at the local and state levels, such as Google maps, Storify, and Scoop.it.
5. Encourage the use and awareness of existing internal and external advocacy tools such as YALSA’s Advocacy Toolkit and Advocacy Benchmarks, ALA resources, and others, including organizing and maintaining those resources on YALSA’s wiki (http://ow.ly/sCzrX).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
On April 13th, Sarah Kepple presented on Advocacy, YALSA’s Advocacy resources and the video contest to the Alabama Library Association at the invitation of Wendy Steadman Stephens.

With the help of Beth Yoke, Anna Lam and the YALSA staff, we finalized and launched the Teens Succeed with Libraries video contest (Task 2). Task force members promoted the contest to their online and professional networks, and we the 15 entries exceeded our expectations in quantity, quality, and diversity of participation, with entries from school libraries, public libraries and several from teens themselves. The task force is currently judging entries, and will submit our final choices by May 18th.

We completed our last benchmark focus in our social media campaign, and will focus on sharing out the videos and any other timely advocacy information through the end of our term in June.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Policies
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)
other:
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The ASTF concludes it’s term in June. Between now and then we will finalize selections for the video contest and promote the videos as advocacy resources.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We’ll be sharing the video resources and how to use them through social media, e-news, list serve and hopefully a blog post.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes
Are you aware of YALSA’s new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Legislation
Chair's Name: Staci Terrell
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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To inform librarians and library workers of pending legislation which affects young adults and library service to that population; to provide librarians and library workers with tools and resources to help them educate elected officials and lobby for strong library services to teens; to liaise with the ALA Legislation Committee; and to provide support to the YALSA Board with developing an annual legislative agenda.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
Helped promote advocacy video.
Started working on Tweet your Rep/Senator maps but stopped when it was discovered that ALA was doing something similar.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: - Outreach/Partnerships - Professional Development
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: - Outreach/Collaboration - Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)
other:
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Work on promoting District Days.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? District Days via social media Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes
Are you aware of YALSA’s new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Teen Tech Week
Chair's Name: Fallon Bleich
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Board Liaison: Anna Lam
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to feature all of their non-print resources for teens and their families. Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Tech Week web site such as professional resources for library staff, program ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Tech Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the
library and education fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme. Committee Size: 7 virtual members, including at least two members from the previous year What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Very little. TTW happened and we haven't talked since. It wasn't a great group this year, unfortunately.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Audience/Teens

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: none

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? N/A

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? N/A

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : No

CAPACITY BUILDING

2017 Governance - Nominating

Chair's Name: Paula Brehm Heeger

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Board Liaison: Sarah Hill

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the YALSA Board of Directors for the YALSA slate for the 2017 election. When building the slate, seek out the most qualified individuals and provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To communicate regularly with the Award Nominating Committee and share information about potential candidates to ensure there is no overlap. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum at the 2016 Midwinter Meeting in Boston and candidate interviews for posting on the YALSAblog.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have developed an initial list of candidates, approached each and assigned a member of the committee to act as a "handler" for all perspective candidates in order to effectively handle questions and follow-up on level of interest. We've received forms for the potential president-elect candidates and for Board candidates.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: - Policies

- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: - Outreach/Collaboration

- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other: none

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are now going to review additional options for recruitment and assign candidates to each committee member for another round of contacts. We should have a list of potential candidates for review by end of June to make final recommendations.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to use various communication outlets to recruit members and increase interest in member leadership.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? 
Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

2016 Governance Nominating Committee
Chair's Name: Shannon Peterson
E-Mail: shannon.peterson@gmail.com
Board Liaison: Candice Mack
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the election of YALSA Officers and Directors.
When building the slate, strive to provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum at the Midwinter Meeting.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
* Encouraged members to vote via e-news and social media
* Reflected on our process and improvements for 2017
* Shared manual, documents, and process with 2017 committee

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Celebrate a successful term together, provide support to the 2017 committee as needed What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? N/A Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Additional Concerns or Comments:

Board Diversity Taskforce
Chair's Name: Nicola McDonald
E-Mail: nicolamcdonaldwriter@gmail.com
Board Liaison: Kate McNair
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:
Board Diversity Taskforce: to ensure adequate and ongoing diversity on YALSA’s Board of Directors. Develop a definition of diversity for adoption by the Board and inclusion in the YALSA Handbook. Analyze the current board recruitment and selection policies, procedures and resources and recommend improvements to ensure a strong focus on diversity. Activities include, but are not limited to, reviewing the Governance Nominating Committee's: function statement; language in the bylaws; current processes and tools the Committee uses to identify, recruit and select candidates; and reviewing the appointments process for selecting Committee members. Size: 5-7 virtual members with a strong commitment to diversity, at least 1 of which should be a current or past board member. Term: from March 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We submitted a number of board documents with action items.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Professional Development
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We're just working to wrap up our work and work on next steps to put our suggestions into action.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Decisions that the board approves regarding our board documents.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Division and Membership Promotion
Chair's Name: Christina Ryan-Linder
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Board Liaison: Kate McNair
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with staff to develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA; to promote the association to colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Strategic Plan; to promote and maintain good relations with existing members through activities such as the member booth at conferences; recognition of member anniversaries and outreach to lapsed members.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We had a realignment of what the focus was for this group thanks to Beth. The committee has created a calendar of messages that are being posted biweekly on the following listservs: New Members, School Librarians & Students. We have also set up and completed the agenda for YALSA 101 for the annual meeting.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Partnerships
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: 
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue to send our messages via the listservs mentioned above and to continue sending out anniversary notes to members celebrating milestone membership.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The information being sent out on the listservs relate to membership retention and what your YALSA membership can do for you.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Executive Committee
Chair's Name: Candice Mack
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Board Liaison: Candice Mack
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To act for the Board of Directors between Board meetings on items that require interim action; to review agendas for the Board meetings and to make recommendations to the Board regarding items reviewed and under consideration by the Board; to review YALSA activities and programs and recommend division priorities in relation to activities; to provide support and training for the Board of Directors and Chairs. YALSA’s Executive Committee may not: amend bylaws; elect or remove board members; hire or fire the executive director; approve or change the budget; make major structural decisions. Committee size:

- President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Fiscal Officer, Secretary, YALSA Division Councilor and Executive Director (ex-officio).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We held our Spring Executive Committee Meeting via conference call and worked with the Board to approve YALSA's new Mission, Vision, Learning Agenda and Organizational Plan.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Staffing
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Policies
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Working with the rest of the Board to roll out the communications plan and new organizational plan; possible transition to new Executive Committee function.

