

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
via Conference Call
August 29, 2013**

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Background: Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work their group has accomplished since July 1st. During the conference call, each Board Liaison will have the opportunity to summarize and share any concerns their member groups may have and field questions from Board members. Board members are encouraged to reflect on the reports and discuss how the work of the groups is supporting the strategic plan, as well as look for and discuss common threads or issues between the reports and how the Board might address them.

Action Required: Discussion

Missing Reports (as of 8/19/13)

- Capacity Building Task Force, Mary Hastler
- Frances Henne Award Jury, Carol Tilley
- Programming Guidelines Development Task Force, Chris Shoemaker
- Research Journal Advisory Board, Carol Tilley
- Teen Tech Week Committee, Karen Lemmons

Reports

Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

Group: 2014 Excellence in Nonfiction Award

Chair's Name: Jamison Hedin

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Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To annually select the best non-fiction title published for young adults between November 1 of the preceding year and October 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, honor and nominated titles announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting in January. The winners and honor books and authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA conference, and the Committee will have the opportunity for input into the planning and implementation of the

event. Committee size: 9, four to be elected, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested. Term: 2/1/13 through 1/31/14.

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

* 13 nominated titles as of 8/15/2013

* Very productive meetings at ALA Annual – discussed 12 nominations, communications plans moving forward, and procedures for the remainder of our term

* Oriented new member to committee activities and coordinated with YALSA staff for access to committee online workspaces and nominated titles.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

other:

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

*Continue to read, evaluate, and nominate potential titles *Conduct preliminary online discussion about potential nominations within the context of the award criteria

* Meet via Google+ hangout to discuss new nominations monthly or as needed

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? *Follow up with new (as of

8/15) Hub manager to schedule blog posts about YA nonfiction and the award 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

Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Lisa Goldstein

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Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

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?

After nominations closed in June, the committee stopped nominating, caught up on reading, and participated in a straw poll. On June 23, we met via conference call to discuss titles that had mixed votes, and to discuss the general scope of each list. The Conflicted and GLBTQ lists are very straightforward, but criteria for the Humor Me list have been harder to define.

We have met via Google Hangout to discuss this, and are gradually creating a rubric of sorts with which to evaluate books for humor.

The committee has met multiple times via conference call, ALA Connect chat, and Google Hangout, and members continue to post comments about each nominated title on discussion threads on ALA Connect. Members have begun to use the PPYA listserv more for discussion of the books as well.

To date we have 128 nominations, and have received fifteen field nominations.

We have promoted the list via YALS E-News, the YALSA Twitter account, and an ongoing series of posts on the YALSA Hub blog.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development

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

apply.:

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

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

The committee will reconvene for a general meeting via chat on August 25.

I'll check in with members about their progress in reading and nominating, plan our next Hub posts, and discuss the scope of each list. Each subcommittee will then meet via ALA Connect chat beginning in September, following this schedule:

Sept 22 - Conflicted

Oct 20 - GLBTQ

Nov 20 - Humor Me

Nominations will close on December 2, and the committee will have a month to read and post comments on ALA Connect before our final straw poll on January 3. All of these dates have been posted on our Events calendar on ALA Connect.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

PPYA will publish additional calls for field nominations through YALSA's listservs and YALSA E-News. We may also begin to tweet titles of nominated books, as BFYA is doing.

Our discussions about Humor will probably become our next Hub post, written by member Paula Willey. This may become a longer article for another YALSA publication at some point.

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

Genna Sarnak left the committee and was replaced by Amanda Margis last month.

Jennifer Kendall replaced Genna as the Humor Me subcommittee chair, and has taken a lot of initiative in getting committee members involved in discussions about the list.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

One member objected to a book because of personal religious reasons, and expressed this objection in a comment on an ALA Connect discussion thread.

Nichole O'Connor and Vicki Emery helped me address this. I posted a response reminding her and the committee of our evaluation criteria, including the fact that we abide by the ALA Bill of Rights.

Some members are taking to virtual work more than others. There are a number of members who are relatively silent on our listserv and on ALA Connect, and these are largely members who were on the committee last year, when it wasn't virtual. I think they may be accustomed to the old pattern of reading and taking notes alone, then storing up that information for in-person meetings at the ALA conferences. I have repeatedly reminded members to post notes on ALA Connect, to request additional meetings via chat or Google Hangout, if they need, and to begin discussions on our listserv. I'm not sure if some members limit participation because of lack of

interest, lack of orientation to virtual work, or just lack of work! I do think there is a learning curve, and I will keep reminding members of the need to make a presence for themselves virtually. I have invited members who need help orienting to virtual participation to contact me for guidance.

Technical problems have made virtual meetings a little difficult. Jenny Levine sat in on our June 6 ALA Connect chat, and is still working with programmers on the glitches we encountered. Unfortunately, many members are not able to log in to the chat while it's in progress, or are logged out of the chat if they refresh the page.

Our Google Hangouts meet with varying success, because members are logging in with different computers, browsers, and Internet speeds.

The conference call went the most smoothly because there were no technical problems.

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

Yes

Group: YALS Editorial Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Angela Leeper

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Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To serve as advisor to the editor of YALS on the content of the print journal and online presence which may include identifying timely topics for print and/or web articles, developing content for the online journal site, and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor. To assist with the search process for a new editor, when appropriate.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee conducted an online chat ALA Connect. We created a schedule that allows each member to contribute content that will promote the YALS journal to the YALS website. We also discussed the possibilities of YALS having more of a social media presence via Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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? Each individual will work on her post to the YALS website and consider social media options for YALS. We will have another chat via ALA Connect in October to discuss the fall issue.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None as the committee is focusing on YALS.

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, everyone is enthusiastic and eager to do her part.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Group: Best Fiction for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Sarah Townsend

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Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the year's publications significant fiction books (excluding graphic novels) published for young adults; to annotate the selected titles.

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

Monthly nominations: The main work of the group has been reading and nominating on a regular basis. By August 1st, we had 90 nominations.

Nominating was paused from June 1st until after Annual.

Discussions & Teen Session at Annual Conference: The group met throughout the Annual Conference in Chicago and discussed 74 titles and held 2 straw polls.

Additionally, we facilitated a teen session with 50 local teens and received excellent insights in to the currently nominated titles. During the teen session, we promoted #bfya to encourage live tweeting of discussions and sessions. The live tweeting of the teen session spread the BFYA discussions far beyond Chicago, and authors were even following to hear what was said about their titles. During our business meeting at Annual we also discussed things that we'd like to suggest for next years group, primarily how to solicit more teen feedback and facilitate teen participation and buy-in to the list.

Straw Polls: An online straw poll was conducted in June, and two in-person straw polls were conducted at the Annual Conference.

Online Discussion: In June we met online using ALA Connect to discuss two titles. With this being the first selection committee for several members, it helped to give everyone a feel for how the discussions might go and allowed us to iron out some concerns we had with defining when a title was "too young" as well as tackle a title on which we were pretty evenly split.

Field Nominations: All field nominations were assigned to different committee members to read for possible seconding.

Marketing: We continue to tweet authors who have been nominated during the previous month on the first of each month as a way of increasing visibility of the list and building excitement about the nominations. Retweets from authors and publishers has increased our field nominations at the beginning of each month. And the use of #bfya (started at Annual) has continued to be used after the conference.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

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

Nominations: The committee will continue to read and nominate titles for the next few months with a focus on reading broadly and seeking titles beyond just what is sent to us. Discussions continue as to how much we should be reading and the pacing. Pacing is expected to pick up in the coming months with the anticipation of the quantity of YA books being published in the Fall.

Marketing: The Marketing Subcommittee will be drafting a press release and implementing the marketing plan in an attempt to solicit additional field nominations.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I'd like to post to the Hub and YALSA E-News about BFYA work as a recruiting tool for those considering submitting a YALSA volunteer form.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Enthusiasm and participation remain high, though we continue to discuss reading expectations as a group as the energy level dips a little post-Annual.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Continuing Education Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Karen Keys

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Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

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 continuing education offerings and 2) identifying qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions. To assist the Program Officer for CE as requested with promoting CE opportunities and recognizing the contribution of facilitators, presenters, etc. Taskforce

size: 5 - 7 virtual members

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

We're just getting started! These are the tasks I sent out to CEAB at the beginning of July:

1. Determine the desirability of creating a YALSA presence in LinkedIn that provides interested individuals with a virtual place to find resources about and discuss topics of interest relating to professional development and career advancement.
2. Work with Nicole Munguia to recommend individuals to create monthly webinars, YALSA Academy videos, and other continuing education content.
3. Work with Nicole Munguia to build out a recognition program for members and others who take YALSA CE to use at their work or for job seeking.
4. Post content on the trainers Facebook page, including tips for trainers, links to resources, samples of best practices, etc.
5. Solicit member and library community feedback to find out their latest CE needs.
6. Utilize the list of YALSA protégés, Emerging Leaders, Spectrum Scholars, etc. to involve them in YALSA CE activities, such as facilitating a discussion forum or webinar.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are focusing on our first task relating to a YALSA LinkedIn presence.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None at this time.