We will use YALS, blog posts, Twitter chats, e-news and possibly a webinar.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 2

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: N/A

Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes

Financial Advancement Committee

Chair's Name: Jane Gov
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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including promotion, fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board year-round to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both members and nonmembers, to support the $16,000 worth of scholarships and stipends YALSA gives out annually. Periodically review YALSA's Fundraising Toolkit and make updates, as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? During National Library Week, we tried the Sweet 16 campaign. Online donors get a virtual cupcake badge to celebrate their donation and spread the word.
This hasn't really caught on; perhaps not many people are interested in the virtual badge. We pulled together a list of “16 reasons to give in 2016” and shared some of it on social media. I sent out a request for impact stories on the YALSA listservs, but am guessing no one has submitted yet.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:  
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to share the 16 reasons to give in 2016 and will write some blog posts this summer. We will continue to ask for impact stories, but perhaps open it up to stories beyond those that have benefited from FOY or our grants; I will encourage the committee to submit stories as well (someone must have a good one), and I will share my own story, too. Maybe we can still use these as a way to show how professional development is important (and that's why we need those funds). I am working on updating the “Taking the Temp on Giving” image.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Blogging and tweeting about 16 reasons to give in 2016; e-news "Taking the Temp on Giving”

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 4

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I've been able to make contact with everyone, but sometimes not for almost a month (after at least 2 emails, plus sometimes a phone call), and this affects if and how they participate in our tasks. I tried keeping assignments open vs. specifically assigning tasks, and specific assignments work better. I'll try that with assigning the blog posts.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Publications Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Tara Smith
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Board Liaison: Linda Braun
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the development of a publications program in the areas of young adult services and materials; identify topics to be covered and potential authors; to regularly review all YALSA publications in all formats and make recommendations to the YALSA Web Services Manager regarding those needing revision or elimination.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?  
--Between Jan. – Mar. review the YALSAblog and determine whether a publication featuring a collection of YALSAblog posts related to a topic in the Futures Report can be created. Submit your recommendation to the Board by April 1st

We continued identifying and tagging blog posts by subtopic, PAB member initials, and author on our Diigo site (https://www.diigo.com/user/yalsapab, password yalsapab), and the account will remain active so that it can be searched/updated in the future as needed. At the end of the task period, we had a quick meeting to discuss our findings as each of us looked for certain topics, and identified gaps both in topics and in styles of blog posts, which Amanda Bressler compiled into a YALSAblog post (http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2016/04/14/write-for-yalsa/).

Ultimately, we concluded that there may not be enough content on the YALSAblog to create a compilation in a specific Futures-focused topic.
However, we agreed that some of the longer, more in-depth blog posts could potentially be added to a YALSA compilation, were one to be created. We also reported on bloggers who might be good to tap into for future compilations or writing.

--Other

I continued working on Publications Manual revisions.

--Throughout the year work to help members and leaders in the library community understand the value of writing for YALSA

Amanda Bressler wrote a post for the YALSAblog sharing the findings of our blog and YALSA analyses, and encouraging members to submit to the blog and YALSA in areas we have identified as gaps.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Professional Development
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: 
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALSA article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?
I am preparing and organizing all of our past documentation to pass on to Amanda Bressler, the incoming chair, and will meet with her to share info and help her prepare to take over in June.
I will also write a wrap-up email to the board announcing Amanda’s appointment as chair and checking in with everyone for final input, etc.
I will complete the finishing touches and share my revised draft of the Publications Manual with Linda and Anna so we can complete and upload it.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?
Once the revision of the Publications Manual is complete, we will share the new version (and “50 Tips” document) through the e-news and YALSAblog.

Rate your group’s effectiveness over the past three months.: 3
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: 
It was difficult to get about half of our board members to consistently participate in this task, even with the inclusion of midpoint deadlines. I followed up with them several times via email, Google Hangouts, and a phone call, with reminders of what topic they’d signed up for and offers to support or give advice in getting started.

Additional Concerns or Comments: This was a great experience for me to hold my first chair position--I learned a lot, and feel ready to take on new and different roles!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Selection and Award Committees Oversight Committee
Chair’s Name: Angela Carstensen
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Board Liaison: Robin Kurz
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA's award and selection committees. To advise committee chairs on recommended procedures for committee operations based on a thorough knowledge of YALSA policy, committee operation, background, and experience.
To collect, analyze and respond to quarterly chair reports. To summarize, analyze and evaluate periodically for the YALSA Board the progress and concerns of the selection and award committees . To facilitate communication among selection and award committees and to identify common areas of concern and identify solutions. To coordinate training and orientation for in-coming committee members. To note particular abilities of committee members in the work of the organization and to share this information with the Board and nominating committees.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Specific committee liaisons were assigned, and monthly contact with selection and award committee chairs has been made. We worked to
approve the PPYA themes, helped to clarify the social media policy--especially as it pertains to Goodreads, and have responded to a couple eligibility and procedural queries from committee chairs.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies
- Policies

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- other

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We expect more procedural questions as ALA Annual meetings take place, either in preparation or after meeting. We look forward to reading the quarterly Chair reports, and I hope to choose one or two issues to tackle in the second half of the year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I don't think we plan to share anything, unless it is a recommendation to the YALSA Board. That will probably not happen within three months.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 2

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: No participation concerns, but I do think the committee has gotten off to a rather slow start, reacting rather than being proactive.

I hope to change that in the coming months. I find that the selection and award committee chairs are not enthusiastic about communicating with us.

Hopefully our usefulness will prove itself as time passes and everyone gets used to the change from a Board liaison to an Oversight committee liaison.

Addition

al Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes

CONTINUOUS LEARNING

2016 Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Committee
Chair's Name: Katharine Kan
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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Communication Specialist prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA's presence at the ALA Annual Conference. To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA events and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Annual Conference.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Posts submitted to YALSABlog promoting Orlando and published 2/17 - 4/30: Adventure Experiences in Florida, Eco-Florida, Hands-On Science. More posts submitted for May including food places. Posts will be added to the ALA Annual wiki. Youth Participation Coordinator sent emails and visited Orlando-area libraries. Results: 7 libraries applied to send teens to ALA, total of 47 teens.

The committee is reviewing the applications and will contact the librarians the week of May 23-27.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?
More blog posts focusing on YALSA programs at Annual; adding more information to local wiki. Start planning to helping with programs at Annual. Submit content to YALSA E-news.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Use YALSABlog to post about YALSA programs, promote Exhibits and what one can find there, post on the value of informal networking outside programs. Continue adding more info on restaurants and activities in Orlando. Post in local wiki.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: YALSA-provided contact info for Youth Participation Coordinator was out of date; we finally connected, and she has worked hard to catch up. When she became concerned about the lack of response from libraries to her emails, she called to make appointments to visit. Her personal visits helped garner the applications for Youth Participation.

Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Continuing Education Advisory Board
Chair’s Name: Susan Riley
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Board Liaison: Renee McGrath
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To provide feedback to YALSA's program officer for continuing education on 1) appropriate and timely topics for CE offerings and 2) identifying qualified individuals to facilitate CE sessions. To assist the program officer for CE as requested with promoting CE opportunities and recognizing the contribution of facilitators, presenters, etc.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Very little. We have discussed this at length with Nicole and have decided that the current format is untenable and not sustainable. We feel that the promotion of CE opportunities is important but posting the listings on the YAs Deserve the Best facebook page is not helpful for many (most) YA librarians, especially given the arbitrary decisions of facebook as to where these postings are distributed. For example, although I follow and "liked" that facebook page, it rarely shows up in my daily feed (timeline) even when content is posted. This whole Advisory Board is good in concept, but not sustainable as is.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: 
- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: 
- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
other:
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Just to finish up the time commitment, and to file a final report stating the above.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Not sure how my report will be distributed to members or the YALSA Board.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?  
Yes

Are you aware of YALSA’s new three-year organizational plan [2]?  Yes

**Mentoring Task Force**  
**Chair's Name:** Gail Tobin  
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**Board Liaison:** Diane Colson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Review applications submitted for the YALSA 2015-16 mentoring program to determine applicants’ eligibility. Using information provided in mentor and protégé applications select and match mentors and protégés from those applicants who are eligible. Submit selections/matches to YALSA’s Program Officer for Continuing Education.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We surveyed recent mentoring program participants about their experience and submitted a second blog post in April titled “YALSA’s Virtual Mentoring Program: A Survey of Participants” intended to generate awareness and interest in the program by YALSA members.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:

- Staffing  
- Outreach/Partnerships  
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)  
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)  
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)  
- other: 

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? none What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? none

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: none Additional Concerns or Comments: The Mentoring Taskforce members worked very well together virtually and was responsive to communication and completed tasks on time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?  
Yes

Are you aware of YALSA’s new three-year organizational plan [2]?  Yes

**Midwinter Marketing & Local Arrangements Committee**  
**Chair's Name:** Lindsay Kusmierczak  
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**Board Liaison:** Chris Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA’s Communication Specialist prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA's presence at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA events and
overseeing teen participation for the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Taskforce members aren't expected to attend Annual, but are encouraged to attend Midwinter. Taskforce size: 5-7, including one member designated as Midwinter Youth Participation Coordinator. Term: 1 year, commencing after Midwinter and ending after Midwinter.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
- we've met virtually (once) to discuss the outline of our tasks for the year
- we've designated the Youth Participation Coordinator
- we have begun to draft items for our marketing plan
- we have begun to draft a list of groups/publications/associations in GA and the southeastern state where we should be sharing information about Midwinter
- we have begun compiling information to populate the Local section of the Midwinter wiki
- we have begun to draft ideas for our YALSAblog posts
- we have begun to draft ideas for the September issue of YALSA E-News

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply,: 
- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply,: 
- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?
- we scheduled our next virtual committee meeting for Thursday, June 9 with the intent to have finalized drafts of all of the items listed above so that we can began to move forward with creating content for our assigned marketing tasks
- we will start looking towards prepping for our September assignments What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? There has been a swell of enthusiasm from the group to share all of the awesome things to do in Atlanta. We are all very much in love with our city and hope to share the best tips of what to do, where to go, and how to get there. We're looking at using the Midwinter wiki, YALSAblog, YALSA E-News, and some of the social media outlets.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No concerns, this group is very enthusiastic and excited to work on making the most of our taskforce.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

President's Program Planning Task force
Chair's Name: Carla Riemer
YALSA Board of Directors – Annual 2016
Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

E-Mail: criemermail@gmail.com
Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:
The function statement of the Member Group is: To work with the YALSA President and Program Office for Conferences & Events to plan, organize and implement the YALSA President's Program at the next Annual Conference.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We reviewed YALSA grant winning programs and reached into the larger library community to find programs which put Candice's "3-2-1 Impact!" initiative into practice. Our committee recommended 20 programs for consideration, then as a group narrowed it down to the 6 which will be represented on the panel.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: 
- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: 
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have finalized the panel participants and are now in the process of creating the means to share resources, including those from programs which were good but, due to time or availability, will not be represented on the panel.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will publicize the panel's content via the appropriate YALSA channels (e.g. e-News, wiki, etc.)

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Although some members were more active than others, in the end every single member made multiple recommendations then successfully made connections and brought in a panel participant.

Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

YALS Editorial Advisory Board
Chair’s Name: Linda Braun
E-Mail: lbraun@leonline.com
Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To serve as advisor to the editor of YALS on the overall content of the print journal and online presence. To take an active role in determining content for the journal by creating together an annual editorial calendar that identifies timely topics as well as authors for articles. To create messages and content to promote the journal through appropriate channels including social media and the YALSAblog. To work to ensure that key YALSA guidelines, resources, initiatives, etc. are integrated into the journal. To assist with the search process for a new editor, when appropriate. Committee Size: 6 virtual members including at least two members from the previous year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
Continued to develop, plan, publicize, and gather content for the journal. Launched the journal's new design.

I worked with the YALSAblog Member Manager on connecting content between the blog and the journal together. Also, we worked together to plan for the new joint advisory board that launches in July.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Programming
- Literacies
- Staffing
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The work of this AB group is winding down and we will gear up for the work of the new joint group. While the current group is in place we will continue to work together on content and marketing for the journal.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will continue to connect with members about the content of the journal and request ideas for content for future issues.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

YALSA Symposium: Marketing and Planning Taskforce
Chair's Name: Heather Sparks
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Board Liaison: Nichole O'Connor

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:
To assist YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events with the planning, marketing and implementation of an annual teen services conference, including the creation and maintenance of an online social networking site that will be the primary marketing tool for the event, vetting papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications and more. Members will regularly add content to the social networking site in order to build excitement for and share information about the event.

Members will work with YALSA's Communications Specialist to create and assist with the implementation of a marketing plan. Members will work with presenters leading up to the event to ensure high quality programs on a full range of topics relating to teen services.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
Beginning in February 2016, the Marketing and Planning Taskforce evaluated over 90 proposals for the YALSA Symposium coming up in November. We completed this task in phases. We initially made gut decisions, yes or no does this proposal fit the theme and intent of the Symposium. After that was complete, we then took a more careful look at the remaining proposals and ranked them.
Once the final round of proposal evaluation was complete, we then focused on selecting keynote and luncheon speakers.

I polled taskforce members for their availability to meet both during ALA Annual as well as ability to assist with set-up at the Symposium.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to communicate regarding the upcoming Symposium.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I will share news as it becomes available via email.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: One or two taskforce members were regularly delayed in their responses, but ultimately delivered with the right amount of reminding.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

**MEMBER ENGAGEMENT**

2017 Nominating Awards Committee
Chair’s Name: Franklin L. Escobedo
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Board Liaison: Sarah Hill

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the election of YALSA Edwards, Nonfiction and Printz Award Committee Members. When building the slate, strive to seek out the most qualified individuals as well as provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to working with the YALSA blog Member Manager to interview candidates.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We are continuing to seek candidates for the Awards committee. The committee is in the process of vetting the current candidates. We are continuing to seek more candidates for the Edwards and Nonfiction award.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: 
- Collections
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue to gather names of potential candidates at Annual in Orlando. To try get more YALSA members who are part of the various ethnic divisions to be active in YALSA and the awards committees.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Who the selected candidates are.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: 

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

**Conference Travel Scholarships Jury**

Chair's Name: Jenna Friebel  
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Board Liaison: Robin Kurz

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to widely promote the scholarship and to select annually three YALSA members who will receive funds to travel to the ALA Annual Conference. Two selectees will be librarians or library workers (one whose focus is school libraries and the other whose focus is public libraries) who work with or for young adults to receive the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Conference Scholarship, and to annually select one graduate student in the field of library and information science to receive the Dorothy Broderick Conference Scholarship. Promotion of the scholarships takes place from July through June. Judging the applications takes place Dec. and Jan.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We had finished our work before the last quarterly report, so the past three months have just been discussion about what worked and what didn't.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc) other:  
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Transition information to the next chair.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I will sent out reminders in YALSA E-News occasionally so YALSA members can be thinking about applying for the award. I will continue promoting the award to ListServes and through email.

**Great Books Giveaway Award Jury**

Chair's Name: Kate Denier  
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Board Liaison: Diane Colson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Judge applications for the YALSA Great Books Giveaway Award.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Congratulations emails were sent to each winner. The three winners of the Award received their shipments of books for their collections.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: - Audience/Teens  
- Collections

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below) other: Kate made sure all the winners were contacted, and Nichole told Kate the books were ready to be shipped out after the winners were announced.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The next jury's term does not start until November. Since I am staying on as chair, I will promote the award during the off-time.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I will sent out reminders in YALSA E-News occasionally so YALSA members can be thinking about applying for the award. I will continue promoting the award to ListServes and through email.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: None Additional Concerns or Comments: Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]: Yes

Group: MAE Jury
Chair's Name: Melanie Lyttle
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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To promote the MAE Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to annually select a recipient, when a suitable winner is indicated.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We had completed our work in January.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply: Other (Please explain below)
other: We had completed our work, but these skills were what is addressed by our committee.
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are completed with our work. I am awaiting the next collection of committee members for next year's cycle.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Nothing right now.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: Additional Concerns or Comments: I probably made this comment before, but I really appreciate the board liaison. Gretchen has been really helpful. In a broad sense, for all the different committees I have worked on with different ALA divisions, I continue to be impressed with YALSA's board liaisons and their commitment to the different committees they are assigned to.
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]: Yes

Teens' Top Ten
Chair's Name: Stacy Holbrook
E-Mail: holbrook.stacy@gmail.com
Board Liaison: ?
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous publishing years among the voting teen group members as well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens' Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote. To assist with the collection and vetting of applications from libraries who wish to host an official reading group.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? helped prepare the list of 25 Teens' Top Ten titles by gathering data from teen groups What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Programming
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc) other:
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Vet the Teens' Top Ten Giveaway applications; promote the list of 25 titles to YALSA members; create book trailers for the titles without official trailers to add to the TTT YouTube channel; help the new chair transition to her new role. What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will promote the list of 25 titles teens will vote upon through the YALSA e-newsletter & Twitter. Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes

Writing Award Jury
Chair's Name: Geri Diorio
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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Between December and January review the submissions forwarded to the jury by the editors and blog managers of each publication and select one winner per publication, based on criteria outlined in the writing award's policies and procedures. Work with YALSA's communications Manager to announcing the winners by Feb. 1st. Term: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Jury size: 3-5 virtual members, including the chair.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The jury submitted the winners to YALSA in January and worked with the membership marketing manager, the communications specialist, and the program officer for events and conferences to get the word out.
In the past three months, no other work was done.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Literacies
- Professional Development
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:
PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
other:
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? There is no workplan for the next three months as the jury has completed all its work.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The jury sent a press release and notice of the winners to YALSA in January. I will be stepping down from the jury as of June 1.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:
Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes

RESEARCH & BEST PRACTICES
AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional Committee on School-Public Library Cooperation
Chair's Name: Anna Brannin
E-Mail: abrannin@ststan.com
Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To design and conduct a project of mutual interest and benefit to the three participating ALA Divisions, working from a platform identified by the AASL/ALSC/YALSA Presidents-Elect.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

-Blog Posts-
Committee members published three blog posts:
"Gimme a C (for Collaboration!): Let’s Talk" by Amanda Foulk was published in February.
"Gimme a C (for Collaboration!): Summer Reading Program" by Anna Brannin was published in March.
"Gimme a C (for Collaboration!): How Our Standards Relate and Interconnect" by Joann Absi was published in April.
All three were posted on the ALSC blog; Joann’s was also posted on Knowledge Quest in May.

-Virtual Meeting-
A virtual committee meeting was held via ALA Connect on Sunday, May 1. Seven members attended. We discussed the toolkit updates, our upcoming blog posts, and setting goals for the next few months. Quite a few members’ terms end in June; I asked them to send in feedback on their time on the committee and any suggestions or other comments they may have. Most of those members whose terms end in June expressed their wishes that they could remain on the committee, and all of them offered to help with the toolkit however they could, despite their not being on the committee past June. Overall, it was a great and productive member; there are some great members on this committee!

-Toolkit Progress-
We requested a new toolkit deadline due to so many members “leaving” in June. We didn’t want our work to be rushed and not of the best quality. The new deadline is October 1, 2016 – pending approval from Beth Yoke. However, we also didn’t want to lose momentum. Our toolkit survey questions were sent to Beth Yoke; we are hopeful the survey is distributed by the end of June. Committee members Donna Block and Bryce Kolza offered to review and compile the suggestions for the toolkit Table of Contents (recognizing though that they may need to be edited after we receive survey feedback).

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: 
- Programming
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: 
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

-Blog Posts-
Bryce Kolza has already submitted her blog post for May; it will be published May 23. Dave Saia and Anne Ledford are co-writing the post for June.
I contacted Crystle Martin about posting on the YALSA blog; any future posts that relate to YALSA will be sent to her also. We requested a “break” in July from the ALSC blog, but will resume our monthly posts in August.

-Virtual Meeting-
The next meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, July 10. Once the committee roster is updated, this information will be out to all members.

-Toolkit-
Within the next two months, we will hopefully distribute the toolkit survey, and compile/analyze results. Once our roster is updated, we can begin more concrete work on the actual toolkit. My tentative plan is to come up with outlines for the chapters during a virtual meeting, then to have a school and public librarian collaborate on the initial content of each chapter.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?
The survey will be distributed within the next three months. YALSA will help distribute (I will be in touch with Anna Lam about this once the survey is created), and the committee members have all enthusiastically agreed to promoting it.
We also hope to start posting on the YALSA blog regularly.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The majority of the committee members are all enthusiastic, contributing, respond quickly to emails, and attend virtual meetings (or provide a legitimate reason for not being able to attend).
However, two members have not attended any meetings or responded to any emails since I became chair. Because their terms are almost up, my plan is to email the president of the division they represent, simply as a notification.
There’s no need to replace them at this point.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None.
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Competencies Update Task Force
Chair's Name: Lorraine Squires
E-Mail: lorraine.squires@gmail.com
Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Review the current document called "Young Adults Deserve the Best: Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth" and update the language and content, as needed, to ensure it reflects the mission and core values of teens services as described in The Future of Library Service For and With Teens: A Call to Action.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? After turning in a new draft in December 2015, we were sent some feedback in February 2016. At that time I was informed that my help was no longer needed, as the YALSA board would be appointing new members.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: 
- Audience/Teens
- Staffing
- Professional Development
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration other:
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? none What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? none Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Additional Concerns or Comments: Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Competencies Update Taskforce
Chair’s Name: Valerie Davis
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Board Liaison: Candice Mack
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Review YALSA's report, The Future of Library Service for and With Teens: A Call to Action, as well as competencies and frameworks from the afterschool, summer learning and connected learning communities in order to create a futures-focused version of YALSA's Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth which embeds the key principles from YALSA's report as well as
adapts best practices and stellar examples from relevant external documents. Ensure that the updated version complements, but is not redundant to, these recent YALSA documents: Teen Programming Guidelines and Core Professional Values for the Teen Services Profession. Provide a draft by April 4th, and submit a revised, final document by May 17th for Board consideration at their June meeting.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee has put together a skeletal framework to see if the vision we are working towards matches the needs of the Board.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Policies
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To further flesh out the framework of competencies and complete a version to be presented at annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? When the competencies are approved they will be disseminated to the YALSA community.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 2