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.: Everyone has been great so far, responding in a timely manner to email discussions.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: National Guidelines Oversight Committee

Chair's Name: Mary Arnold

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Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee YALSA's portfolio of national guidelines: work with staff to disseminate and promote the guidelines; regularly evaluate existing guidelines and make recommendations to the Board for updating or revising and/or the need to create supplementary materials or tools; assist staff in 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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The newly constituted committee began its work on July 1; prior to that date, we exchanged introductory emails and the chair informed the group of the committee's first year activities; all members were subscribed to the ALA Connect group and advised to familiarize themselves with the four guidelines and the current position papers provided in the hyperlink; the committee's task list was uploaded to ALA Connect, and sections of the ALA accredited SLIS schools were assigned to begin to collect contact information for the youth services instructors to begin work on our second task, and suggest sharing information with them on YALSA's Research Agenda and Research Journal; early feedback on the status of the currently posted position papers includes: suggest consistent wording "white papers" or "position papers"; check possibility of adding additional Past President Midwinter lectures to the Related Resources section; Reference Guidelines created with RUSA in 2006 also show a 2008 date—is this a revision, or an indicator of when posted to the site—committee is reviewing with an eye to a new update; references for Bolan paper show a forthcoming resource by Bernier—looks as if the title as published is VOYA's YA Spaces of Your Dreams Collection (2012); site shows YALSA Competencies retrieval date of 2006, update to 2008 Guidelines?; possibly specify relevant guidelines supported by various position papers; chair and board liaison spoke by phone Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Create introductory email for SLIS instructors; provide additional feedback on current position papers; brainstorm for gaps that new papers might fill, including search for recent publications in the field; upload additional relevant

files to ALA Connect What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? none planned Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: none Additional Concerns or Comments: Related to task #2: obtain information from YALSA staff on procedure to offer SLIS instructors YALSA publications or other books Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Board Liaison: Pamela Holley

Group: AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional Taskforce on the Common Core

Chair's Name: Kathryn Lewis

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Board Liaison: Pamela Spencer Holley

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

- Consider how school and public libraries can work together to address the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).
- Develop strategies to support members with CCSS implementation, specifically regarding the role of the public librarian or library worker.
- Develop a canned presentation on the basics of CCSS that can be used by members and presented at public library conference/meetings to help public librarians and library workers understand and use the language of CCSS and develop programs and services that address common core issues;
- Create a tool kit for a workshop for parents on the CCSS and how they can help their children and teens;
- Conduct a joint webinar highlighting best practices around library support of the CCSS;
- Collaborate with the AASL Common Core Implementation Assistance Task Force in identifying appropriate resources and activities for librarians and library workers.
- Taskforce size: 6 virtual members (2 from each division), including the chair. Term: April 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

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

Adobe Connect Meeting May 14, 2013

Members present: Kathryn Lewis, Ms. Margaux DelGuidice, Janet Ingraham-Dwyer, Maeve Visser Knoth, Kiera Parrott. Members absent: Catherine M. Lynch Division Staff Present and serving as Moderator: Melissa Jacobson from AASL Division Liaison Present: None Task Force members discussed each of the Task Force charges. The group reviewed resources and discussed the best way to proceed with our work. It was agreed that the group wanted a closed wiki to use.

ALA Annual Meeting June 30, 2013

The Task Force met on Sunday, June 30 from 8:30-10 am in the Grand Tradition room in the Hilton during ALA Annual in Chicago.

Minutes from June 30th Task Force Meeting Members present: Kathryn Lewis, Ms. Margaux DelGuidice, Janet Ingraham-Dwyer,

Maeve Visser Knoth, Kiera Parrott. Members absent: Catherine M. Lynch Division Staff

Present: None Division Liaison Present: None

A. Introductions- All members present introduced themselves.

B. Results of survey of task force membership-NA

C. Quarterly Report Handout- Handed out report. Shared contents with members.

D. Google Docs as Depository- Discussed using Google Docs. Group prefers a private wiki all members can contribute to. Kathryn will work with YALSA to get set up.

E Discussion and Brainstorming - Charges of the Task Force:

- Consider how school and public libraries can work together to address the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

Discussed the importance of school and public librarians collaborating and ways that could be done. Referred to Olga Nesi's article, The Public Library Connection (School Library Journal, December 2012) stressed the importance of parents and the public recognizing the very important role school librarians play in the implementation of the CCSS. Discussed the roles that public libraries can play as it relates to the CCSS. Discussed the powerful partnership that school and public librarians can have in CCSS implementation.

- Develop strategies to support members with CCSS implementation, specifically regarding the role of the public librarian or library worker.

Maeve and Janet will create a checklist for public librarians.

- Develop a canned presentation on the basics of CCSS that can be used by members and presented at public library conference/meetings to help public librarians and library workers understand and use the language of CCSS and develop programs and services that address common core issues;

Margaux and Kathryn will work on canned presentation for public librarians and webinar.

- Create a tool kit for a workshop for parents on the CCSS and how they can help their children and teens;

Kiera and Kathryn will work together to create this piece.

- Conduct a joint webinar highlighting best practices around library support of the CCSS;

- o Margaux and Kathryn will work on canned presentation for public librarians and webinar.

- Collaborate with the AASL Common Core Implementation Assistance Task Force in identifying appropriate resources and activities for librarians and library workers.

Wiki will be created by task force.

ALSC Membership Meeting ALA Annual July 1, 2013 Maeve Visser Knoth, Kierra Parrot and Kathryn Lewis attended ALSC Membership meeting at ALA Annual at the request of the ALSC Chair and shared the charges of the Task Force and expected deadlines for the work of the group.

The Task Force will have a virtual meeting on September 4th to review progress.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism

- Research and Best Practices

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? See plan outlined above. We are submitting a program proposal through AASL. We are submitting a request to meet at Mid-Winter. Members are working virtually.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? No plans at this time. To be considered as more work is completed.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Emailed member not present. Great group of Librarians Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: 2014 Midwinter Marketing and Local Arrangements Taskforce

Chair's Name: Samantha Marker

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Board Liaison: Pam Spencer Holley

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager 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.

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

We have assigned committee members to provide updates to the YALSA blog for September, October, and November, to contribute short articles to YALSA E-news for those same months, and initial edits have been made to the wiki.

In order to better understand the youth participation aspect of this taskforce, I had a Skype chat with Dawn Rutherford, chair of the 2013 MW taskforce. She shared the application form they used for Seattle. After reviewing the form with Pham Condello, our youth participation coordinator, we have decided that the form will work well for us as well.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as apply.: Collaboration

other:

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

Continue to edit the MW wiki and watch for YALSA event information we can add.

We will also prepare content for the YALSA blog and YALSA E-News to be published in September/October/November.

The Youth Participation Coordinator will update the application used by the Seattle team for interested librarians/teen participants and begin reaching out to local librarians once we have dates and other information about the event confirmed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will have posts for the YALSA blog encouraging members to register for Midwinter and providing information about the accommodations. We will contribute articles to YALSA E-news promoting Midwinter.

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:

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

Yes

Group: Quick Picks for Young Adult Reluctant Readers

Chair's Name: Derek Ivie

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Board Liaison: Pamela Holley

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare an 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? We met each other! Our meeting at Annual was a total success. We all got along quite well. We laughed, we argued, we voted, we made decisions! In reality our two days of meeting were really productive. We were able to hear what we all thought of the books we had nominated and were able to really get a feeling about what we liked and didn't like. We also had some really good discussions on what really is a reluctant reader. We are realizing that in the past a RR (reluctant reader) was thought to be a teen who didn't like reading, but also had a low vocabulary. But what about our AP kids that don't read. We're not talking about the kids who aren't reading because they don't have time. We are talking about our advanced readers who just don't like reading! It's possible. Now, with this new train of thought, we are being a little more adventurous with some of our nominations. Just because the book look large doesn't mean it has a super high interest factor and can't get both sets of the the RRs to jump on board with that book. We'll see how this new set of RRs has to say about some of our new nominations. We've also decided that our annotations should be short yet effective. Although it is nice to write something that is about a sentence because it is fun and snappy it may not be bringing all of the details to light and leave the reader of the annotation a bit lost. Short with effective information is our best bet.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism 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? We will continue to nominate books and see what our teens think of these new books.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We are still updating our nomination list for the YALSA and general librarian community to check out through the Quick Picks section of the YALSA site.

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.: Everyone has been great. Anyone who I had concerns about going into Annual was very productive at the meeting. Perhaps those members just aren't big into email and that is okay because they were more than willing to share their opinions in Chicago.

Additional Concerns or Comments: No concerns at this point in time. I just really like this group of smart, interesting, diverse and enthusiastic librarians that I have the privilege of working with. Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

Group: Midwinter Paper Presentation Planning Committee Chair's

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Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes Hassell

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 with young adults in libraries, including: working with YALSA's Web Services Manager 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?