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes

Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA Research Grant Jury
Chair's Name: Kellie Tilton
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Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Encourage submissions and judge applications for the Frances Henne Research Grant.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Started to prepare for next year's work by organizing documents and determining a new schedule based on the new dates of participation.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Policies

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to refine action plans and get ready for the new committee members and application pool!

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Encouraging members to think about research ideas to develop and work on their grant applications. This news can be shared through social media and the YALSA newsletter!

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 3

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: As the majority of the work has been completed (hence the change in active dates), no one had any participation issues!!

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
No
Are you aware of YALSA’s new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes

Hub Advisory Board
Chair’s Name: Molly Wetta
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Board Liaison: Crystle Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Hub Advisory Board participates in the development and maintenance of the Hub and follows the guidelines for the site as set out by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the site and assists with the collection of content for the site, generates ideas for content, works on getting teen and librarian input and feedback, facilitates marketing and PR as needed, and writes for the site as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
1 - We continued to implement changes based on the feedback from our end of year survey. We brought back monthly polls (rather than weekly polls) as a compromise, since many respondents missed them. Rather than weekly “tweets of the week” we have been doing monthly roundup of resources which have been well-received.
2 - The Hub Reading Challenge has about 200 participants. There are many comments on the weekly check-in posts as well as discussion on Twitter and in the Goodreads discussion group.
3 - We continue to focus on producing graphics to complement posts. Images share well on social media, and nearly every posts has a Pinterest and Twitter friendly image to accompany it. I created a YALSA group Canva account (an online image creation tool) to make it easy for myself or contributors to create images that have a cohesive look that is consistent with YALSA’s The Hub’s brand and creates awareness of the site.
4 - Recruitment of new bloggers has gone well. We currently have a roster of 39 contributors. I am exploring options to make it easier to accept guest contributions, especially related to content areas where we could have more robust coverage, like those topics identified in the Teen Tech Week survey.
5 - The collaboration between the YALSAblog and The Hub seems to be going well. We have linked posts on collections and programming when they have been about similar topics.
6 - I have shared YALSA’s new 3 year plan with Hub contributors and the advisory board, and will continue to work with both groups on how The Hub can support these initiatives and goals.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:  
- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:  
- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALSA article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We'll finish up The Hub challenge, provide coverage of ALA annual activities related to collections for teens, recruit new contributors as some end their tenure, and continue to look for ways to promote collections for teens, especially outside traditional print YA fiction.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We'll continue to feature Hub content in the newsletter.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: 
Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA’s new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Midwinter Paper Presentation Planning
Committee Chair’s Name: Trixie Dantis
E-Mail: pdantis@ahml.info
Board Liaison: Abby Phillips
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Plan and implement an annual research-focused paper presentation to be given at the Midwinter Meeting on a topic related to YALSA's Research Agenda and/or report, "The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: a Call to Action," including: working with YALSA's Communications Specialist to promote the call for papers, vetting the applicants and working with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events to plan the presentation at Midwinter.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We've been promoting the proposal form, but have not received any submissions.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)
other: We have promoted the Midwinter paper presentation opportunity through various outlets to broaden the proposal pool and, hopefully, get different perspectives to inform the whole library/whole school approach to YA services.
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are planning a Google Hangout in early June to discuss the rubric and set deadline for completing review of proposals. Using Google Drive, we will evaluate proposals and choose a winner.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will announce the winner in early September. We have not discussed how we will communicate this information to members.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I did not have the contact info for committee so have done most of the promotion myself through my professional network and E-News. I recently received the committee roster, contacted the members, and asked that they help spread the word for the final push.
Additional Concerns or Comments: I apologize for the delay in contacting the rest of the committee - I'm not sure why I didn't receive the email with the roster at the start of my term. I searched my mailbox and checked my Junk E-Mail folder, but maybe the library's firewall rejected it. It's my oversight for not contacting the staff and Board liaison right away.
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Midwinter Paper Committee
Chair's Name: Sandra Hughes-Hassell
E-Mail: smhughes@email.unc.edu
Board Liaison: Abigail Philips
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Plan and implement an annual research-focused paper presentation to be given at the Midwinter Meeting on a topic of general interest to those who work for and with young adults in libraries, including: working with YALSA's Communications Specialist to promote the call for papers, vetting the applicants and working with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events to plan the presentation at Midwinter. Attendance at the event is encouraged, but not required.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee finished their work in January. I have sent information to the incoming chair (evaluation rubric, sample call for papers, etc).
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Last years winners are working with Denise Agosto on submission to JRLYA. I have not heard whether the paper has been submitted yet.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:
- Professional Development
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:
other: We planned but did not execute blog/social media posts.
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be archiving any content that has been created by our committee in ALA Connect for use by future committee chair and members.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will be archiving content in our committee space on ALA Connect Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4
Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes

National Guidelines Oversight Committee Chair's Name:
Katherine Trouern Trend
E-Mail: kttrend@gmail.com
Board Liaison: Linda Braun
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee YALSA's portfolio of national guidelines, including performing such tasks as: working with staff to disseminate and promote the guidelines; regularly evaluating the existing guidelines and making recommendations to YALSA's Board for updating or revising guidelines and/or the need to create supplementary materials or tools; assisting staff with establishing and maintaining liaisons with appropriate decision makers and stakeholders, both inside and outside the library profession, that monitor and evaluate the performance of teen services programs and librarians. While the Oversight Committee is charged with making recommendations, the authority to adopt, direct the revision of and/or sunset guidelines rests with YALSA’s Board of Directors.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Task 2: We defined a schedule for promoting the professional values document but did not execute it as planned. We created social media content to promote each value represented in the professional values document.
Content has not been shared.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:
- Audience/Teens
- Professional Development
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:
other: We planned but did not execute blog/social media posts.
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be archiving any content that has been created by our committee in ALA Connect for use by future committee chair and members.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will be archiving content in our committee space on ALA Connect Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4
Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes

Research committee
Chair's Name: Kafi Kumasi
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: See previous form

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our committee submitted a final draft of the revised research agenda to the Board. Members have also been regularly submitting to the "teen research trending blog” with Mega Subrammanium and Mary Catherine Miller submitting last two entries. What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Other (Please explain below)
other: Revised research report on google doc