The Chair worked with the YALSA Office to promote the call for papers. We received a total of three award applications. Each Committee member used the quantitative scale to rate each paper. The Chair then compiled all member ratings. Based on the compiled ratings, the committee chose The winner is Lesley Farmer (Professor, Coordinator of Librarianship program, College of Education, California State University, Long Beach). Her paper is entitled: "Gender Issues in Teen Technology Use to Find Health Information." The committee discussed suggestions to give to our presenter to help make the presentation a lively one. Last year's presentation was an excellent example. The overflow audience was totally engaged and had lots of questions and discussion after the presentation. We agreed with the recommendations the previous committee had made and will continue to share those points with the presenter.

- PLEASE do not read your paper verbatim! Reading a research paper word for word, as opposed to speaking freely and naturally about a research paper, greatly reduces audience engagement and interest.
- Remember that ALA Mid-Winter is not an academic research venue but a professional venue. Most of the audience members will likely be librarians working in public and school libraries. Be sure to include in your presentation specific ideas that librarians can implement in their libraries, such as a list of related library programs and services for teens. The audience will want to hear how they can translate your research into daily library practice.
- Note that a key goal of the program is to encourage active audience discussion following the lecture. We want to hear about your paper and your ideas, but audience input is equally important. To ensure audience participation, prepare a list of three or four discussion questions to use to lead an interactive audience discussion following the lecture.
- Distribute to the audience a brief list of suggested related readings and a list of suggestions for applying your ideas to library services for teens.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Program
- Publication

other:

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

The committee had some specific suggestions for Lesley Farmer. Her title needs some pizzazz—so we're suggesting something such as "Sex, Fitness, and Emotional Issues: How Guys and Girls Search for Health Information."

In her research she may want to stress best practices and be clear about the different types of health issues sought by boys and girls affects their search behavior. The committee also asked that Dr. Farmer submit an outline of her presentation and a list of questions for the audience by October 1st to help in the publicity for the program.

The committee also discussed how to improve the application process. All applicants used the proper application form this year, but the chair forgot to include the suggestions for the application form from last year's

committee:

1. "What is your goal in presenting the paper? What would you expect the audience to learn from your presentation?"
2. "Please include a brief outline of your proposed paper presentation to give the selection committee a better idea of the presentation content and format."
3. A key goal of the program is to encourage active audience discussion following the lecture. Please list three or four discussion questions that you would use to guide audience discussion following your paper presentation.

The chair will revise the application and the press release using these suggestions and forward them to the YALSA Office.

The chair will be working with the YALSA staff to plan the specific program time and publicity. Joni Bodart and Karin Perry agreed to write an article for YALSA about the Midwinter Paper Presentation and its award to urge more YALSA members to apply including MLS/PhD students who are conducting research and practitioners with successful grant projects.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The chair will work with the YALSA staff to plan the specific program time and publicity. The winning paper will be published in the Research Journal. We also suggested to the other presenters to contact the new editor.

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: Joni Bodart is interested in being reappointed to the committee for next year.

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

Yes

Group: Research Committee

Chair's Name: Rebecca Morris

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Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of the field of young adult library services, and to regularly compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, update YALSA's Research Agenda as needed and to liaise with ALA's Committee on Research & Statistics.

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

Our committee has made progress in laying out our plans for the year, and a new task from the YALSA Board has given us some direction for our work.

The possibility of a conducting a new YALSA Harris Poll was introduced to YALSA Board at ALA Annual. The last Harris Poll was conducted in 2007. The recommendation that came from this discussion (and passed via Board motion, as I understand the process) was to conduct an “environmental scan”

first.

Through this scan, YALSA can find out what (raw) research data exists currently and identify gaps, if applicable. The findings will help determine

(a) if a new poll is necessary, and if so, (b) the goals of a new poll or other process of information gathering, including what groups or topics are missing from the current data.

This discussion led to a call on July 30, to bring in the Research Committee.

During this call with Beth Yoke, Shannon Peterson, Sandra Hughes-Hassell, and myself (Rebecca), I agreed that this was a task appropriate for the Research Committee, and that this project would support and give focus to items already on our task list, like sharing research updates with membership.

I presented to the committee this task of building a collection of research data sets on young adults, with possible topics to include education, health and well-being, workforce, library use, reading, media, social interactions, and related research areas. This project is distinct from the Research Bibliography, as here, we're looking to uncover or point out data sets that relate to teens more generally, possibly including library and reading topics, but extending beyond that realm into areas that may inform advocacy and programming in other ways.

As we identify these sources, we will share with members via YALSA communication (e.g., blog, wiki, etc.), in order to introduce the sources and make connections to data-driven programming and advocacy. This is the part that we're discussing right now as we begin this work -- figuring out how we can bring a “value-added” piece to this collection, rather than just compiling a big list. In essence, we want to curate and make connections to advocacy and programming. We are planning to have a product ready to share at ALA Midwinter, and we are also discussing possible articles and programs on this topic at future ALA Conferences.

As part of the community-building in a new committee (with our work together having begun in early July), we have also spent time exchanging introductory messages to get acquainted.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Collaboration
- Other (Please explain below)

other: We are building toward outreach as an objective of our current project. Part of our implementation of this project is to disseminate findings along the way, to push out information about research via the YALSA Blog and other sources (thus fulfilling other assigned tasks).

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I have asked the group to complete their comments on our research project plan by next week (Friday, August 23), and we will begin the information gathering part next.

In 3 months, we should have a fair amount of work done on this project, as we target Midwinter for sharing of a finished product. (Although-- it's helpful to note that this project, like the Research Bibliography, is likely one that will require periodic updates, so being "finished" is really just the closing point for currently available research.) What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? As we find data sets to include in the collection, we will share the information - including how it's relevant to working with teens in libraries - with YALSA membership via blog, wiki, and articles. We have several members interested in writing for the blog, in particular.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I don't have any participation-related concerns at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A

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

Yes

Group: Teen Read Week Evaluation Task Force

Chair's Name: Natalie Couch

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Board Liaison: Sandra M. Hughes-Hassell

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Analyze existing survey and other data as well as work with staff, the Board, current and past Teen Read Week Committees, and other YALSA groups as appropriate in order to evaluate the overall impact of Teen Read Week in order to determine 1) whether or not it succeeds in fulfilling its stated goals, 2) the degree to which it meets member needs, 3) to what extent the program benefits the organization, and 4) what opportunities, if any, exist to improve the program. Taskforce size: 5-7 virtual members, including at least one current or past Teen Read Week Committee member and at least one current Board member. Term: March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have introduced ourselves to one another and begun to discuss what type of data the group believes it should collect in order to meet the charge. The chair is currently hunting down contact information and requesting information about TRW publicity, sales, and partners/sponsors.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Within the next three months the group will have collected all data from previous TRW events and completed a survey to send to YALSA members regarding the 2013 TRW event.

The survey will be launched early November.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We are undecided as of now.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Two members did not respond to the initial ALA Connect message that was sent by the chair, so I emailed everyone instead.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

No

Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Group: Great Books Giveaway Award Jury

Chair's Name: Victoria Russo

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We made our initial contact after becoming active on July 1 and started our initial work of publicizing the award before applications are due December 1. We created a blurb about award applications that was sent in to be included in the August YALSA E-News.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to publicize the Great Books Giveaway Award through many channels, hoping to increase the amount of applicants for the award before the December 1 deadline. Channels may include future issues of YALSA E-News, YALSA and other listservs, blogs, Twitter, facebook, and other means.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will provide information about the upcoming award and its deadline.

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.: n/a Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: The Hub Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Gretchen Kolderup

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

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?

- * Completed the 2013 Hub Reading Challenge, which had over 300 participants (compared to 126 total at the end of last year's Best of the Best Challenge) and was covered on multiple non-ALA blogs and websites, including SLJ
- * Hosted a Hub Reading Challenge Chat on Twitter, Facebook, and Goodreads
- * Published reader responses for Hub Reading Challenge participants
- * Evaluated the 2013 Hub Reading Challenge and made notes for next year
- * Covered YA lit-related events at Annual and hosted a successful blogger meet-up in Chicago
- * Continued our effort to increase our coverage of diversity in YA lit with posts about Mexican Americans in YA lit, YA books about Haitian culture, and teens on the autism spectrum as well as a flowchart of books featuring LGBT teens
- * Increased our coverage of non-book pop culture with the recurring Jukebooks column, posts about summer blockbusters, and coverage of Audiobook Month in June
- * Continued our coverage of selected lists and awards
- * Reached our 1,300th blog post
- * Welcomed two new Advisory Board members and began working on the task list and big-picture thinking about where the blog could go
- * Worked with Allison Tran to make her transition to being the blog manager a smooth one

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

- * With the Advisory Board, develop a big-picture vision for where The Hub could go and begin working on identifying steps to get closer to that vision
- * Continue to work closely with the new YALSAblog manager to find ways to amplify our reach and improve our content by cross-posting, linking, and complementing one another's posts
- * Work with Fabulous Films committee as necessary per YALSA Board's instruction to incorporate more video and non-book content into The Hub's coverage
- * Plan for the Morris/Nonfiction Reading Challenge
- * Begin plans for Midwinter

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Possible calls for bloggers via The Hub and the YALSA E-News 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'm so excited to have Allison on board as the new manager of The Hub. She's going to be fantastic!