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are essentially finished with our main charge of revising the research agenda and writing the 5 blogs on trending YA research. My term as chair expires in June 2016 in less than 1 month.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? See above
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2
Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : No
Yes

Reference Resources for Young Adults
Chair's Name: Jessi Schulte
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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: n/a What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Due to family and work considerations, I stepped down from my role and made several suggestions for a replacement. I do not know what has happened with the group since that time. My apologies!
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Audience/Teens
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)
other: I am not aware of what has taken place since my departure.
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I am not aware of what has taken place since my departure.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I am not aware of what has taken place since my departure.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: Only my own! The rating above is what I give myself as a "no show!"
Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Website Advisory Committee
Chair's Name: Gina Seymour
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Board Liaison: Kate McNair
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To regularly assist the YALSA Web Services Manager with the oversight and maintenance of YALSA’s online presence, including but not limited to its wiki and social media channels. To liaise with YALSA member groups, member editors and member blog managers regarding the use of YALSA’s website and social media tools in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Web Advisory Committee; and to recommend, develop and update policies for YALSA’s web presence to the YALSA Board.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
We worked on cleaning up the wiki page. Each committee member was assigned a section to analyze and organize. Look at the webpage, as well.
As part of the ALA Website Advisory Committee, I volunteered to test ALA’s eCommerce system. I set up an appointment to test the site during the week I had off from work. Unfortunately, there was an issue and the site could not be tested. (After that I had two major commitments, at work and a community event, and couldn’t set aside additional time to assist in this endeavor.) We had several questions regarding our tasks. Committee members shared thoughts and questions and I passed them along to our liaison and board rep.
Clarification was given and disseminated to WAC members.
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: - Outreach/Partnerships - Professional Development
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
other: What is your group's workplan for the next three months?
Using our task list, we will continue to work on the calendar project and using this data to send out timely message to members via YALSA communication channels promoting web resources. We will monitor the wiki page for spam and potential updates.

Kate McNair, liaison, found an intersection between our committee and the Division and Membership Promotion taskforce. We will assist them in identifying resources that the DMP can promote to member groups (school librarians, students, new YALSA members, etc.)

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The group will promote YALSA web resources, especially select Wiki pages, through E-News and social media in coordination with Anna Lam. As well as with the Division and Membership Promotion taskforce. (see workplan)

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: There have not been any participation concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes

YALSAblog
Chair's Name: Crystle Martin
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Board Liaison: Crystle Martin

Committee Jurisdiction or Task Force Function Statement: The mission of the YALSAblog is to provide a virtual space for publishing timely information about emerging and new practices for library services for and with teens, to explore practices in related fields relevant to teen services, to raise awareness about appropriate YALSA tools to facilitate innovation in teen services, and to provide resources for members and the library community to support their efforts to continuously improve their overall teen services program.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
- Started a monthly/bi-monthly themed posting with The Hub. The Hub posts a resources post about a topic and the blog posts a program or other professional post about a similar topic and cross link. The idea is to more closely connect they two blogs.
- Started a monthly professional learning series which entails a guest facilitator posting once a week about a specific topic. It is meant to offer small bites of professional development and foster participation on the blog.
- We are still working out the formatting but it seems to be catching on
- Started to integrate YALS into the blog, including having bloggers post companion pieces to the articles in each issue
- Have posted a series of posts from the Local Conference Committe for ALA Annual
- Started including one post per week in the enews
- revamped the Categories on the blog to more closely align with the Strategic Plan/Futures Report
- Worked with several committees to post blogs about their work
- Worked with Board members to publish posts about Strategic Planning
- Revamped blog with new theme and layout, inclusion of YALS content, new logo, etc
- Continue to work with bloggers to support their writing and continued contribution

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
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- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?
- To continue to develop the Professional Learning Series
- Continue to integrate YALS and its content more seamlessly into the blog.
- Continue including a weekly post in the enews
- Continue recruitment of new bloggers.
- Continue to work with committees to post blogs about their work
- Continue to work with Board members to publish posts about Strategic Planning
- Reevaluate Categories and blogging priority areas now that the Strategic Plan has been released
- Continue to work with bloggers to support their writing and continued contribution

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? As the blog all of our information is shared with members.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months:
1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

AWARD/SELECTION CHAIR REPORTS

Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults
Chair's Name: Emily Farmer
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Board Liaison: None

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
February: We began the committee year with personal introductions using our YA-Media listserv. This allowed the members to get to know one another a little before we got started. About half of the members are new to Amazing Audio – and a couple are new to committee work altogether. Because of this, Emily opted to assign a week in February to slowly roll out the various documents and spreadsheets we would be using throughout the year. At the end of this week, she also requested that the members have an open discussion about audiobook listening practices. It helped to hear from both new members and seasoned members about what the best format, device, process could be used to complete our assignments.

We started out the year with several field nominations from last year’s chair. This allowed us to immediately show the new members how titles are assigned and how votes are cast through ALA Connect. And very quickly, publishers began sending shipments of CDs through the mail. Early in February, Emily and Daniel connected with most of the publishers regarding member addresses and the rules about submissions. Daniel, in his capacity as administrative assistant, kept track of all the personnel changes at the various publishers and distributors.

A couple of publishers immediately replied with digital download information for recent publications. Our first shipments of CDs arrived a week later – the first one including 6 titles. And soon after, several shipments that in total contained 15 titles. With all of those quick replies from the publishers, we were able to assign titles to all of the committee members and let everyone have an early taste of how things work.

March: In March, we started to receive some suggestions from committee members. These suggestions were sent to the various publishers and they generally responded with copies of those titles for our committee. Because of this, we ended up with around 38 new titles added to our list of possible nominations.

The committee jumped into voting very quickly and easily. During this month,
26 titles were voted on using ALA Connect, 4 of which became official nominations for the rest of our committee to consider. It was wonderful to see how well all of our members were learning and willing to ask questions about the process so that we can end up with the best audiobook list in the end. There was one bit of confusion about the assignment of a title, but the two members involved, Janis and Yolanda, worked together to come to a decision and voted on the title as one.

April: We saw another 36 titles sent to us from publishers in the month of April. Most of these were early in the month, so we had a few weeks without any submissions and were able to catch up a little on what we had been sent.

Another 34 titles were voted on in ALA Connect, and 7 of those became official nominations. That brought our total of nominations to 13 in the first three months of committee work.

In late April, one of the committee members (Bobbie) sent out a press release to our committee about a possible new audiobook publisher, Vertical Inc.

Emily sent an introduction email to the contact on that press release and has not yet heard back from them.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:
- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:
- Outreach/Collaboration
- other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Members will continue to listen to publisher submitted titles and seek out titles for the committee to consider. Emily will seek more field nominations using Twitter and YALSA E-News and encouraging committee members to use their own social media outlets to request field nominations. She will also remind the committee members about submitting their own suggestions. As of right now, only two of the members have made suggestions.

Daniel, our administrative assistant, will continue to keep the lines of communication open with the publishers. And we will attempt to connect with any publishers who have not yet sent any submissions.