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

Yes

Group: State Conference Road Trip Taskforce

Chair's Name: Ritchie Momon

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

1) Updating and streamlining existing Road Trip materials to create an improved toolkit with suggestions, guidelines, and strategies for local members to use and implement at a Road Trip event; 2) Identifying up to ten state or regional library conferences for YALSA to target each year, with the first five occurring in the Fall of 2013, and submit to the Board for approval; 3) Identifying, recruiting, and training local YALSA members to staff a YALSA booth, present a YALSA program, and/or host a social event; 4) Communicating with state association leaders to ensure Road Trip efforts are mutually beneficial; 5) Promoting the Road Trip via various YALSA channels such as the e-news, listservs, and blog; 6) Creating and implement a plan for evaluating the impact of the program; 7) Providing a progress report to the YALSA Board as requested as well as a final report in June 2014 with recommendations for whether or not to continue the Road Trip effort.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have identified a list of state, local and regional conferences along with the dates of each conference.

We are also in the process of narrowing down the list based on possible coordinators, under populated YALSA membership base and areas with overwhelming YALSA support.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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?

1. Continue to narrow down our list, and submit a list of 10 possible road trip locations to the board.

2. Update the Road Trip Took Kit.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Provide YALSA publications with a list of places where YALSA will be attending conferences.

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

Group: Strategic Planning Committee

Chair's Name: Joy Kim

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with the YALSA Board throughout the strategic planning process and in between planning cycles, including but not limited to: connecting with members to ensure an inclusive planning process, monitoring the implementation strategy for the current strategic plan, communicating the goals of the plan to the general membership and to official member groups, gathering information for the board to use to measure progress during implementation and encouraging members and member groups to take an active role in helping YALSA achieve its goals.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have provided input to the Board ad-hoc committee working on the Strategic Planning committee handbook on work timelines and proposed deliverables. We also have begun a scan of literature on strategic planning evaluation to assist us in developing a sustainable process and effective tools for information gathering to support the Board's evaluation of the strategic plan.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to work on the information gathering process and tools, which we hope to report to the Board by Fall Exec. We will also continue to work with the Board's ad-hoc committee on the committee manual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None anticipated.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I had some concerns about one member's responsiveness to emails and other committee communication. I followed up via some other methods of communication and was able to resolve the situation.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time.

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

Yes

Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Group: 2014 William C. Morris Award

Chair's Name: Dorcas Wong

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To annually select and annotate from the previous year's publications a short list of five of the best young adult books written by a first time author, then to select one winner from among the five.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Because we have increased the number of virtual meetings, we are able to discuss 6 eligible titles a month as a group. Committee members have posted information to related blogs, websites and listservs

(Booksmuggler, ALSC-L, PUBYAC, MASS-YAC) for outreach, and we have received significantly more field nominations since. During ALA, I spoke to many small press publishers in the exhibit hall. This has increased attention of the Morris award to this group and we have received more submissions and emails regarding Morris eligibility. Committee members have been sharing the eligible titles that they have received with their various teen groups and reporting the feedback to the group either during the meetings or on the discussion threads. The feedback has helped in our discussion of teen popularity, authenticity about certain ethnic groups, etc.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development

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

apply.:

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue meeting twice a month (2nd and 4th Sundays) until the end of November.

Committee members will continue collecting feedback from teens. Ileana, my admin assistant, has started creating reading statistics to make sure that we are on track (ex. who needs to sign up for more titles to review, if we need to read faster to make sure we cover the list by the deadline). Ileana and I will also continue searching for and vetting eligible titles. In October, I will prepare tweets for Nichole to send out during Teen Read Week.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I will prepare a 'Last Call' for nominations for the YALS publication closest to our November field nomination deadline.

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.: Because we have increased the number of meetings, some people are unable to attend all of them. If they are unable, members have been good about letting me know before hand, and posting up their comments before the meeting. I ask them to read through the archived chat and, if they have anything to add, to respond in the discussion thread. There are also a few people who are having trouble accessing books, but we are working on that problem by sharing our own review copies when possible. They have been reminded to use ILL or to purchase them.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: 2014 YA Literature Symposium Marketing & Planning Taskforce

Chair's Name: Valerie Davis

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist YALSA staff with the planning, marketing and implementation of YALSA's Young Adult Literature Symposium, including the creation and maintenance of an online social networking site (via Ning) that will be the primary marketing tool for the event, vetting symposium papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications and more.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We had been given the task of picking a theme for the symposium. The committee generated many ideas, we then spent time discussing them and how they could be helpful. In the end we came up with a theme we feel is workable and engaging.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? As tasks are given to us, we will continue to work through them quickly and efficiently.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The committee is enthusiastic and ready to work, which is making this a pleasure.

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 issues
Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Summer Reading Taskforce

Chair's Name: Shelley Mastalerz

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: and by Feb. 3, 2014, choose the 20 applications that best convey a plan to engage teens through YA Literature over the summer according to eligibility requirements and responses to questions on the application form. To vet the applicants for the summer intern grants and choose the 20 best by Feb.17. To compile and/or create resources focused specifically on assisting librarians implement summer reading and learning programs and activities and add them to YALSA's wiki as they are developed. To seed discussions and share resources on the summer reading Ning. Taskforce size: 5 - 7 virtual members, including the chair. Term of appointment: July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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

The Taskforce's official charge began on July 1 and we are about a month and a half into our work. In the month of July we compiled a list of tasks we want to accomplish this year, and put together a schedule for how we can reach these goals.

We have planned a course of action for the next 6 months (gathering programming, articles about summer reading, and creating booklists among other things). In January we will redirect our focus on vetting summer reading grants.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Each month members will have a goal for gathering different pieces of information, and each month will have a different focus. For the first month we are each searching for 2-3 innovative/creative programs that can be used during summer reading.

We are also recommending 5 titles for a summer reading booklist relating to the theme "Spark a Reaction." Members have discussed the idea that not every library follows the CSLP, and so we are reaching out for more general programming and information. Next month we will be focusing on articles that support advocating for summer reading programs. Also, we have discussed the idea that the Summer Reading Wiki needs to be promoted, and are coming up with ways of doing so.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The group will have resources relating to summer reading ready to publish on the Summer Reading Wiki and other appropriate sites.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I did have two members that were not actively responding to emails. I followed up, and emailed them individually just restating what our group was discussing and asking if he/she felt like the goals and expectations set forth were reasonable. They both promptly emailed back. One agreed with the timeline, and the other member asked to resign due to time commitment. We are now in the process of recruiting another member.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Teen Tech Week Evaluation Task Force

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Chair's Name: Denise Agosto

Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Analyze existing survey and other data as well as work with staff, the Board, current and past Teen Tech Week Committees, and other YALSA groups as appropriate in order to evaluate the overall impact of Teen Tech Week in order to determine 1) whether or not it succeeds in fulfilling its stated goals, 2) the degree to which it meets member needs, 3) to what extent the program benefits the organization, and 4) what opportunities, if any, exist to improve the program. Taskforce size: 5-7 members, including at least one current or past Teen Tech Week Committee member and at least one current Board member.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We've been working on writing a report to address the task force charges.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: TTW evaluation

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Next we are going to work on an article to publish in YALS describing our efforts and publicizing past TTW successes.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Next we are going to work on an article to publish in YALS describing our efforts and publicizing past TTW successes.

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: Such great task force members! All are hardworking and responsive.

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

Yes

Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Group: Michael L. Printz Committee

Chair's Name: Jennifer Lawson

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? At conference, we discussed committee processes and solidified how things would be handled. We also discussed the calendar for the rest of the year, what to expect at Midwinter and did a sample vote. Since conference, the committee feels more focused and energized. I'm looking forward to a great second half of the year.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Reading and reviewing. We've also received a variety of field suggestions.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Read, reading and more reading! We hope to have the majority of our submissions read by the end of the next quarter, when the last rush of submissions start flooding in.

Then will come the push to finish the first read of last minute nominations and finally a second reading of all nominations and prep for Midwinter.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I feel like this is the part I've slacked on the most. I haven't submitted anything yet, but promise to at least post a call for field suggestions on the listservs in the coming months. And maybe I can convince our Admin to submit the call to YALS.

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

Group: YALSA Blog Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Wendy Stephens

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The YALSAblog Advisory Board's function is to support the Member Manager to ensure that the blog is relevant, innovative and meeting member needs for information about YALSA and the young adult librarianship profession. The Advisory Board participates in the maintenance of the blog and works within the guidelines for the site as set by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the blog and assists with the collection of content for the site; generates ideas for direction and content; helps obtain, analyze and use member and library community feedback about the site; assists with marketing as needed; and writes for the blog when requested by the manager.