While the committee is now completely virtual, we will not be meeting at the ALA Annual Conference. But Emily will be attending and plans on visiting with each of the audiobook publishers in the exhibit hall.

Plans will also be made in the next three months to have our first round of straw polls and possible voting. We have enough titles to start the official voting, but we will need more people to listen to the nominations to really start the process. The execution of these polls and voting will be planned and discussed with all of the committee member's input to make this first year of virtual committee status a success.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to submit a call for field suggestions for audiobooks for the committee to consider using YALSA E-News and other social media outlets. We also plan to submit the monthly list of our current nominations for the Amazing Audiobook website through YALSA.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

With the start of the committee in February, there was a large learning curve for some of the new members to get a handle on how all of the assignments work. There are many spreadsheets and documents and procedures for this committee to follow - and each of those are vital to keeping this committee functioning well. So there were a few concerns about documenting votes and how those should be done. As of now, all of the members have done a great job learning those procedures and we haven't had any trouble with it since then.

Late March and early April were a difficult time for a couple of our members.

Personal life changes have come about that kept two of our members from participating for a couple of weeks. These two did notify me about what was going on and how long they needed to be away. Both have since picked back up the pace and are on track with their listening, for the most part.

There have also been two members that have not fully committed the same number of votes and listening as the other members. One of these is a new member who has expressed shock about the workload and is now figuring out the best way for them to get the assignments done. They have picked up the pace recently and seem to be more comfortable with the process. Daniel held back on assigning titles to this member and it
seems like we will be able to start assigning them again soon. The second is a returning member who has had a close family member pass away this spring and has discussed any issues with Emily. The chair from last year also mentioned this member to Emily - someone who has had trouble keeping up in the past. She will continue to keep the lines of communication open with this member and anticipates things will even out for her soon.

At the end of February, Emily began sending out monthly check-in emails for each of the committee members. This allows her to touch base with each person to make sure the spreadsheets have the correct data and to keep up a conversation with anyone who is having trouble. The first couple of check-ins were mostly trial runs and the most recent ones have highlighted those that are having trouble - as mentioned above. These monthly emails have been a great way to keep in contact with everyone and Emily will continue to do them throughout the year.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Because this committee is now completely virtual, the only concern is related to final voting procedures. Emily received a lot of information from another virtual committee past-chair and from Nichole O'Connor and Whitney Winn that will help with this process. The next few months will determine how this is going to work, especially now that we have enough nominations to begin that voting.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes

Best Fiction for Young Adults
Chair's Name: Elizabeth Bast
E-Mail: ebast@yahoo.com
Board Liaison: Shelley McNerney

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults Committee selects significant fiction books (not including graphic novels) published for young adults and annotates the selected titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our committee got off to a fast start with 10 titles nominated in February, 11 titles nominated in March, 24 titles nominated in April, and 9 titles nominated (so far) in May. I asked the group to reach a goal of at least 50 titles nominated for discussion at Annual (with a cutoff date of May 15th), and they have risen to the challenge.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply: Audience/Teens
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are meeting in June at Annual for three days of intense discussion and debate of the 50+ titles nominated by our committee members. After Annual, we will begin again to read, discuss, and collaborate to come up with another set of 50+ titles to discuss at Mid-Winter. July and August should be fairly "quiet" as people let our meetings at Annual sink in and we go our separate ways to search out and read a new set of potential nominees.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Our list of nominees gets updated on the 1st day of each month. At Annual, our Teen Feedback session is usually a big draw and gets people buzzing in person and on social media. Our meetings at Annual are also open to the public.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: Our committee has been very active and talkative. The only members I've had to address in any way regarding participation needed to be reminded that we have a self-imposed limit on nominations (10 per member), and to "pace" themselves as it is a long year with many books being published in summer and fall that need to be considered.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The only concern is a common one for BFYA:
we can't consider all the books! Strategies for reading and whether or not members should be "assigned" to read a certain set of books so we don't overlap each other's work has been discussed but not fully resolved.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes
Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

**Great Graphic Novels for Teens**  
**Chair's Name:** Traci Glass  
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**Board Liaison:** Summer Hayes  
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare an annotated list of significant titles in a graphic novel format that appeal to a young adult audience.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The GGNFT 2017 committee has been working hard these past 3 months!

We have 47 nominations (stopping in May to allow time for reading before Annual) which is awesome! A good mix of nonfiction and fiction as well as independent and major publishers. I've scheduled a virtual meetup for us tonight (Saturday, 5/7/16) to get a headstart on meeting each other and putting faces to names as well as get some book discussion going! We are ready and excited for Annual and very excited to keep nominating and reading titles to make this a great graphic novels list!

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:  
- Audience/Teens  
- Collections  
- Literacies  
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:  
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)  
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to read and nominate titles. We'll have another virtual meet up before Midwinter just to get a head start on title discussion, and talking about additional titles to nominate.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Every month, I send an email to Anna Lam to put a call out for nominations from the public in the YALSA newsletter. I also email Nichole O'Connor once a month to get the nominations list updated on the YALSA website.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No concerns - my group is engaged, answers my emails and questions promptly. They are all totally engaged in the process. I'm so lucky to have such a great committee to work with!

Additional Concerns or Comments:  

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?  
No

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

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**Margaret A. Edwards 2016 Award**  
**Chair’s Name:** Valerie Davis  
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**Board Liaison:** Sarah Hill  
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select a living author or co-author as well as a specific body of his or her work, who has made a significant and lasting contribution to literature for young adults. The book or books should be accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives.
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? I have had various conversations with the current chair, answering questions and passing on best practices and any information she requested.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I have had various conversations with the current chair, answering questions and passing on best practices and any information she requested. We have the Edwards Brunch coming up at annual, various committee members has discussed writing a blog post on the brunch.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: none

Additional Concerns or Comments: As I have stated on every report, I have nothing but praise for the members of the committee and the work that we did.

Any committee would be lucky to have them on it.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Morris Committee
Chair's Name: Meghan Cirrito
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Board Liaison: Elsworth Rockefeller

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:
Books written and published for young adults [aged 12-18] are as varied and interesting as the teenagers who read them. Although many of these books published each year are written by experienced and reputable, previously published authors, there are also, consistently, authors that make a significant impact on the field of young adult literature who are publishing their first books. The authors of these books deserve recognition for their achievement. We believe it is valuable to use the strength of our organization’s reputation and expertise to widely publicize and forthrightly honor these “first-time” books and their authors. It would be our hope to also encourage new authors to write and publish for teens.

An estimated 4,000 YA titles are published annually. An informal survey of publishing staff indicated that approximately 10% of the titles on their lists were debuts. This should provide an acceptable pool of titles for an award committee to consider. This number of debut authors also indicated the importance of fresh new voices writing for teens.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Committee members are reading very widely and taking exceptional initiative in finding eligible titles, especially in seeking out egalley's and other avenues of procuring titles. They are consistently using the tracking spreadsheet and ALA Connect.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Audience/Teens Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee's reading load will increase dramatically so our email communications and posting on ALA Connect will also dramatically increase. Committee members will need to have a ready grasp of the reading criteria to eliminate titles that should not be considered and begin thinking about the final nominations.
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Social media posts to encourage readers to submit suggestions and field nominations.