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

Worked with IITS on steps for the transition to a new WordPress theme Made contact with members of the new blog advisory board -- all new members, only former manager mk Eagle returning to that group Continued to recruit and mentor new bloggers Continued to share news and best practices with our readership Continued collaboration with YALS blog and The Hub, particularly on livestreaming the BFYA Teen Feedback session from Annual

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
 - Research and Best Practices
 - Continuous Learning and Professional Development
 - Member Recruitment and Engagement
 - Capacity Building and Organizational Development
- Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other:

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

Completing the transition to a new WordPress theme Continuing to recruit and mentor new bloggers Continuing to share news and best practices with our readership Continue collaboration with YALS blog, The Hub, and the ALSC blog

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None.

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

Our new blog advisory group is still getting into the swing of contributing to the blog. I hope to have them all authoring content by September.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Thanks to Beth, Jackie, and Jack for all of the support.

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

Yes

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

Group: Alex Awards

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Chair's Name: Danielle Dreger-Babbitt

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications ten books written for adults which have special appeal for young adults, ages 12 through 18. Committee size: 9 plus one consultant from Booklist and one administrative assistant

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

We discussed our change, committee processes, and 19 nominated titles at ALA Annual.

Total Books Requested: 276

Total Books Reviewed: 100

Total Eligible Nominations: 34 (field nominations need a second) Eligible Field Nominations: 9

Committee Nominations: 25 Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed?

Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program

- Outreach

- Collaboration

other: At the Alex Awards presentation I spoke about field suggestions.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to request, review, and nominate titles for the 2013 Alex Awards. We will also begin a monthly discussion on ALA Connect in September. Monthly surveys to rate nominations.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I will submit an article for the Hub about soliciting field suggestions.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We had full attendance but not full readership at Annual. One member was late to the discussions on multiple occasions. I spoke with one member who has not be participating fully in discussions or reading and another who has not been professional in her organization and keeping track of her books/ tardiness. I brought both of these instances up with Renee. After Annual I contacted each member individually to check in and see how I might help with their workload. No one has taken me on my offer, but my nudge has yielded a few more reviews and nominations. I also sent out an email survey to check in on how many nominations have been read.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Judging by our list of nominations so far, I have no doubt that we will have a great list.

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

Yes

Group: Financial Advancement Committee

Chair's Name: Renee McGrath

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Board Liaison: N/A

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? Renee has sent out 8 thank you notes to donors. Renee had a call with Kate McNair, the previous chair in late July and subsequently had a call with the committee in early August. We brainstormed ideas about fundraising and decided on a plan of action. Renee shared her notes from her call with Kate with the committee. Renee has shared her notes from both meetings with Beth and has received some notes and suggestions from her as to how to go about putting our plan into action.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism 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?

Fall Fundraising Campaign: Reaching out directly to previous donors and previous members of the Board of Directors.

Work with Nichole to produce a product to sell at all events. i.e., T-shirts, mugs, totebags are all up for consideration.

Work with Nichole now to start getting an event planned for Annual before she goes out on maternity leave in November.

Start planning for Winter Fundraiser – Dec. 3rd – Giving Tuesday.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

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

Group: Publications Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Sarah Flowers

E-Mail: sarahflowers@charter.net

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

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.

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

I met with Jackie Finneke at ALA Annual in Chicago, and following that discussion forwarded several questions to the members of the Board.

--In regard to books that YALSA has previously published, like Best Books for Young Adults and Outstanding Books for the College Bound, the Board felt that most practitioners are looking for this information in online and downloadable formats these days. The essays in these books are not as useful to them, and when they are looking for booklists and themed lists, they tend to go online. They like the Reads 4 Teens approach.

--Possible topics for future books: There was enthusiasm for a book on successful marketing methods for reaching out to teens.

Another topic that came up was an up-to-date book on serving LGBTQ and multicultural youth (beyond just programming).

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development

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

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? One of our members will be writing a blog post for the YALSA blog on publishing with YALSA.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None

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

Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Group: Division and Membership Promotion Committee

Chair's Name: Krista McKenzie

E-Mail: krista.mckenzie@garrettcollege.edu

Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Charge: 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? At ALA Annual, we were able to work with Advocacy to staff the Membership/Advocacy Booth. Many members and non-members were able to stop by and acquire resources, as well as great Vine videos on what advocacy meant to them. Overall., YALSA got a lot of positive comments about the on the floor booth presence. The chair welcomed and had the new and returning committee members introduce themselves and discussed the charge, the action plan, and next steps. Krista had a phone conference with Beth and Shannon about introducing and promoting the new YA Literature section to be rolled out in September. She contacted her committee about possible ideas for this, as well as the YALSA 101 program to be held at Mid-Winter.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We intend to continue to plan YALSA 101 for Mid-Winter and other forms of membership outreach that may help YALSA in recruiting new members. In addition, the committee will work to provide the Board with a game plan of how to roll out the new Literature section and to keep the momentum for the group sustained. Lastly the group will continue to send anniversary celebration cards to members What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will be using YALSA publications to introduce members to the new YALSA Literature Section and to advertise YALSA 101 and any other membership incentives that members should know about.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everyone replied by the deadlines, so no concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: 2015 Printz Award

Chair's Name: Diane Colson

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Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

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.

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

1. Received complete list of committee members, including an administrative assistant.
2. Established contact with Board Liaison.
3. Sent out introductory emails to all committee members.

4. Investigated and received resources to direct our activities in the next 6 months, including our charge and a general timeline. Sent these to committee members via email.

5. Requested preferred email addresses from committee members so that a listserv can be created.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Continually re-establish YALSA as the eminent authority on YA lit through the annual, prestigious Printz Award.

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

1. Establish effective communication with each other.
2. Begin looking at galleys for books that will be published in 2014.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Since we are not the current Printz Committee, probably nothing for publications.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Still waiting for everyone to respond to the introductory email, eager to find out who they are. I also asked them to mention a a book (or books) that received a Printz or Printz Honor Award that they particularly liked. I thought that might get us into talking books right away.

Additional Concerns or Comments: So far, everyone has responded promptly to my questions, so I'm feeling pretty confident.

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

Yes

Group: Teen Read Week Committee

Chair's Name: Courtney Lewis

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Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

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 encourage their teens to read for the fun of it. Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Read Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Read Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library,

education and literature fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our biggest accomplishment was getting feedback on why people were participating in the committee, their level of committee experience, what they were most interested in, and finally what electronic platforms did they feel most comfortable using for our committee work. I used a surveymonkey survey (feel free to take a look at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S95VXXB!>)

to get confidential feedback. I'm setting up Google Docs folders and a Google calendar for all our work and deadlines per member requests - interestingly, ALA Connect was the LEAST desired platform. I'm worried the organization might need to work on that interface. I didn't hear one good word about it at ALA in Chicago! Yikes.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Right now we are working on going through the Dollar Grant applicants via our Google Docs folder to determine the winners by Sept 1st. Setting up all our deadlines (RoseMary the outgoing chair gave me a couple documents to help plan that

better) in a shared calendar and beginning a brainstorm (possibly via video chat since I want to build a strong sense of cohesion early on before our work crunch) about reaching out prior to TRW this year - this is what is on our plate right now.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I definitely want to touch base with the new The Hub manager and the YALSA blog coordinator to schedule regular posts from TRW members to get the word out. In the committee survey, respondents were most interested in writing and promoting TRW's work! I'll also check and see what the YALSA e-newsletter is going to automatically include and make sure our resources are promoted regularly in that publication as well. I've already written and published an article in YALS'

Fall Issue about using Action Research during TRW this year.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I've got a member who haven't checked in as of right now, so I've left messages on her voicemail making sure she's okay and if she needs anything. Hopefully that will garner a response!

Additional Concerns or Comments: I don't think I have any as of yet, but I do feel that if I ever do, I have great people to turn to with my friendly board liaison and the YALSA crew! Thank you!!!

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

Yes

Group: Web Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Ariel Cummins

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Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

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. Committee size: 7 virtual members including the chair, plus the Web Services Manager who will serve as staff liaison. Taskforce needs at least two members from the previous year. Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group has divided up the current sections of the wiki for evaluation. Members are examining each section to evaluate the links within.

We are looking for information that needs to be updated, what we can add to the section to make it more helpful, or if the section can be subsumed into another section (or needs to be broken in to two sections). The group is preparing to submit this information in a report to the YALSA in preparation for the October Executive Committee Meeting.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Collaboration other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to work on evaluating the wiki, with the goal of completing a report with our findings by the end of September. We will also continue to attempt to keep the Wiki free of spam.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? 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.: None. Everyone on the committee has started off really well!

Additional Concerns or Comments: While I understand the reasoning behind the YALSA wiki, I am still not convinced that it is the tool that we as an organization need. It is incredibly difficult for members to actually update the wiki, which seems to defeat the purpose of the format.

Additionally, it is continually flooded with all kinds of spam. Furthermore, I find that it's incredibly difficult for members to find the wiki - I'm a fairly active member of YALSA and before I joined the Web Advisory I never knew it existed!

I would love for the Web Advisory Board to be able to research what free or low-cost alternatives might be more useful.

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

Group: Writing Award Jury

Chair's Name: Cathryn M. Mercier

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Board Liaison: Krista R. McKenzie

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 issue a press release announcing the winners by Feb. 1st. Term: July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. 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?

- Invitation to serve as chair was sent in late June and accepted in July 4.
- Listened to recording of training session prepared by Shannon Peterson
- Read Job Description and Duties for Members

(<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/aboutyalsa/yalsahandbook/jobdescriptioncommittee>)

- Attended Shannon Peterson's webinar on June 5
- Received roster from Letitia Smith on July 17
- Heard from Board Liaison Krista MacKenzie on July 29 and August 13
- Emailed Krista with draft of this report on 08.11.13
- Emailed all members on the roster on August 13. Copy of email available on request (Board and Staff liaison copied)

ONE PROBLEM: I have been unable to access the YALSA wikis. Will continue to try.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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?

our group will be:

introducing themselves via email

reviewing the following materials:

Description of the YALSA Writing Award, including the eligible journals and blogs at

www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/writing_award.

The Job Description and Duties for Members at

(<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/aboutyalsa/yalsahandbook/jobdescriptioncommittee>)

YALSA webpages, overviews, mission, vision

will be reading and re-reading YALS and JRLYA articles and postings on YALSAblog and The Hub.

will be in touch on a monthly basis, through chair, to touch base on readings, questions, and work through November 1.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

My email to members included the following invitation:

"In turn, I want to invite you to let me know about topics, ideas, information we might be able to share with the YALSA publications group. For example, are there other areas of YALSA's work that could be included in our charge (www.ala.org/yalsa/aboutyalsa)? Are there other areas of your practice that could yield additional publications or important contributions to existing publications?"

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. I rated "2" above because we really were just appointed and getting started!

Additional Concerns or Comments: I've been unable to access YALSA wiki. None of my sign-ins work.

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

Yes

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Group: Advocacy Benchmarks Task Force

Chair's Name: Linda W. Braun

E-Mail: lbrown@leonline.com

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Identify best practices in library advocacy and use those as a basis to develop a set of benchmarks for advocating for library services for and with teens that provides the library community with a fundamental document which articulates what constitutes an effective advocacy for teen services. Submit a first draft by Dec. 13th, 2013, for the Board to review at their January meeting. Following feedback from the Board, make revisions to the benchmarks and submit them by April 14, 2014 for the Executive Committee to review at their April meeting. Based on feedback from the Executive Committee, create and submit a final draft by May in preparation for the YALSA Board meeting in June 2014.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In mid-July the Task Force met via Google Hangout to discuss our function statement and the steps we need to take to meet the tasks and goals set out. We have started a Google Doc with ideas for the project, the process, and the actual benchmarks. The timeline we put together at that meeting for completion of this project includes having a draft of the product we develop done in time for the Fall Exec Committee meetings.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The deadline for the first brainstorming and gathering of information work is August 12. Once that material is in place the group will meet again to talk about how to organize the materials we've gathered so far, the

format for the benchmarks we are going to develop, who will be responsible for which tasks, and we will also confirm the timeline and deadlines.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We hope to have blog posts on our work as it develops more concretely. The group also would like to publish an article in YALS at the end of the process.

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.: N/A
Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Award Nominating Committee

Chair's Name: Pam Spencer Holley

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Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the 2014 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. Committee size: 5 virtual members, including one member from a preceding term. Term: 16 months, commencing January 1, 2013, and ending after election results are announced in May of 2014.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Initially we conducted a straw vote so that we had a beginning step for the discussion about each candidate. This was followed by a recent conference call to develop our primary list of candidates for Edwards, Nonfiction, and Printz. The list has been divided up and committee members are contacting potential candidates to determine if each is still interested, has enough time for the work involved, and if the candidate has any questions. We hope to contact each one by August 21, fill in any holes on the ballot, and provide Beth with that final list by August 31, or sooner.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? After finalizing the list, we will be prepared to fill in any other holes that occur between now and November in case candidates need to resign from the ballot. Chair will also contact YALSA blog manager to discuss setting up interviews with candidates.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? According to our handbook, we will work with YALSA Web Services Manager to publicize the final slate in various YALSA venues. See above re: work with YALSA blog manager on candidate materials.

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: No concerns - committee members are wonderful, more than willing to work with one another, and able to be part of discussion where they are willing to share both the positive and the negative of a candidate while always remaining professional with their comments.

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

Yes

Group: 2014 Governance Nominating Committee

Chair's Name: Sarah Flowers

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Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the YALSA Board of Directors for the 2014 election.

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

We talked with members at ALA Annual and have been collecting completed nomination forms.

We had one conference call and one online chat.

We have at least one solid candidate for each of the Executive Committee positions, and multiple candidates for the director-at-large positions.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Member Recruitment and Engagement

- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication

- Outreach

- Collaboration

other:

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

Finalize the slate of candidates by the end of August and submit the names to the YALSA office for the official invitations.

Begin planning a "meet the candidates" session for Midwinter.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None.

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

Group: President's Program Planning Task Force

Chair's Name: Linda W. Braun

E-Mail: lbrown@leonline.com

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

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.

Committee members aren't expected to attend Midwinter, but are expected to attend Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group had a meeting via Google Hangouts, with YALSA President Shannon Peterson, to learn what Shannon would like the focus of the President's Program to be. During the conversation we brainstormed ways to approach the program, including interactive program components, speakers, related publications, what should be covered, etc. As a starting point since the focus will be on Connected Learning, the TF members are going to all read the Connected Learning report in preparation for our next Hangout on August 15. We will then talk about the report and plan a small group discussion, via Google Hangout, with selected individuals who can help us to frame the conversation and activities for Annual 2014. We would like to get feedback from the YALSA community as we plan for the program.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

other: By the time our work is done we will probably hit all of the above areas through the marketing, planning, and implementation of the 2014 program.

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

As mentioned section above, we are scheduled to have another planning/discussion Hangout on August 15 and shortly after that a conversation that will bring together a small number of people from the YALSA community who can help us learn what they would like to learn during a President's Program on connected learning.

After we have that second Hangout the group will no doubt meet again to talk about next steps in terms of recruiting speakers, planning activities, marketing the program, and so on.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? It is likely that we will have Tweets and blog posts coming out of the work we do during the next quarter.

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 at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Board Liaison: Christopher Shoemaker

Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Group: YALSA Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Dawn Rutherford

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To promote the use of audiobooks among the young adult population; and to annually prepare an annotated list of 25 to 30 recommended audiobook titles selected from the two previous years that represent the wide scope of interests and concerns of listeners aged 12-18. Committee size: 9. Term: 2 years, commencing February 1st and ending Jan. 31st two years later.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group has so far vetted 155 titles, eliminating 106 from consideration, with 46 titles currently on our nomination list at this time.

This list has been published to the YALSA website, and a fresh push for publisher submissions has begun. Group participation has strengthened, with our weakest listener pushing through in the last weeks before conference to make a decent showing. Individuals have respectively listened to 224, 328, 502, 254, 236, 249, 291, 198, and 134 hours as of August 8th according to our self tracking tool.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to encourage outside nominations and publisher submissions, and work our way through submissions.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We'd be happy to do another push for submissions.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We've had a few members lagging behind due to summer reading obligations and work overload, and I've done my best to check in with them and encourage them to push through with the work.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time.

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

Yes

Group: Fabulous Films

Chair's Name: Jessica Lorentz Smith

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To annually select films especially significant to young adults from those currently available for purchase; to annually prepare one annotated list based on a chosen theme of at least ten and no more than twenty-five recommended titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We had great discussions about our theme at annual and what kinds of films fit into School's Out Forever.

Some people thought that it mean that the film had to be school related, while others thought that the film could just be about learning something and demonstrating and ending to an era, or event. As this is the sunset year of films, we agreed that including films with an end of an era would provide us with more titles to include and also support the final year of this committee. We not only discussed nominated titles, but others from past lists that we thought fit our theme that we would not be able to nominate, as well as titles that we hadn't nominated and where to look for the fall.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices

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

- Program
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We would like to get our final list to 25 films so that means we need to have probably at least 50 nominations to select from therefore we are going to nominate, nominate, nominate!

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Our group dynamic was great! We laughed a lot and I felt like we all share a common passion to provide for young adults.

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

Group: Margaret A. Edwards 2014

Committee Chair's Name: Cheryl Karp Ward

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

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? Meeting at Annual was enormously productive. In addition to building a sense of committee, the younger two members who had never previously served on a book selection committee were able to view the process of book discussion and profited from it. Our list of final nominees was narrowed and our plan for the remainder of our committee work was roughly established.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I created a calendar with two members who could chat with me in which we will read the body of work by each author individually, following each reading with a chat on hangout. By the end of October, I will begin surveying to see if we have reached a mutual decision on our final awardee. If not, we'll continue with communication via the hangout until we have done so.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Not sure.

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: I wish to be put on the agenda to address the Board in January at the Midwinter Meeting to discuss the successes/concerns of a virtual MAE committee.

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

Yes

Group: State Association Outreach Taskforce

Chair's Name: Elizabeth Hanisian

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To create a survey for state association leaders to find out what their needs are, work with YALSA's Manager of Communications to post online and promote it, and then submit the results and an analysis to the YALSA board by Midwinter 2013. After receiving further direction from the Board, plan and implement strategies to provide effective outreach to the state associations.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The State Association Outreach Taskforce's findings and recommendations were discussed at ALA's Annual Conference in Chicago this past June. After the board met, we were asked how active the committee members would like to be in the next portion/steps of this committee. All of us were on board and wanted to continue working on this Taskforce. In July, the State Association Outreach Taskforce was merged with the State Conference Road Trip Taskforce. The two groups are working on the specifics of assignments and working on gaining and understand of what we are being charged with.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices

- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? TBD. Myself and my co-chair, along with YALSA's current president and Executive Director are to discuss this at the end of August 2013.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? As of this time, I'm not sure.

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.: None at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Group: Book Wholesalers Grant Jury

Chair's Name: Joella Peterson

E-Mail: jpeterson@slcolibrary.org

Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select annually two YALSA members who work in a public library and who work directly with young adults to receive the BWI/YALSA Collection Development Grant.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have just transitioned to our new jury. I have been in touch with the past jury chair to find out what happened last year and what the projected time frame is for this year's jury. I have also been in touch with the new jury (a couple of us even met up at ALA in June). We are just about to start working on brainstorming how to best get the word out about our jury.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Member Recruitment and Engagement

- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In the next three months we hope to figure out how we are going to get the word out about our jury. We will be brainstorming and promoting the grant so that we can get some great applications submitted.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will want to have some sort of announcement calling for applications for the grant. Possibly also some sort of reminder of when the applications will be due.

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

Group: Booklist Marketing Taskforce

Chair's Name: Clair Segal

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Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The mission of the task force is to help YALSA raise awareness of its lists and awards, and to coordinate the implementation of a sustained, year-round effort beginning with the announcement of the Nonfiction & Morris Award finalists in Dec. 2011 and running through Dec. 2012. The task force will: 1) assist YALSA's Web Services Manager with promoting the 2012 lists and awards to the library community and general public via the media through articles, blog posts, and other means; 2) create and disseminate resources to help librarians and educators use the lists and awards in their libraries and classrooms, including readers' advisory guides, book group discussion guides, booktalking resources, lesson plan materials and more; and 3) encourage teen interest in the lists and award winners through contests, promotions, collaboration with YALSA's blog, The Hub, and other means.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group touched base, introduced ourselves, and made plans for the future.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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? Work closely with YALSA's media arm to promote these titles and awards.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Promotional blog posts, tweets, and possibly a HUB article.

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

Group: Mentoring Task Force

Chair's Name: Jennifer Fairchild

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Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Review applications submitted for the YALSA 2013 - 2014 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?

Task Force members reviewed mentoring program applications, determined applicants' eligibility, and selected and matched mentors and protégés from the eligible applicants.

Task Force members also encouraged mentors to apply to the program via email and word of mouth.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and 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? The work of the Task Force is complete, but members may be called upon to review ideas for redesign of the program for next year and for promotion of the program.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? N/A Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

There was very little input from several of the group members in regards to the review of the applications and the matching of the mentors and protégés. The chair encouraged full participation from all members via emails to the group(thanks for work done, reminders of deadlines, announcements of postings on ALA Connect etc.) and postings on the group's ALA Connect Space.

The bulk of the discussion originated from and was between the Chair and one other Task Force member.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Writing Award Task Force

Chair's Name: Laura Pearle

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Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Evaluate the success of the YALSA Writing Award, including: 1) measuring impact and determining whether or not the award should continue, 2) evaluating the method of funding for the award, and 3) if the taskforce's recommendation is to continue the award, address any recommendations relating to improvements/refinements needed in policies, procedures, criteria and funding.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We've narrowed our focus on how we're evaluating the effectiveness of the award - breaking it into two sections (blogs vs YALS/Journal) so as to really be able to assess the award.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We're looking first at the blogs, then at YALS/Journal and seeing whether the award's criteria match the material. Once we determine

that, we'll focus on recommendations for the future of the award. Current thinking is that the award should be dropped for the blogs, and better publicized for YALS/Journal (but that might change over the next three months!).

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Our last chat nearly didn't happen, but that wasn't as big a problem as we are using ALA Connect and everyone has access to the transcript.

Additional Concerns or Comments: We are still experiencing problems with a particular group member. At this point, we are functioning well as a committee and do not need an additional member - however, if the Board feels we do, they should be appointed immediately so we can get their input ASAP (we're only working until January, which is fast approaching).

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

Yes

Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

Group: Outstanding Books for the College Bound

Chair's Name: Jennifer Rothschild

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Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To support lifelong learning by preparing a revised and updated edition of the annotated Outstanding Books for the College Bound booklist to guide students of all ages planning to continue their education beyond high school.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee has continued to read and discuss books. At our meeting in Chicago we discussed several ways to improve information flow and how we would proceed from now until Midwinter.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Between now and November we will continue to read, nominate and discuss books. On the first of the month, committee members submit a report to their subcommittees detailing their thoughts on the books they've read so far. We are also starting in-depth discussions of specific titles as many have now been read by a majority of the subcommittee. This in-depth discussions will pick up this fall, especially after nominations close in November.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

We will continue to publicize the list and solicit field nominations of titles to consider.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: After Annual we discovered that almost 1/3 of the committee had been left off the obcb@ala.org mailing list. As

most of our conversations take place at the subcommittee level, it went unnoticed for some time. After a productive discussion at annual, we agreed on increased participation and discussion in order to do as much work as possible before Midwinter. We also developed new processes to facilitate this. While discussion and participation has increased, there are still a few members that need prodding and some issues I have discussed with my board liaison.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

One thing that became apparent at Annual was that YALSA and ACRL work very differently. Scheduling at Midwinter will be a problem, as we have 4 ACRL members and they are all on multiple other committees. In talking with them, and other ACRL members, it is standard practice to be multiple committees at a time. The agreement from YALSA just says “ensure you have adequate time away from work and personal responsibilities to take on this leadership role” but the specifics are not detailed. I think “adequate time” means something very different to ACRL than YALSA members and in the future, I think it would be better for everyone if we were more clear on expectations.

For the most part, our ACRL members are committed to the project, and we are trying to do as much as possible before Midwinter to accommodate their scheduling needs.

A few members have also expressed concern over changing Outstanding Books from a 2-year to a 1-year committee. Due to the large nature of our charge, and that so many books are eligible, I feel this list is better served by a 2-year process.

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

Yes

Group: Teen's Top Ten

Chair's Name: Kristen Thorp

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Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

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. Committee size: 7 virtual members including at least two members from the previous year. Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the last three months we hit the ground running! We have divided up our work for the year and everyone, but one MIA member has done a great job on handling their assigned tasks. As the TTT Committee member who was responsible for marketing last year, I came up with the idea to create book trailers for the nominated titles. We wanted to get this going for this year's nominations, but were advised to hold off until next year's nominations are out. Most of our committee had never made book trailers before, and were very excited about the opportunity to learn a new skill and find new ways to promote the voting. We can't wait for next year's nominations!

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our group's plan for the next three month will be to help promote the voting, the announcement of the Teen's Top Ten and continue to work on collecting nominations, tracking galleys and building the list for next year's nominations.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We have submitted a press release to The Hub and are going to be sharing the voting with listservs and other social media platforms.

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

We have had a missing member that we are trying to contact and working on that continuously. I have consulted with my board liaison who has been very helpful in trying to find ways to contact the missing member.

Update: The missing member made contact this morning in the process of finalizing my report.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I personally will be working on building a Google Calendar of dates and events that involve the TTT committee for next year's chair because it would be helpful to have a set "this is what needs to happen" list. I hope this calendar will prove useful for incoming chairs to not miss deadlines or important milestones for the events throughout the year. Obviously it will have to be stated that this calendar is a rough outline meant to grown and change each year.

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

Yes

Group: Youth Engagement

Chair's Name: Faythe Arredondo

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Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To strengthen the strategic use of teen engagement in the mission and work of YALSA by facilitating and encouraging teen participation in existing YALSA initiatives, including 2013 & 2014 Teen Tech Weeks, 2013 & 2014 Teens' Top Ten, 2013 & 2014 National Library Legislative Days, 2013 & 2014 Celebrate Teen Literature Day, 2013 District Days and 2013 Teen Read Week. Create and disseminate resources for members to use with their teen advisory groups in support of these initiatives.

Committee members will model how the resources can be used with their own Teen Advisory Groups and promote their activities via the YALSAblog and other means to illustrate to members how teen participation can be tapped to support the work of YALSA.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The last three months for this committee were slow in that we all had summer reading programs to run or help run. Unlike other committees, it seems we do not have specific tasks to work on so we have still been brainstorming on ideas on how to get Teens more involved in YALSA sponsored events.

The next YALSA specific programs we focused on were Teens' Top Ten Voting and Teen Read Week.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Program

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? After being told that this committee should view itself as the "connected tissue" between YALSA and teenagers, we discussed on ways we could make this more advantageous for both sides. We were hoping to have a calendar of all the events sponsored by YALSA (with themes). One of things we really would like to see, is a way for the teens to give direct feedback to YALSA on the programs? Or a way for their librarians to give the feedback? In the next three months will work on ways to get teens involved in more YALSA programs.

Work with the new YALSA president to see what thoughts she may have in regards to this committee. Try and organize all the information we have come up with.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We are still working on figuring out when to come up with a blog post for the YALSA blog.

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:

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

Yes

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:

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

Yes

Board Liaison: April Witteveen

Group: Conference Travel Scholarships Jury

Chair's Name: Kathryn LaMantia

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Board Liaison: April J. Witteveen

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. Term: July 1 through the following June. Jury size: 5 virtual members, including the chair and at least one member from the previous year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have introduced ourselves and discussed our backgrounds, where we are currently employed and at what positions over ALA Connect. We reviewed the updated jury handbook and identified our goals and timelines for jury commitments. We are currently creating a marketing plan and discussing ideas on how best to promote the Conference Travel Scholarships.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Marketing is our primary focus for the next few months and how best to promote the scholarships to reach many librarians. We plan to publish a press release in several different journals, list-servs, and other venues in the near future. We will also be collecting applications between now and the deadline of December 1, 2013.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We plan on creating a press release promoting the scholarships to distribute to different publications within YALSA and various library online communities.

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

Group: Organization and Bylaws

Chair's Name: April Witteveen

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Board Liaison: n/a

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the division, for the achievement of its stated objectives, and to keep them in harmony with ALA Constitution and Bylaws; to study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure; to advise on the organization handbook; and to make recommendations on other appropriate organizational matters.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We made our introductions and I shared our task list for the upcoming year; This week we will begin our review of the YALSA handbook in time to complete recommendations for our October finish time.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will divide the YALSA handbook up into assignments for each committee member; members will review their portions for

accuracy and consistency; committee will discuss together and then create a shared document with any recommendations for submission to the YALSA board.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We could share a particularly interesting part of the handbook via the YALSA blog (you know you're on the right committee when you know there *are* interesting parts of the handbook!) 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

Group: Volunteer Award Jury

Chair's Name: Amy Alessio

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Board Liaison: April Witteveen

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

(This Jury is not yet listed on the Committees, Juries, Advisory Board Site).

However, the description of the award is on the site for Member Awards:

YALSA Volunteer of the Year Awards

The YALSA Volunteer of the Year Awards acknowledge the contributions of YALSA members who have demonstrated outstanding service to the mission, goals and work of YALSA during a given service year. Awards are given out for:

•Chair: leadership of an advisory board, jury, committee or task force •Appointed Member: contributions within an advisory board, jury, committee or task force

•Group: work conducted as a whole by an advisory board, jury, committee or task force

Nominations accepted through Dec. 1 of each year. The recognition includes a one year membership to YALSA and a commemorative certificate for each category's winner(s). To nominate yourself, a group or an individual, please use this downloadable form.

Our function is to promote, choose winners and evaluate the Volunteer Award.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have a list of places to promote the award and are dividing up who will write up the award for which site/list. We will be sending information to state, local and YALSA wide media. We will begin in September and follow up every few weeks in October - December 1.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will each be sending information about the YALSA Volunteer Awards with increasing frequency until the December 1 deadline. We plan to promote the award especially to committee chairs, members, YALSA e-publications, though we are going to target state and regional information media also. We will ask the previous winners for quotes on why this award has impact.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will send a description of the award plus additional encouragement on why awards like this are so important.

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 - great group. We are revved and ready to go.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

Group: Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Committee

Chair's Name: Jennifer Jost

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Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager 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 programs 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?

Spoke to staff liaison (Nichole)

E-mailed board liaison (Christian-note:the work phone number listed on the roster is not in service) Began communicating with members of group via e-mail Began exploring ALA Connect and other virtual tools for facilitating work with committee Began working on updating and populating the wiki

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.: Outreach

other:

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

Continue working on populating the wiki

Create marketing plan for September to June Prepare posts for the YALSAblog (one per month) and YALSA E-News Promote Annual at the NLA Conference in October

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Messages related to Annual- reasons for going, how to get support/funding Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: n/a

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Great Graphic Novels for Teens

Chair's Name: Tessa Barber

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Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers.

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

We met at ALA Annual to discuss the current nominations and meet each other, some of us for the first time. Headway was made with new members feeling more comfortable with the group and understanding how it functions. Nominations were opened back up and members began submitting nominations again, and we have been receiving a small uptick in field nominations. As chair, I have received two inquiries from librarians interested in volunteering for the committee, one of whom came to our meetings at Annual.

I asked the committee to start commenting on and adding eligible titles from the eligible titles list in Google docs. Response has not been good.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
 - Continuous Learning and Professional Development
 - Member Recruitment and Engagement
 - Capacity Building and Organizational 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? We will continue to have nominations through October, then close nominations and focus on reading and reviewing the nominations list in anticipation of January's meetings at Midwinter.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I hope to remind librarians that field nominations are open through listservs and / or YALSA e-news Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

One of my members still has not nominated anything, and I expect to have to call her and discuss that and see what problems she is having.

Not all of the members participated in the straw poll before Annual, and I felt that was disappointing. I told the members that I found it disappointing.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I mentioned this at the leadership meeting--I have the feeling that many of the new committee members expected lots of publisher review copies of titles sent for consideration, or expected there to be a set list of books to choose from as far as nominating, and are having trouble finding things to read and nominate. Maybe the process could be made clearer to people volunteering to GGNT so they know they will have to seek out things to be nominated.

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

Yes

Group: Legislation

Chair's Name: Jennifer Korn

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Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To inform librarians and library workers who serve young adults 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?

This committee's term started on July 1, 2013. Two members met with members from ALSC's and ASL's legislation committee at the Annual Conference. We shared resources and discussed ways the three groups could share information and work together to prevent the duplication of research and work. At this, the committee chairs communicate occasionally to share information we think may be useful for others.

The following tasks help to meet specific objectives on the 2013-14 Task List. During July, the Legislation Committee carefully read through, checked links, and made updates to the District Days wiki. Members drafted a brief article for YALSA news about District Days and the accompanying Wiki. They also wrote several brief promotional statements that are being used to encourage participation in District Days through national, state, and local listservs. These statements are also being used to encourage District Days participation and support through various social media outlets.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

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

All of the following objectives align with several items on the 2013-14 task list.

Ask YALSA members to share their District Days successes with the committee so we can add these examples to the Wiki for the benefit of all YALSA members.

Continue to regularly check the Wiki to clean up mistakes and spam and to ensure content is up to date and useful.

Determine the feasibility of continuing the Advocate of the Month effort through discussion and information gathering.

Develop and implement a strategy to promote the NLLD stipend through social media, YALSA news, listservs, and other means of communication.

Keep members informed of advocacy and legislation webinars, blog posts, and other tools from ALA's Washington Office.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

We will actively promote the NLLD stipend using many communication platforms to reach as many YALSA members as possible.

We will continue to promote District Days resources until DD concludes.

We will promote updates to the wiki, especially DD success stories. This will help members start thinking about the next DD and will also celebrate those members who do outstanding work.

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: We are behind on promoting the NLLD stipend.

According to the Task List 2013-14, this should have started in July. This is due to my oversight when developing a work plan for our assigned tasks.

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

No

Group: MAE Award Jury

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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? Jury members have met via email for introductions, to share information about the MAE Award and the jury's duties, and to collect ideas for promoting the MAE Award to potential applicants prior to the application deadline. The number of applications increased from 2011 to 2012, and we want to continue that upward trend.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

other:

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

From September 1 to the December 1 application deadline, we will promote the MAE Award to potential applicants (both current YALSA members and potential members).

We plan to use:

-YALSA blog posts

-state and regional library associations: send press release for sharing with members -library

schools: many students are currently working in libraries and running programs; solicit

applications and recruit new YALSA members -use social media: Twitter and Facebook -

outreach to general ALA members through AL Direct and ProgrammingLibrarian.org

In August/September the chair will work with jury members to divide the tasks and contact the necessary people to promote the MAE Award as widely as possible.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

We will contact the YALSA blog manager to schedule posts about the MAE Award.

We will contact the managers of YALSA's official Twitter and Facebook to learn how we can use those venues to share information.

The information will include: what is the MAE Award, who is eligible, and how to apply. We will also feature past winners of the award.

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; all members are participating.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

No