Rate your group’s effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Not all members are regularly participating in email discussions so I am going to send more frequent emails that invite participation to ensure everyone is used to a steady communication stream.

Everyone did not come fully prepared to the virtual chat so regular, explicit reminders will be sent prior to all future meetings, whether they are virtual or in-person.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The committee has been struggling with the very small quantity of eligible titles we’ve received from publishers. They have done a valiant job finding titles on their own but have been discouraged by receiving so few books. Leigh and I have reached out a second or third time to publishers and the volume received has increased. Committee members are concerned about setting a reading pace at this point and I am trying to manage expectations and keep the group, as they will be asked to read much more in a shorter amount of time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Are you aware of YALSA’s new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

**Non-fiction Committee**

Chair’s Name: Ellen Spring Board

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Liaison: Nichole O’Connor

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:
To annually select the best nonfiction title published for young adults between Nov. 1 and Oct. 31 of the current year, available in English in the United States and, if desired, to also select honor titles. The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning title announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting. The winners and honor authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA Conference.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
We have begun to receive books from publishers and two members have been assigned to each to evaluate them with respect to our committee’s charge.

The members assigned the books have emailed each other with their thoughts, and then these are put into ALA Connect on our site. Those books that are nominated by the two members are then read and commented on by the whole group. These messages are also sent to ALA Connect under the book's title so that all thoughts and comments are kept together.

We have introduced ourselves via email and are looking forward to our time in Orlando. We will be meeting there on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Previous to our beginning work we participated in webinars about committee work and what to expect and to whom we should turn to for help.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: 
- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc) other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to review the books received from publishers. When books that we don't have yet are recommended by a committee member or ALA member, I will request books for the committee. Before June 1 the nominations of books will close until after ALA conference to ensure that all members have a chance to read and take notes on the nominated books, and so that a list of books needed can be sent to our staff liaison to enable her to send them to Orlando. We will
continue to post comments to the ALA Connect page. We will meet in Orlando on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We are not allowed to share news or information with anyone not on the committee. We will ask for any suggestions via email, of titles that members feel should be considered and, if those books receive a "second" from one of our committee members, they will be nominated.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: None Additional Concerns or Comments: None

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Odyssey Committee
Chair's Name: Lynn Piper Carpenter
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Board Liaison: Angela Carstensen

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States during the preceding eligibility year and, if warranted, to also select honor titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have received 112 audio titles. All Audiobooks received up to April 30, 2016 have been listened to by the committee.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Collection Management

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Step up listening time to listen to all submissions from the previous month What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? As an award committee we will not share our results until the award is announced in January 2016.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: One member of the committee had decided to skip annual siting her parent's health issues until she learned that she would have to resign her participation as a committee member. She will attend the Annual conference.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes

Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults
Chair’s Name: Kathleen Breitenbach
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Board Liaison: Sandy Craft

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare one to five annotated list(s) of approximately twenty-five recommended paperback titles, selected from popular genres, themes or topics.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past three months, we have received 96 total submissions, of which 78 are nominations. There are 3 suggestions for the committee to consider seconding. The other 15 titles are items that were either on previous PPYA lists (2012-2016), are out
of print, or are not available in the US in paperback at this time. We have been discussing titles virtually, both
through ALA Connect and through an email listserv.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to solicit field suggestions through
posts on PUBYAC and YALSA-BK, social media, and in YALSA E-News. Committee members will read
nominated/suggested titles, and look for additional titles for the lists. I am also planning on having an all-group
chat on ALA Connect over the summer to check in with everyone on the committee.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three
months and how will you share it? We are updating the current nominations on the website monthly, thanks to
Nichole O'Connor, and after the updates are up, I will send emails to listservs and posts on social media
announcing the update and calling for more submissions.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any
participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them: So far, everyone is
participating.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

2016 Printz Committee
Chair's Name: April Witteveen
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Board Liaison: Diane Colson (?)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications the best
young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as
many as four Honor Books. The Committee will also have the opportunity for input into the oversight and
planning of the Printz Awards Program.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? No work was done by our
committee between February and May of 2015..well, some of us got Printz tattoos.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply:
- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
Other (Please explain below)
other: We did not have any action areas in the past three months.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be hosting (well, present at) the Printz
Program and Reception at ALA Annual in Orlando.

I will (I assume) be working with the YALSA office on the panel presentation.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three
months and how will you share it? Info on the Printz Program shared via YALSA and social media channels.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any
participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

Are you aware of YALSA's new three-year organizational plan [2]? Yes
2017 Printz Committee  
Chair's Name: Melanie Koss  
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Board Liaison: Angela Carstensen  
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year’s publications the best young adult book (“best” being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books. The Committee will also have the opportunity for input into the oversight and planning of the Printz Awards Program. Committee size: 9, four to be elected, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested.  
What were the outcomes or results of your group’s work in the past three months? We’re moving forward reading and discussing 2016 YA books in preparation for selecting the Printz Award and Honor titles at ALA Midwinter.  
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Audience/Teens  
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)  
other: listserv and private communications  
What is your group’s workplan for the next three months? To continue reading and discussing titles, as we have been doing thus far.  
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Confidential group. Nothing will be shared.  
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None so far.  
Additional Concerns or Comments: All is going well.  
 Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes  
Are you aware of YALSA’s new three-year organizational plan [2]? : Yes  

Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers  
Chair's Name: Dorcas Wong  
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Board Liaison: Whitney Winn  
Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers.  
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?  
With the 1st nomination closed (4/26/16), we have currently nominated 57 titles.  
We have discussions of nominated and field nominated titles on ALA Connect and by email.  
A committee member created an online survey of the nominations which the rest of us have shared with our teens and posted to our local library related listservs for others to share with their teens. This includes: YALSA Bk listserv, SFPL teen group and teen librarian group listing, Ohio Library community, Texas Library Connection community, MA Library Listserv, NYC School Librarian Listserv. We received immediate feedback: “Hey, I sent this out to my teen book club, but I also wanted to let you know how much it helped me out. I just found out I have a little bubble of found money to spend on books and this list is AMAZING!! It showed up at the perfect time.  
Now I don't have to sort through all my old highlighted SLJ and VOYA reviews from the last 6 months! Whoo hoo!! Thanks for posting it!”  
What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:  
- Audience/Teens  
- Collections  
- Literacies  
- Youth Participation  
- Outreach/Partnerships  
- Policies  
- Professional Development
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply:
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)
other:
What is your group's workplan for the next three months?
May/June - Read and review nominated titles. Continue discussions on ALA Connect June - Collect data from online surveys. Prepare ALA Annual committee meetings, coordinate any publishers attending the meeting as observers. Open up the 2nd nomination period.
July - Read, review, and nominate titles. Continue discussions on ALA Connect
What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I will continue to use the YALSA newsletter to announce the open nomination period every other month.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them:
Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes