

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston
January 8 - 12, 2016**

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

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

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

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

Action Required: Consent

YALSA Chair Reports, November, 2015

Missing Reports as of 11/30/15

- Advocacy Support Taskforce, Sarah Kepple
- Financial Advancement Committee (since there was just a transition at Chair, we didn't require the new Chair, Jane Gov, to submit a report)
- Graphic Novel Selection, Jason Poole
- Greenwood Outstanding Achievement Award Jury, Ma'lis Wendt
- Teen Read Week™, Amanda Barnhart
- Teens' Top Ten, Stacy Holbrook

ADVOCACY

Group: Legislation

Chair's Name: Staci Terrell

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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To inform librarians and library workers 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? Once District Days is over and until Giving Tuesday, NLLD stipend promotion, there is not much for us to do.

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

- Outreach/Partnerships
- Policies

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To help promote Giving Tuesday, NLLD stipend (if being given), help select NLLD stipend recipients What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Through social media, listservs, YALSA newsletter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I was going through major issues with my work email and receiving emails but hopefully those issues have been resolved. I apologize for any issues that that has caused with communication over the last few months.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Teen Tech Week

Chair's Name: Fallon Bleich

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Board Liaison: Robin Kurz

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to feature all of their nonprint resources for teens and their families. Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Tech Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Tech Week through efforts such as:

contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library, education and technology 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? We've helped curate the theme of this year's TTW: Create it at your library. We've also brainstormed some ideas for promoting TTW this year.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Outreach/Partnerships

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

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are going to hit the ground running as far as promotion goes. Since we still have a little bit of time before TTW happens this year, our plan is to start being very active in the Ning, updating the wiki with further resources, and working on promotion through listservs and other publications.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I think we're going to try and get the Ning more active this year. The last few years seem to not have as active a presence and we hope that this year's Ning can really help librarians.

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.: My group is very...silent. I'm going to try and be a better leader and encourage them to be more vocal and active as group members, especially since we are in prime promotion time, what with Midwinter coming up.

Additional Concerns or Comments: n/a

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

Yes

CAPACITY BUILDING

Group: Board Diversity Task Force

Chair's Name: Nicola McDonald

E-Mail: nicolamcdonaldwriter@gmail.com

Board Liaison: Kate McNair

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To ensure adequate and ongoing diversity on YALSA's Board of Directors. Develop a definition of diversity for adoption by the Board and inclusion in the YALSA Handbook.

Analyze the current board recruitment and selection policies, procedures and resources and recommend improvements to ensure a strong focus on diversity.

Activities include, but are not limited to, reviewing the Governance Nominating Committee's: function statement; language in the bylaws; current processes and tools the Committee uses to identify, recruit and select candidates; and reviewing the appointments process for selecting Committee members.

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

We reviewed and made suggestions around improvement for the YALSA Board candidacy form and the current governance nominating committee function and guidelines. We also developed a set of recommended guidelines for the President-Elect to use when appointing candidates to Governance Nominating committees (Board & Awards).

Based on the work above we submitted a board document to the YALSA Board for review and implementation of our action items.

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

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: We struggled with losing two of our committee members and submitting our work in a timely fashion to be able have our work considered by the YALSA board.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to examine areas around increasing board diversity, particularly the board nominating committee and the yalsa bylaws.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We want to share out on what we have been doing on our task force. We will most likely share via blog post.

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 struggled with lack of participation from two members who have since left the committee. We are on task and moving forward.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Division and Membership Promotion

Chair's Name: Christina Ryan-Linder

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Board Liaison: Kate McNair

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with staff to develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA ; to promote the association to colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Strategic Plan; to promote and maintain good relations with existing members through activities such as the member booth at conferences; recognition of member anniversaries and outreach to lapsed members.

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

The DMP has met once by conference call over the past three months. We have come up with a script for members to use at local and state conferences to talk up YALSA. We have also created a script of messages being tweeted out weekly regarding YALSA membership, benefits and encouragement to spread the word. You will find these tweets at #joinYALSA There was one more project that we talked about a possible membership survey, however, after doing some research it came to our attention that a survey was done not that long ago in 2011. We will create something new if the board thinks this is appropriate.

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

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue to post tweets, continue to recruit members to speak out about YALSA at their local conferences, continue to write and send cards to members celebrating milestones with YALSA.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Membership benefits via tweets and e-news.

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: Executive Committee

Chair's Name: Candice Mack

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Members of the Executive Committee worked on a variety of tasks, including leading Board Development Chats, developing the agenda for the Fall Executive Committee Meeting, and conducting an exploratory expedition/environmental scan in relation to the Futures report and YALSA Strategic Planning.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Staffing
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Policies
- Professional Development

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

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To integrate feedback and discussion from YALSA Board members and association members into YALSA Strategic Planning and moving the association forward as a whole, including increasing Board and association member engagement What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

All executive committee members will be regularly posting updates on the Strategic Planning process to the YALSAblog, Twitter, and if possible, contribute to the YALSA Member Town Hall Tweet-up on November 30th from 4-5 p.m. Pacific Time Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A Additional

Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: YALSA Governance Nominating

Chair's Name: Shannon Peterson

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

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

When building the slate, strive to provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum at the Midwinter Meeting.

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

The committee finalized the 2016 slate of candidates:

President-Elect

Sandra Hughes Hassell

Secretary

Crystle Martin

Board Member-at-Large (3 yr. term)

Franklin Escobedo

Kafi Kumasi

Robin Kurz

Mega Subramaniam

Board Member-at-Large (3 yr. term)

Jessica Snow

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We also reached out to candidates who were not selected to run in 2016 to discuss other strategies for contributing to the organization.

Finally, we responded to questions from those who expressed interest in YALSA Board, but who were not aware of the annual calendar or process.

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

apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

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

Over the next three months, we'll work towards organizing a Coffee with the Candidates event to take place at the Midwinter conference. Since member participation at Midwinter is often limited to selection and award committee members, we also discussed working with the YALSA Blog manager to share content from the event with a virtual audience.

We're also thinking about how to share the process of this year's committee with the incoming 2017 group.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Candidate info via an in-person Coffee with the Candidates event and on the YALSA blog 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: ALA Candidates were included in last year's Coffee with the Candidates. Our committee would be happy to reach out to 2016 ALA candidates again if the Board feels that this is worth continuing.

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

Yes

Group: Organization & Bylaws

Chair's Name: Robin F. Kurz

E-Mail: robinfoglekurz@gmail.com

Board Liaison: Robin F. Kurz

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 revised our workplan as the committee decided it might be more effective to work in stages, rather than concurrently on both the bylaws and the committee evaluations. The committee divided bylaws review responsibilities equally, insuring that each section was reviewed by at least two members. This review was complete on November 1. Robin worked with Beth to discuss the wording and process for amending the bylaws and those amendments were added to the Midwinter board agenda. Robin began working on the board document. To account for incomplete committee evaluation work in the 2014-15 year, the committee will work on finishing those evaluations and completing half of the committee evaluations for the 2015-16 year. Robin will adjust the committee evaluation rotation to reflect these changes.

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

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other:

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

November—Committee reviews and meeting

December—Continue reviews and submit a report to the board by December 30.

January—Continue reviews

February—Complete reviews and discuss at meeting before February 15 What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

Will be communicating about committee evaluation process through emails to specific chairs and former chairs.

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

Concerns or Comments: None Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Publications Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Tara Smith

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

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

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

- Between July 1 and Sept. create/update the annotated list of potential authors

We completed the author spreadsheet (though will be updating it continuously as we monitor journals and blogs) and shared the finalized version with Linda Braun and Anna Lam. Along with the Futures topics, we included Summer Reading/Summer Learning as a topic in which to identify potential authors, after discussions with Anna about possibly updating that manual in the future.

- Between Oct. – Dec. review past issues of YALS and determine whether a publication featuring a collection of YALS articles related to a topic in the Futures Report can be created. Submit your recommendation to the Board by Dec. 7th

We had a meeting to discuss how to handle this task. Each board member chose a recent volume of YALS, and we are each reading the articles in each issue of that volume and assigning topic headings to them in a spreadsheet.

We created midpoint deadlines to ensure that members got things done in advance, rather than last-minute. At this point, all members have analyzed the articles in at least two of their four issues, and the third issue will be completed by Monday.

- Assist the Communications Specialist with finding chapter contributors for book-length publications as necessary

Anna Lam asked for our input on whether a revamped summer reading manual (turned into a summer learning manual) or a downloadable packet of forms and policies would be more useful to membership. We decided that a summer learning manual would likely be more popular, and posited the idea of posting forms/policies on a wiki. We also included summer learning/summer reading as one of the focus areas when we searched for potential YALSA authors.

- Other

Crystle Martin invited members of our board to write posts for YALSAblog; nobody expressed much interest, but Amanda Bressler said she might be interested but did not have a topic idea.

Had a meeting to wrap up our author list task and plan the YALS evaluation task, including a discussion of recent communications with Anna and Crystle and brainstorming how to better stay on top of tasks.

I worked on updates to the Publications Manual, and hope to complete the first draft soon.

I received an email from Kathryn Pierce about possibly publishing her MLIS keystone project about fanfiction workshops for teens. The piece was too long to be included in a journal, yet too short for a book manuscript.

Kathryn sent me the full manuscript, but at Linda's suggestion, I had her fill out a manuscript proposal with a brief synopsis to share with members of the publications board. After email and chat discussions among members, I shared our thoughts and suggestions of where it might be appropriate with Anna and Linda, who gave me their opinions; ultimately, we decided that it would probably be best in a shortened version with JRLYA, published in parts as a series on YALSAblog, or shared with YALSA membership as a webinar or conference presentation. I shared these ideas (and contacts/information to pursue these suggestions) with Kathryn via email.

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

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Communication with YALSA leadership and communications specialist What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- Between Oct. – Dec. review past issues of YALS and determine whether a publication featuring a collection of YALS articles related to a topic in the Futures Report can be created. Submit your recommendation to the Board by Dec. 7th

The next midpoint deadlines are 11/16 and 11/23. In the first week of December, we will have a Hangouts meeting to look at all the articles'

topics and identify whether there are any topics that would be good for a compilation by YALSA, and will submit those recommendations after the meeting.

- Between Jan. – Mar. review the YALSAblog and determine whether a publication featuring a collection of YALSAblog posts related to a topic in the Futures Report can be created. Submit your recommendation to the Board by April 1st

I have access to the YALSAblog WordPress dashboard so I can look at the numbers of posts in certain categories, etc. I will have a planning meeting with the publications board in the beginning of January so we can sign up for certain areas we will individually assess posts in; we will mostly be looking at posts from the last few years. If there are posts we find compelling/possible for compilation, we will add them to a spreadsheet with their topic headings, as we did with the YALS evaluation. If there are any topics identified in the YALS evaluation for possible compilation, we will spend extra focus on checking those topics' representation in YALSAblog.

- Other

I will complete revisions/updates to the Publications Manual and share them with Linda and Anna for input so we can upload the new version to the site.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Once the revision of the Publications Manual is complete, we will share the new version (and "50 Tips" document) through the e-news and YALSAblog.

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

Since Mandy Broadhurst resigned from the board, we had an opening. Through communications with Linda, Candice Mack, Letitia Smith, and Beth Yoke, we appointed a new member--Amanda Bressler, who has been very active in the board thus far.

Several members had not participated in our shared documents as we were nearing the first deadline, and I used several ways to contact them. I sent several reminder emails to the whole group, then sent targeted Google Hangouts messages to those who weren't participating. Two responded to the Hangouts messages and subsequently followed up in our shared documents, and I contacted one via phone (a second person's contact information was no longer accurate).

The member who did not respond to emails, Hangouts, or phone messages became a concern for me, and she ultimately did not contribute to the suggested author list. I discussed this with Linda, who passed along my concerns to Beth, who shared what our next steps should be if she continued to not respond to communications or requests for participation. However, she participated in the October meeting to plan the YALS evaluation, and has been staying on top of her tasks since then.

As a result of the minimal/last-minute participation in our first task, I asked everyone in our meeting if there was a better way for us to all stay on top of tasks moving forward. We decided that the best way would be to create several midpoint deadlines within the next task every couple of weeks, and I have been sending out reminder emails a few days before each deadline to ensure that people remember to include their submissions.

As a result, there is MUCH better participation, and most members are doing a great job of keeping up with their assignments for the YALS evaluation task. One member, who did not attend the meeting, also did not meet a few midpoint deadlines, but after an email check-in, he caught up with the tasks. Others have also been proactive about contacting me if they will be late to meet a midpoint deadline.

Additional Concerns or Comments: n/a

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

Yes

CONTINUOUS LEARNING

Group: Continuing Education Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Susan Riley

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Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To provide feedback to YALSA's program officer for Continuing Education on: Appropriate and timely topics for CE offerings; Identifying qualified individuals to facilitate CE sessions; To assist the program officer for CE as requested with promoting CE opportunities and recognizing the contribution of facilitators, presenters, etc.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? A little slow - we had one member drop off and have not been reassigned another individual. Our group has sent Nicole Mungia topics and postings for social media, and has worked on deleting or updating links for CE opportunities on the YALSA wiki.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Collections
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships

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

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue our work as above, and additionally start to develop the "master plan" guidebook for future members of this advisory board.

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

We will go through the venues suggested by Nicole Mungia.

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 emailed Candice Mack to see if we could get a new member.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: YALS Editorial Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Linda Braun

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Board Liaison: N/A

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

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What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Board continued to work on the re-envisioning of YALS including developing an editorial calendar and working on content for each issue. The Board also reviewed the new design for YALS - interior and cover - and provided feedback on those. We expect that the new design will be in place fully for the spring 2016 issue of the journal. Board members have taken on specific content areas and have also volunteered to write YALSAblog posts about journal content.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Literacies
- Staffing
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

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

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The group will continue to work on the editorial calendar for the journal and help to get the word out via various YALSA communications channels as well as via Board member's social media channels and outlets.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? As the new look of the journal is released Board members will help to get the word out and promote how the new vision for YALS supports YALSA's strategic planning and the focus on the future.

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

Yes

Group: 2016 Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Committee

Chair's Name: Katharine Kan

E-Mail: teenlibn@hotmail.com

Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

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

Committee members aren't expected to attend Midwinter, but are expected to attend Annual. Committee size: 5 - 7, including one member designated as Annual Youth Participation Coordinator. Term: 1 year, from July 1st through June 30th of the following year.

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

Committee member Yolanda Hood (in Orlando) will be the Youth Participation Coordinator.

Committee member Vandy Pacetti-Donelson will be posting to the YALSA blog; her first entry was posted Nov. 4.

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

- Youth Participation
- Professional Development

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

other:

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

Youth Participation Coordinator will reach out to Orlando area school and public libraries to find librarians willing to have their teens participate in ALA Annual.

Committee members will write more posts for YALSAblog and YALSA E-News and add content to the Local section of the Annual wiki.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will be using YALSA's social media outlets to encourage YALSA members to attend ALA Annual, and reaching out to Orlando YALSA members who have teens willing and able to participate, especially with book selection committees.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Chairperson Katharine Kan has been experiencing family difficulties throughout the past several months, as well as dealing with the aftermath of a serious auto accident (no injuries other than minor aches and pains). Family situation will be resolved by the end of December.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Mentoring Taskforce

Chair's Name: Gail Tobin .

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Board Liaison: Diane Colson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Review applications submitted for the YALSA 2015-16 mentoring program to determine applicants'

eligibility. Using information provided in mentor and protégé applications select and match mentors and protégés from those applicants who are eligible. Submit selections/matches to YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The task force reviewed the mentoring orientation video used for the past several years. We also published a blog post in September that focused on the taskforce and what it does and in generating interest in volunteering.

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

- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Staffing
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

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

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The mentoring task force has completed its charge of matching mentors and protégés. We will work on another blog post to expand awareness of the mentoring program.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to submit another blog post.

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

Additional Concerns or Comments: none Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Midwinter Marketing and Local Arrangements Taskforce

Chair's Name: Sarah Sogigian

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Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

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

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

We've really pumped up our work as we get closer to midwinter. We have scheduled posts for the YALSA blog...3 have been posted already, and we have

3 more scheduled. We decided to do one every other week, in hopes that it will help keep MW fresh in reader's minds. Topics have included: what to pack, where to eat, and the announcement of the BFYA program application. The next post will be about things to see/do. And then one highlighting YALSA at MW, with links to programs and information.

We also opened and closed the teen participation at BFYA form. We have our list of selected libraries that will bring teens to MW for the program. We will let the libraries know next week, and I'm sending the list to Nichole O'Connor today.

The wiki page is also updated, though that was done more than three months ago.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Youth Participation

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

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The workplan is to create and post 3 more posts to the YALSA blog, finalize the BFYA participants, and (starting the month before), highlight YALSA programs and presence at MW via our social media accts. Standard practice will include tagging yalsa in posts, and any other members/speakers/staff as appropriate.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? YALSA blog, social media....and I also plan on live Tweeting the conference. I will encourage the rest of the taskforce to also join me in this task. Some members are very connected via Twitter; others, not so much. But I know other YALSA attendees will be tweeting, so it will be a good conversation.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There was a time where i wasn't sure a member would be able to continue on the taskforce. But with some discussions, and a little time away, she came back and has been a contributor since.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Nichole has been super helpful, especially in regards to the BFYA program logistics. thanks!

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

Yes

Group: YA Services Symposium Planning and Marketing

Chair's Name: Jane Gov

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Board Liaison: Sarah Kepple

YALSA Board of Directors – Midwinter 2016

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist YALSA staff with the planning, marketing and implementation of YALSA's 2015 Young Adult Literature Symposium, including the creation and maintenance of a space on the YALSA wiki that will be the primary marketing tool for the event, vetting symposium papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications and more.

Members will work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to create and assist with the implementation of a marketing plan. Members work with presenters leading up to the symposium to ensure high quality programs.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group has contributed three blog posts, and tweeted about

#yalsa15 to build excitement for the symposium. Those who attended the symposium (me, Sarah Evans, and Jessica Lind) worked with presenters to ensure that they had everything they needed, and made announcements on behalf of YALSA.

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

- Programming
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

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

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

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

What's left on our agenda: • Taskforce assists staff with any thank you messages for sponsors, presenters, etc.

• Chair submits final report by the 15th to YALSA office to share with the Board which includes any recommendations, suggestions &/or improvements for the next symposium. Submit via the quarterly chair report form online at www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsa/postconference.cfm

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I plan to connect with the next incoming Chair with an updated planning calendar based on our actual tasks from this past year.

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

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

No

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Chair's Name: Angela Craig

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Group: Alex Award

Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages

12 through 18.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have now officially nominated 65 titles and have eight titles that have consistently ranked on our Top Ten list in our monthly Alex surveys. As MidWinter is approaching we have been meeting virtually monthly and emailing each other weekly. The team has done a great job vetting titles and our nominations have great age diversity and appeal.

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

- Literacies
- Youth Participation

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

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We're completing our November reading list and making our last requests for December. Our goal is to have all of our requested titles and unsolicited titles read, reviewed or nominated by the end of November so that December can be spent reading all of our official nominations and give them fair consideration in January. We are on track so far.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We are all aware of the changes in serving on committees.

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, everyone responds to email, everyone is active on the DL, everyone is posting reviews, and everyone has attended or plans to attend our video chats. My team is wonderful!

Additional Concerns or Comments: None. I will miss the Alex Award committee next year.

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

Yes

Group: Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Sarah Hashimoto

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Board Liaison: None

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

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

September: Although we have always encouraged members to prioritize second listens, in September, we began to prioritize first listens as well, leaving the nominated listens for later. This strategy is intended to help us make sure that we are able to complete all first listens and have our nominations submitted by December 1. In September, our Administrative Assistant, Melanie Waschmann, sent out a reminder email to all our known publishers reminding them that our deadline for submission was October 31. This final push resulted in an additional 120 titles being sent to the committee over the course of the month.

In September, Sarah worked together with AAYA members Debi Shultz and Charlene Hsu Gross in order to co-write a blog post for YALSAblog. This post was intended to generate interest in AAYA while also explaining some of the basic ins and outs of the committee. Happily, we received two field suggestions shortly after publication, so it seems that people are taking note.

October: Our submission deadline is October 31, so this is traditionally a very busy month for us. We received 60 more submissions this month, bringing our total to 447 titles. This total represents a 12% increase in submissions from last year. We have noticed that publishers seem to be submitting more titles this year, in large part because of the ease with which they can submit digital titles. Some publishers (e.g., Listening Library) still prefer to send hard copies, but other publishers (e.g., Hachette Audio) will only submit digitally. The advantage of digital submissions is that we can receive these titles within days of publication. In the past, we would need to wait several weeks before we could receive titles, and that meant that we missed many of the titles that were published during the fall publishing cycle. Now, we are able to consider these titles, and as a result, our final list will contain relatively newer material.

As the submissions began to pour in, we really began to feel the crunch, since we need to submit our nominations by December 1, and we also need to complete all of our listening assignments before the Midwinter Conference. At the start of November, Sarah altered the assignment spreadsheets so that members could see how much listening they need to complete by both the December 1 and January 8 deadlines. The results were quite sobering, as most of our committee members will need to listen to at least 5 hours a day! It is expected that the actual listening hours will be lower, since these numbers do not take into account the fact that a member can listen to only 25% of a title if they know that they will be voting no. At the same time, this also doesn't take into account new assignments that will be added once some of our waiting first listens are nominated. We have noticed that this year's submissions are particularly good, so we have relatively more nominated titles to consider this year. That's a good thing, but it also means that we have that much more

listening to complete. It's definitely going to be a tight squeeze, particularly since Midwinter falls so early in the year.

November: In November, our committee has been buckling down and really trying to work our way through our long list of remaining first listens.

Sarah reassigned a number of first listens, since some of our members needed some help in order to complete their assignments by the deadline. Because our list of remaining nominated titles is so long, Sarah also decided to reduce the number of listeners per nominated title from six to five. With five listeners, we'll still have the necessary majority assigned to each nominated title, but we won't have the additional cushion that we prefer. Sarah explained to the members that the titles that were removed will be considered optional titles. If the members have time to listen to these titles, that's great, but if they run out of time, we will still have the majority that we require.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies

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

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Members will step up their listening and finish listening to all their first listens. All nominations will be submitted by December 1. Once we are finished with all our first listens, members will continue to listen to all their assigned nominated titles. In December, Sarah will call for a straw vote on nominated titles, to be sure that all titles that are nominated are truly contenders. By the end of the year, we may also have nominated titles that are getting mostly no votes. The committee will start preparation for the ALA Midwinter

Conference, including setting an agenda. At the Midwinter conference, the committee will determine the final list of Amazing Audiobooks and submit our completed final list of annotated titles.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to submit the monthly list of our current nominations. We will also release our final annotated selected list during the ALA Midwinter Conference in Boston.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: This quarter has been a tough one for the members of AAYA. Three of our members have had to deal with significant family issues including deaths in the immediate family and serious illness and hospitalization of family members. These issues have resulted in severely reduced performance and have necessitated reassigning more titles than one would expect. The resulting reassignments have put considerable stress on our remaining members, and it seems that everyone is feeling rather frazzled.

Sarah is trying to keep the members on track with increased check-ins (now a bi-weekly occurrence) and motivated with lots of positive feedback.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I expect that the shift into a virtual format may take some time to effect. I would be more than happy to do whatever I can to make this transition as smooth as possible. Please don't hesitate to get in touch! I hope that you'll freely share my contact information with the incoming chair for 2016-2017.

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

No

Group: Award Nominating Committee

Chair's Name: Robin F. Kurz

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Board Liaison: Robin F. Kurz

YALSA Board of Directors – Midwinter 2016

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the 2016 election of YALSA Edwards, Nonfiction and Printz Award Committee Members. When building the slate, seek out the most qualified individuals and provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special expertise, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to working with the YALSAblog Member Manager to interview candidates. Committee size: 5 virtual members with award committee experience, including one member from a preceding term. Term: 17 months, commencing January 1, 2015 and ending after election results are announced in May of 2016 What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We shared all of our selected nominees with YALSA staff and the executive committee. YALSA staff contacted all nominees and received confirmation from all but one (conflicting appointment). An alternate was supplied but chose not to run. The ballot was complete with 5 candidates for the 2018 Edwards Award Committee, 6 candidates for the 2018 Nonfiction Award Committee, and 7 candidates for the 2018 Printz Award Committee. I contacted all of those members not selected for the slate, with different information for those effected by the new award participation policy. Of the responses I received from these members, the vast majority were positive. I also shared relevant information with Sarah Hill for her work with the fall appointment process. All of the candidates were contacted about the upcoming interviews and reminded to complete the ballot instructions before the due date. The committee offered advice to anyone needing it while completing the form. Finally, the committee began preparing to work with the YALSABlog manager on the upcoming interviews for the candidates.

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

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

Report nominations to the membership through e-news, the YALSA website, and appropriate e-lists. Work with YALSAblog manager to interview the candidates for each of the three awards.

Work with 2017 chair to share information and resources developed/collected this year.

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

Continue reporting nominations to the membership through e-news, the YALSA website, and appropriate e-lists.

Work with YALSAblog manager to interview the candidates for each of the three awards.

Write blog post for YALSAblog to provide transparency to membership on the process behind this committee.

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

Concerns or Comments: I have been very impressed with the work of the committee. It has been a pleasure!

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

Yes

Group: BFYA 2016

Chair's Name: Thea Hashagen

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Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? To date, we have nominated 101 titles--field nominations have now closed and we are reviewing those and adding final titles before the December

1 cut-off. I anticipate that we will end up with approximately 120 nominated titles for this year.

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

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

apply.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We plan to have a list of approximately 120-125 nominees by our self-imposed deadline of December 1. Currently we have 101, 95 of which have been posted. We are communicating frequently about titles, discussing some in advance to facilitate discussion at midwinter, and also working to distribute nominations more equally among all members of the committee now that we have a sense of each other's tastes and preferences. We are working hard to make sure that none are overlooked, with some reviewing best of lists and others surveying the field nominations. We are looking forward to a lively discussion at midwinter in January.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share the list of nominees via individual committee members's Twitter feeds--the list will also be shared more formally by YALSA on its website, Twitter feed, and Facebook page. Members will also have the opportunity to watch us at the teen feedback session and in discussion at midwinter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The nominations are fairly well-distributed. There is only one individual who has not yet nominated a title, but they are keeping up with the work and participating in discussion. In the last month, committee members have been actively engaged online in discussion, focused on this final nomination month push before we settle in to review the list.

This despite several members moving/switching jobs/having a lot on their plates.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Just going to mention once more that I'm concerned about the teen feedback session--we had just enough time for all of the kids to give feedback on all of the titles in SF. There were approximately 40 kids and 59 titles. We'll have twice as many titles and the same amount of time in Boston. I don't know if the solution is fewer kids, fewer comments per title, or briefer comments in general, but I don't want what happened in Chicago this past year to happen in Boston. I want to be sure that we hear from everyone. We have some flexibility with a potential extra 30 minutes, hopefully that will help.

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

No

Group: Book Wholesalers Grant Jury

Chair's Name: Sara Ray

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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

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 spread the press release about the grant to many state listserv, teen librarians interest websites and blogs, well as added it to publications like Library Hotline. The jury has been very proactive in having their colleagues in other states also help spread the word.

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

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

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We await hearing from YALSA with the application results and instructions on voting.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? After choosing the winners we will announce their names through a press release and via the methods we promoted (e-news, listservs, etc).

YALSA Board of Directors – Midwinter 2016

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

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

Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Conference Travel Scholarships Jury

Chair's Name: Jenna Friebel

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Board Liaison: Robin Kurz

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to widely promote the scholarship and to select annually three YALSA members who will receive funds to travel to the ALA Annual Conference. Two selectees will be librarians or library workers (one whose focus is school libraries and the other whose focus is public libraries) who work with or for young adults to receive the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Conference Scholarship, and to annually select one graduate student in the field of library and information science to receive the Dorothy Broderick Conference Scholarship. Promotion of the scholarships takes place from July through June. Judging the applications takes place Dec. and Jan. 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 all been actively promoting the grants through social media, listservs, YALSA news, and e-mailing MLS professors to share with their students. We are hopeful this will result in a wide pool of worthy applicants.

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will evaluate all applications, select our recipients, and notify them.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will continue to promote through social media and listservs until applications are due. After our winners our selected, we will release a statement through ALA News sharing the winners names.

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: Great Books Giveaway Jury

Chair's Name: Kate Denier

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Board Liaison: Diane Colson

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Committee members have been working hard to promote the award on various listservs, newsletters, websites and meetings. I sent everyone a short blurb they can use to promote, but said they could make changes or adjustments based on how they were going about the promotion. I also wrote a small article that was published in the most recent YALSA E-News to remind members of the upcoming December 1st deadline. I have checked in with members by e-mail to ensure we are on track.

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

- Collections
- Outreach/Partnerships

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

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to promote the award up until the December 1st deadline. I will check in with committee members to make sure they continue to get the word out until then.

Once the deadline comes and we are sent the applications, we will begin to process of reviewing and evaluating them.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I have prepared an article to send to my Board Liaison. I would like to try and get it put on the YALSA Blog. I will send another blurb to YALSA E-News closer to the deadline. I will also send another email to the Listserv to try and catch people's attention between now and December 1st.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There was a committee member that recently wrote to me saying she did not know what she was supposed to be doing. She apparently had not received the emails I had sent her several weeks before explaining what to do, despite her email being on the list. I re-sent the emails to her explaining what she should be doing and made sure she did not have any additional questions. She said she understood and has been working since to promote the award.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: MAE Award Jury

Chair's Name: Melanie Lyttle

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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To promote the MAE Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications ; and to annually select a recipient, when a suitable winner is indicated.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? My committee members are awesome! They were very willing and able to promote the MAE award through their different listservs, personal social media connections, and contacting other organizations.

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

- Programming
- Professional Development

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

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be choosing the MAE award winner sometime in December and publicizing the winners.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Our group will work with the YALSA staff to select and publicize the winners.

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.: I was the unexcused absence of sorts. I had decided not to contact committee members until we were ready to start working in September and two of my committee members were concerned they hadn't heard from me and contacted YALSA. Fortunately everything got sorted out in short order after that.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Thanks for the opportunity to work on this committee. The members are real go-getters and that is great!

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

Yes

Group: Margaret A. Edwards 2016 Award

Chair's Name: Valerie Davis

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Board Liaison: Sarah Hill

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To select a living author or co-author as well as a specific body of his or her work, who has made a significant and lasting contribution to literature for young adults.

The book or books should be accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee discussed the list of authors and narrowed the list down to a winner and back up choice. Books for both authors have been chosen. Choices have been forwarded to YALSA.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Collections Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In the next 3 months the press release and contacting the winner need to be completed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The winner will be announced at the Youth Media Awards.

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: The members of this committee have been respectful, thoughtful, insightful and a joy to work with. Discussions were well thought out, reasoned, from the heart but always filled with amazing humor. Any committee they work on or chair they work with in the future will be lucky to have them.

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

Yes

Group: Nonfiction for Young Adults Award

Committee Chair's Name: Gregory Lum Board

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Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best nonfiction title published for young adults between Nov. 1 and Oct. 31 of the current year, available in English in the United States and, if desired, to also select honor titles.

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

Contacted Todd Krueger, NF board liaison, about young readers' adaptations of adult books.

Continued to send biweekly updates to committee including Booklist consultant and board liaison.

Held monthly online committee discussions about nominated titles; discussed 1 nomination in August, 3 titles in September, 4 titles in October, and at least one title in November. Also have scheduled a final plea online discussion for books on the fence.

Held two online straw polls.

Started a lively thread on ALA Connect titled, "Why Should a Title Not be in Our Top 5?"

Discussed as a committee, "What Should We Wear as a Committee for the Youth Media Awards?"

Started a shared Googledoc of Annotations for the committee. Nominators are asked to complete by Dec. 15th.

Booklist consultant will revise and edit.

Consulted with Todd Krueger and Nichole O'Connor about a committee confidentiality by another committee member. Issue resolved.

Continued to request books from publishers.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Programming
- Youth Participation
- Policies

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

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

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

November 15th -- Online Meeting

November 16th -- Straw Vote

November 18th -- Results of Straw Vote w/ top 5 and next top 5 November 22nd -- Last Online Meeting -- final plea for any book on the "fence."

November 29th -- Online Vote for the 5 finalists and the official nominations list (6 committee members must vote yes for the title to make the official list).

First Week in December -- Finalists announced by YALSA December 15th -- All annotations written January 9th -- Meeting at Midwinter January 10 -- Phone call to publisher and then the winner!!!

January 11 -- Youth Media Awards followed by our Award presentation with Morris January/February -- Meet with 2017 NF Award Chair January -- Send letter to committee members' supervisors for work completed by committee.

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

Finalists in December

Winner in January

Via twitter, YALSA blogs, Midwinter Cognotes, YALSA news 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.: A couple of my committee members were not aware of the new policy on YALSA members serving on award and selection committees. It would be great to have this information communicated to current award/selection committee members.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I had wonderful, supportive board liaisons, Jennifer Korn and Todd Krueger.

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

Yes

Group: Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Kathryn Salo

E-Mail: simplykatie@gmail.com

Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

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?

Committee members have continued to read widely to find titles to nominate.

Our field suggestion/nomination period closed on November 1st in order to give members enough time to deliberate and discuss titles.

In the past three months, our total nominations from committee members increased from 87 to 109 and field suggestions have increased from 51 to 67.

Fifteen of the titles submitted are ineligible either due to previously appearing on a PPYA list within the last five years or not being widely available in paperback. Our final nomination total is still pending due to some field suggestions that still need a committee member to second in order to become a nomination.

Committee members met virtually via ALA Connect to discuss titles in October.

November chats will be scheduled after the results of our first straw poll which are due by end of day 11/15.

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Several calls for field suggestions have gone out via YALSA's e-News.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Professional Development

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

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Using ALA Connect and email to discuss and build a booklist for librarians to use for collection and professional development that teens will benefit from.

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

Our committee's timeline is as follows:

November 2015

First straw polls will take place; emails due to chair by 11/15.

Chair will have straw poll results out by 11/20. Any book appearing on all subcommittee members' straw polls will make the final list.

Subcommittees will meet at least once in November to discuss straw poll results and may meet a second time to discuss titles if necessary.

December 2015 & January 2016

12/1--12/7

Subcommittees complete reading and final straw polls begin.

Emails to chair are due by 12/5; the straw poll results will be out by 12/8.

Suggestions for next year's themes may be submitted via ALA Connect thread.

12/8--12/14

All committee chat (or chats) via ALA Connect to discuss any titles with mixed results from the straw polls and to determine each list's final titles.

12/15--12/29

Annotations are assigned and each committee member writes their annotations on their own time. Annotations are submitted via a Google document.

12/30--1/5

All committee chat to determine Top Ten list, taken from all the selected titles on all four lists.

Final votes on themes for next year's committee.

Annotations are finished and proofread to be submitted before ALA Midwinter.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Our final nominations list will be posted on the YALSA website once all field suggestions have been decided on. Once our list is finalized, announcements will be sent out over YALSA's listservs.

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: Printz Award 2016

Chair's Name: April Witteveen

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Board Liaison: Diane Colson

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

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What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We continued to read our titles as they were assigned to us by our administrative assistant; this process is working well for us. We also met virtually each month, twice using ALA Connect's chat function and in October we used the Adobe Connect meeting room with the assistance of YALSA staff.

As of 11/5/16 we have read nearly 500 titles. We have had 11 new nominations come in since Annual, bringing us to a total of 28 nominations (though 12 of them got voted off the island at Annual). We have checked in a few times with our Booklist consultant to clarify eligibility and appreciate her insight. I have completed the preliminary templates for the YMA presentation as organized by the ALA press office.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Professional Development

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

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? It's the final stretch! We will meet virtually in November and December leading up to our time together in Boston. We have been using straw polls to track the trends in our nominations and will use this to inform our discussions. We discussed the option of creating annotations for each of our nominations in advance of Midwinter in order to streamline that process but the group felt that we shouldn't have a problem crafting the annotations after our decision/s are made. I'm currently using the famed "Starred Reviews" Google document to make sure our reading has caught the titles that have gotten attention from review sources.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The winner and any honor titles at the YMAS, and all the press to follow :) 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: None-- we've really found our groove over the late summer/early fall, even allowing me a bit of time off to get married! Committee members are doing great work reading and commenting, and our monthly chats have offered great times to share and get to know each other further.

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

Yes

Group: Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

Chair's Name: Erik L Carlson

E-Mail: ecarlson662@gmail.com

Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers list identifies titles aimed at encouraging reading among teens who dislike to read for whatever reason. The list selects both fiction and nonfiction. Select a link below to view the full annotated Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers lists.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The last three months we finished the nomination process for the 2016 list. Committee members have been talking to teens to get feedback on nominated titles. We have also been discussing titles using ALA Connect.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies
- Youth Participation

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

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

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

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In the next 3 months we will be reading vigorously, commenting on nominated titles using ALA Connect and will be meeting at mid-winter to finalize the 2016 list. My admin assistant and I will be contacting publishers and inviting them to our meetings in Boston. I will also be working with the incoming chair to prepare her and to start a manual that can be handed down to new chair people.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? This past year I have been submitting posts to Anna Lam for the YALSA online newsletter. Since nominations are closed there is no new news to add.

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

Not everyone has been using ALA Connect so I have been emailing everyone encouraging them to post their comments.

We have had one member who had a hard time nominating titles. I tried to encourage her and suggest ways to find titles.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Volunteer of the Year

Chair's Name: Sharon Levin

E-Mail: sharonlevin@mindspring.com

Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Work with YALSA's communications manager to promote and to solicit nominees for the following member awards for outstanding service to YALSA: 1) Chair of the Year 2) Member of the Year and 3) Member Group of the Year. Evaluate each nominee based on the nature and scope of accomplishment(s) and the degree of impact the work conducted has on advancing one or more goals in YALSA's Strategic Plan. Between December and January review the applications. Work with YALSA's communications Manager to issue a press release announcing the winners by February 1st.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have sent out solicitations to various lists and groups asking for nominations. We haven't received any yet, as far as I know. We will send another nudge in the next 10 days.

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

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to solicit nominations, then select the winners.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We'll ask for nominations and then YALSA will announce the results.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Not everyone is all that well versed with virtual committees or is all that well connected, but I think we're getting the information out there pretty well.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: William C. Morris Award

Chair's Name: Nichole King

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Board Liaison: Sarah Hill

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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? These past three months we have continued reading over 150 submissions for the Morris Award, as well over 20 nominated titles. We have held our regular google hangout chat on the last Sunday of the month with perfect attendance by committee members. During these meetings we discuss the titles that have been read by at least 2 members and decide if they need a third reader, need to be nominated or can be removed from consideration. I have also been taking straw polls the past couple months to see how everyone is voting and what their finalists would be. This past month we have discussed more in depth via email the nominated titles to help all of us make informed decisions. We have also scheduled an additional google hangout chat for 11/22, and committee members have already started sending me annotations for our nominations so that our finalist can be sent to Nichole on 11/30. What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections

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

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The next three months will consist of determining our top finalists which are due on November 30th to Nichole. After we have our finalists and annotations turned in, we will be using the last 5 weeks before midwinter to re-read and evaluate our top 5 finalists so that when we meet at midwinter in January we can choose a winner.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The announcement of the top 5 finalists will be shared and discussed via social media and listservs.

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 think the biggest concern at this time is just stress about getting everything read in time and also making sure everything that is chosen meets the parameters and criteria of the award.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Writing Award Jury

Chair's Name: Geri Diorio

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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Between December and January review the submissions forwarded to the jury by the editors and blog managers of each publication and select one winner per publication, based on criteria outlined in the writing award's policies and procedures. Work with YALSA's communications Manager to announcing the winners by Feb. 1st. Term: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Jury size: 3-5 virtual members, including the chair.

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

We have all been in touch with each other via email.

I have sent a blurb to Anna Lam to include in the weekly newsletter, reminding editors of the YALSA publications that it is almost time to submit articles for this jury's consideration.

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To carefully and thoughtfully read the articles from Young Adult Library Services, the Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults, the YALSAblog, and The Hub:

YALSA's YA Literature Blog that the editors send to us for consideration, to discuss the articles and vote on the ones best deserving of the award.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The winners will be announced in time for Mid-Winter, and there will be press releases and blurbs in the e-newsletter. I would also encourage the editors of publications with winners to write/post about it there.

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: YALSAblog

Chair's Name: Crystle Martin

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Board Liaison: Crystle Martin

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

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

Since the last report, I have worked with the new member manager of The Hub to transfer the App of the Week series over to The Hub because it aligns more closely with its new mission of a broad range of content. I have several changes on the advisory board and still don't have a full seven members which has slowed the work, but the advisory board members have identified areas where they feel more blog coverage is needed and are looking for guest bloggers to fill those gaps. I have lost a couple of bloggers in the last three months due to job changes and therefore changes in availability so I will be more actively recruiting for new bloggers. I have also started sending out the stats and top viewed blogs to the blogger list and blog advisory board list as a way to celebrate high quality posts and topics of interest to our readers.

Several committees have posted to the blog due to my targeted outreach to committees. These include the Research Committee, Amazing Audio Books for Young People, and Mentoring Taskforce. There have also been a series of posts from the YA Services Symposium committee and the Midwinter local committee.

The monthly series Level Up Your Leadership Skills has changed from its originator (who is serving in an advisory capacity now) to a new blogger and has continued to be popular. The Programming monthly recurring column is up and running, and the two bloggers who are undertaking it have a plan for synergy with Programming HQ. There has also been a very popular series by a guest blogger on Grant writing which is just about to wrap up. The preparations are ready to interview the incoming candidate Slate for 2016 and that will take place over the next two months.

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

- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

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

other:

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

My work plan for the next three months is:

- *Continue to work with the advisory board to recruit guest bloggers.
- *Continue to recruit new bloggers.
- *Consider updating the look of the blog.

*Continue to try to build readership through social media coverage.

*Continue to outreach to committees to post on the blog.

*Survey YALSAblog members to see what topics they would like to see covered.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Being that this is the blog we share information with YALSAmembers continually.

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

RESEARCH & BEST PRACTICES

Group: AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional Committee on School-Public Library Cooperation

Chair's Name: Jenna Nemec-Loise

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Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To design and conduct a project of mutual interest and benefit to the three participating ALA Divisions , working from a platform identified by the AASL/ALSC/YALSA Presidents-Elect.

PLEASE NOTE! This function statement was updated at Joint Youth Executive Committee Meeting during the 2015 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco. I still have not been provided with the updated language, which I also noted in my August 15 report. Until I receive the updated language, we will operate from the statement as printed on the committee roster.

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

COMPLETED: Create a schedule for regular virtual committee engagement (e.g.

ALA Connect chats, online meetings, etc.). During our first virtual meeting on 11/7/15, we agreed to meet via ALA Connect chat on the first Sunday of every other month at 7 p.m. Central: January 3, March 6, and May 1.

COMPLETED: Develop a schedule for 2015-16 AASL, ALSC, and YALSA blog posts with a common tag: Gimme a C (for Collaboration!). During our first virtual meeting on 11/7/15, we completed scheduling and now have a member contributor for each month through June 2016.

IN PROCESS: At the request of YALSA leadership, discuss and explore the possibility of a school-public library cooperation toolkit. Since ALA Connect discussion yielded minimal results in September and October, we kickstarted the discussion at our first virtual meeting on 11/7/15. Everyone remarked that the virtual chat was a much easier way to brainstorm ideas and get things started. We're starting work on this project with a preliminary toolkit table of contents and development of a member survey to determine what resources AASL/ALSC/YALSA members would like to see included.

POSTPONED: Schedule at least one virtual member engagement opportunity, most likely a Twitter chat on a school-public library collaboration topic.

Committee members felt the Twitter chat should relate to toolkit development and take place after the launch of our member survey. We hope to schedule this chat for February 2016.

IN PROCESS: Explore the idea of a survey to gather information from members about what school-public library collaboration resources would be most helpful to them. A team of three committee members is developing survey questions and will present them to the entire committee for discussion/approval by 12/6/15. We expect to launch the member survey sometime in January 2016.

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

- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

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

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
other:

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

1. Write three “Gimme a C (for Collaboration)” blog posts, one each for November, January, and February.
2. Create a preliminary table of contents for a school-public library cooperation toolkit (due 11/21/15).
3. Develop questions for an AASL/ALSC/YALSA member survey about the resources They'd like to see in a toolkit (due 12/6/15).
4. Conduct a pre-Midwinter virtual meeting via ALA Connect chat (scheduled for 1/3/16).
5. Launch the AASL/ALSC/YALSA member survey about toolkit resources (January 2016).
6. Continue discussing content and strategy for toolkit development via ALA Connect, virtual chat, and e-mail.
7. Schedule a Twitter chat about toolkit resources to keep AASL/ALSC/YALSA members apprised of our progress (tentatively February 2016).

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

1. Report to Joint Youth Executive Committee at 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston.
2. YALSAblog post in advance of toolkit survey launch (January 2016).
3. Twitter chat on toolkit development (February 2016).
4. Possible YALS article to coincide with toolkit launch (date TBD).

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

Three committee members have yet to contribute to any 2015-16 discussions or projects. On 11/15/15, I sent these three members separate e-mails with blind copies to both YALSA President Candice Mack and Board Liaison Abigail Phillips. The message text appears below:

Hi, _____!

As we approach the end of a busy year, I wanted to check in about your participation on the AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional Committee on School-Public Library Cooperation. Things are moving ahead with our 2015-16 work, and we'd love for you to be a part of it.

Please let me know how I can help you get started and/or if there are any questions I can answer for you about your participation in our committee work.

If your plans have changed and you can no longer be a part of our work, please let me know so I can put you in touch with the appropriate contacts.

Thanks so much, _____! I look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest regards,

Jenna

Additional Concerns or Comments: We've been energized by our first virtual meeting and are eager to move forward with plans for a school-public library cooperation toolkit!

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

Yes

Group: Community Connections Taskforce

Chair's Name: Shelley Mastalerz

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Board Liaison: Renne McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Compile existing and, as needed, develop new resources for members on the topic of using community engagement and partnerships to address teen needs. Resources must address the following key topics: rationale for pursuing community partnerships; strategies for assessing teen and community needs and identifying possible partners; examples of organizations that could serve as

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potential partners; asset mapping of library resources to determine what the library can bring to a partnership; and turn-key resources libraries can adapt and use, such as sample email messages to potential partners, community needs assessment tools, asset map checklist, etc. As completed, promote the community connections resources with the assistance of YALSA staff and member leaders through a variety of YALSA and other channels, including but not limited to:

YALSAblog posts, webinars, Academy videos, Google Hangouts, and presentations at conferences.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past three months taskforce members have worked on a timeline of what we would like to accomplish within the first year our commitment. We have devised a research schedule (spanning October 2015 - March 2016) of exploring what resources and materials are already present and could be useful for YALSA members in regards to community relationships/partnerships.

We hope to have enough resources/materials gathered within our months of research to populate a Wiki Page by the end of the first year. We have done one month of research, and have a few resources/materials already gathered.

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

- Programming
- Staffing
- Outreach/Partnerships

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

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Within the next three months, we will be exploring the YALSA Wiki to see what the Community Connections Taskforce Wiki Page could potentially hold/look like, and what resources and materials are already gathered. December and January we will continue our research efforts.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Hopefully within the next 3 months we will have gathered enough research/resources to take the next step in creating a Wiki Page for the YALSA Wiki (most likely after the second quarterly report is due).

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There are very few participation concerns, but checking in with individual members and work groups seems to be working well.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Frances Henne Grant Jury

Chair's Name: Kellie Tilton

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Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Judge applications for the YALSA Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant. Term: From end of Annual Conference through the following Annual. Jury size: 5 virtual members What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Since the last chair report, the Frances Henne Grant Jury has been very active in getting the word out to possible applicants for the Henne Grant.

After updating and approving a generic statement about the Henne Grant that could be modified accordingly, the group divided up the state and regional ALA chapters, as well as the Colleges/Universities with MLIS programs and sent emails to have the Grant advertised through those channels.

A number responded they would pass the application statement on to their group, and a handful also were kind enough to post it on their social media sites.

As the move to Higher Logic was pushed back, there was no further development made in establishing the group's new digital space.

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

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

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

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

The next three months will see the Henne Grant Jury dive into our work. The goals are as follows:

- Push the Henne Grant one last time through social media advertising the week of November 16th.

- Look at the evaluation tool for evaluating the grant applications

- Evaluate and select who will be awarded the Grant

- If Higher Logic becomes available, begin moving content to that platform, accordingly.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will be sharing news about applications for the Grant as we head into the final weeks for submissions through a variety of social media outlets and, likely, the exciting announcement of the Grant's recipient. The announcement will go through a number of channels, including YALSA's various social media outlets, and ALA's website.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everyone participated very well, met deadlines and responded to any questions posed to the group.

Additional Concerns or Comments: This group has done a really great job!

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

Yes

Group: The Hub Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Molly Wetta

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Board Liaison: Crystle Martin

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

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

I took over The Hub mid-August, and since then, a main focus has been a site redesign and to feature more content that aligns with the expanded Hub mission, including content about media and content curation rather than just YA literature, which had been the focus for many years. We now have new features on anime, documentaries, and video games, as well as more coverage of non-print collections.

The board also indicated that The Hub should focus on continuing to find ways to promote information about YA lit reflecting diverse and multicultural populations, which has been regularly covered on The Hub. I've also made an effort to recruit bloggers from diverse backgrounds of all kinds.

I've been working with Anna Lam to regularly feature a Hub post in the e-newsletter, and also promoting posts on non-library platforms. We've had link backs from several popular non-library sites, such as Forever YA and Tor.com over the last few months. Our social sharing has also gone up as we've been focusing on creating Pinterest-friendly images and cross-promoting Hub content on our personal social media accounts.

I've also recruited several new bloggers to fill specific niches. For example, I have a teen librarian who is creating a YouTube video each month, two regular contributors to focus on gaming (something we hadn't had in the

past) and a blogger devoted to anime/manga, which had also been under-represented.

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To ensure we're covering all our bases, I've also started a broader editorial calendar to keep track of themes/topics and ensure we are covering all of them evenly and regularly, and also a running list of topics or themes to be covered.

In working with my advisory board, I've collaborated with one member, Carli Spina, on the site redesign. I also have few members of the group focusing on revamping the Hub reading challenge. Another smaller group is putting together a year-end readers' survey to solicit feedback on the type of content we post, things readers would like to see more of, the timing of posts. Carli Spina and I are also planning to conduct some usability tests on the site at Midwinter to determine if there are any more refinements we can make to the site to ease navigation.

We also have had excellent coverage of the Symposium and shared resources for those who were not able to attend.

August, September, and October have had the most pageviews of any month so far in 2015.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Youth Participation
- Professional Development

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

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

other:

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

- 1 - finalize plan for Hub reading challenge promotion to launch immediately after Youth Media Awards.
 - 2 - finalize readers' survey and usability testing plans for end of year and during Midwinter.
 - 3 - continue to recruit new bloggers and maintain focus on expanded content areas.
 - 4 - continue to promote posts to library/non-library audiences
- What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Through posts on The Hub, we'll share information on The Hub reading challenge and solicit feedback through our readers' survey.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: n/a Additional Concerns or Comments: n/a Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Literacies Task Force

Chair's Name: Greta Bergquist

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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The taskforce will create a variety of resources to help members learn about expanded literacies and how libraries can embrace a role in helping teens increase literacy skills in order to increase their value in their community. Activities include:

creating a literacies toolkit to be released in conjunction with 2014 Teen Read Week; creating Academy videos that explain the various literacies; expanding and maintaining the literacies page on YALSA's public wiki on an ongoing basis and encouraging members to contribute to the content there; as requested by the YALSAblog Manager, identify bloggers to regularly create literacy related posts; as requested by the YALS Editor, identify authors to write literacy related articles; identify topics for issue and position papers and work with the Publications Advisory Board to find authors.

Taskforce size: 7- 9 virtual members, including the chair. Term of

appointment: April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Continued work on drafting Digital Literacies Toolkit.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

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

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

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

- Expand Digital Literacies on Adolescent Literacies page of YALSA wiki.
- Submit blog posts to the YALSA blog.
- Continue drafting Digital Literacies Toolkit.

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

We plan to utilize the YALSA blog to promote Digital Literacy work.

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: Midwinter Paper Presentation Committee

Chair's Name: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

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Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Plan and implement an annual research-focused paper presentation to be given at the Midwinter Meeting on a topic of general interest to those who work for and with young adults in libraries, including: working with YALSA's Communications Specialist to promote the call for papers, vetting the applicants and working with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events to plan the presentation at Midwinter. Attendance at the event is encouraged, but not required.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The work of the committee is complete. As chair, I worked with Nichole and this year's award winners to write the press release and determine audiovisual needs, etc. for the upcoming presentation in Boston.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The official work of the committee is complete per the function statement. I will encourage members of the committee to attend the presentation in Boston.

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

I will talk with Crystle Martin about a potential YALSA blog post about this year's event. Perhaps we could ask the presenters to write a blog post for us or perhaps either I or one of the committee members who attends the presentation in Boston could write one.

I will ask committee members to use their social media presence to publicize the event.

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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: As I'm writing this report, I'm wondering if the function statement needs to be rewritten. Perhaps members of this committee should be asked to not only help with promoting the call for papers and selecting the winning paper, but also help with promoting the event. Perhaps that is implicit in the function statement as written (I don't see it that way) but if it is expected, then I think it needs to be stated.

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

Yes

Group: National Guidelines Oversight Committee

Chair's Name: Katherine Trouern-Trend Board

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Liaison: Linda Braun Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee YALSA's portfolio of national guidelines, including performing such tasks as: working with staff to disseminate and promote the guidelines; regularly evaluating the existing guidelines and making recommendations to YALSA's Board for updating or revising guidelines and/or the need to create supplementary materials or tools; assisting staff with establishing and maintaining liaisons with appropriate decision makers and stakeholders, both inside and outside the library profession, that monitor and evaluate the performance of teen services programs and librarians. While the Oversight Committee is charged with making recommendations, the authority to adopt, direct the revision of and/or sunset guidelines rests with YALSA's Board of Directors.

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

Task 1: Committee members completed the initial review of their assigned guidelines, issue brief or position paper and shared recommendations for updates with committee members in late August. During September, the committee continued to evaluate the documents, offering additional insights and recommendations. Members reworked any needed modifications into their lead document and finalized recommendations sent to the chair. The chair, formatted recommendations into a single report and submitted the final report to YALSA in early October.

Task 2: Committee members brainstormed ideas for promoting YALSA's new guideline: Core Professional Values for the Teen Services Profession and submitted ideas to YALSA in mid-October for feedback and approval. Once approved, the committee will begin promotions.

Task 4: Committee members brainstormed and finalized a list of stakeholders, both inside and outside the library profession, that monitor and evaluate the performance of teen services programs and librarians along and potential outreach activities to said stakeholders. The chair submitted the ideas to YALSA in mid-November for feedback and approval. Once approved, the committee will begin outreach.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Staffing
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Policies
- Professional Development

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

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Review of YALSA guidelines, position papers and issue briefs.

Developing resource promotion plans.

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

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Task 2: Once approved, our committee will begin promotions for the Professional Values document beginning December 2015.

Task 4: Once approved, our committee will begin outreach to stakeholders beginning December 2015

Task 3: As new YALSA resources are published, the committee will brainstorm promotional ideas, submit to YALSA for approval and implement activities beginning January 2016.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share any promotional activities via YALSA e-news, YALSA blog, listservs and professional social media accounts.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: One of our members resigned due to job constraints.

Committee members worked together to insure the member's assigned work was completed on schedule.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: RUSA/YALSA YA Reference Committee

Chair's Name: Jessi Ann Schulte-Honstad

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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Stimulate, encourage, and develop resources for the field of young adult reference library services via the following 1) Provide forums for discussion, sharing, and learning relating to the provision of reference, information, and homework help services for and with young adults; 2) Develop reference-related trainings and present them to library and youth serving organizations via webinars, conferences, institutes, etc.; 3) Publish information relating to best practices, new research, trends, etc. in the young adult reference field in Division and library community blogs and publications; 4) Periodically evaluate and update as necessary the Guidelines for Library Services to Teens developed by a joint RUSA/YALSA task force in 2008.

Interdivisional Committee Size: 10 virtual members, including 1 RUSA co-chair, 1 YALSA co-chair, 4 RUSA members and 4 YALSA members. Term: 2 years commencing July 1.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? RUSA has approved the Homework Help Guidelines document pending some final changes. I am working to connect with our new Co-Chair from the RUSA side to complete that project for publishing. YALSA has declined publishing the document, which does not come as a major surprise since the RUSA requirement for what a "Guidelines" document looks like is VERY different from the tone of YALSA publications.

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

apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I hope that once we reconnect with the new roster, with new designated members, we can begin work on updating the Guidelines for Library Services to Teens developed by a joint RUSA/YALSA task force in 2008. We don't have an official PDF version of our Roster, which currently has one opening What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Homework Help Guidelines Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We are having a really hard time reconnecting! My new co-chair and I are both pretty under-water at work (and life!) and have both missed some scheduled calls. I have also not had luck getting a new member to join our team. Can we pull one from a volunteer list?

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Research Committee

Chair's Name: Kafi Kumasi

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Board Liaison: Crystle Martin

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 members have composed 3 blog posts for the YALSA blog, highlighting recent research related to young adults, literacy, learning, and libraries. The 3rd posts attempts to incorporate in the Futures Report. We have also begin to populate a revised and updated annotated bibliography from the 2012 version What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships

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

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other: Annotated bibliography

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our members will continue to compose blog posts for the YALSA blog, highlighting recent research related to young adults, literacy, learning, and libraries. We will also continue to revise and update the annotated bibliography from the 2012 version.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to continue scheduling monthly blog posts around recent research on YA issues and connecting to the Futures Report.

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 recently (last week) received an email from our liaison, Crystle Martin indicating that we need to shift our focus. In particular, she writes: have a change in priority for the Research Committee. This was supposed to have been passed to the Research Committee before the committee member change over, but it was missed during the change over. At annual the Board sent the Revised Research Agenda back to the Research Committee. This happened after the tasklist was created. Below are notes from board and a link to the draft: http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/ResearchAgenda_DRAFT_AN15.pdf

I would suggest starting with the bullets on page 4 since that was the part board had most support for. The committee is at complete liberty to ditch large parts and making major changes. There are no limitations on the committee.

- General feeling that the changes didn't go far enough in order to completely align the agenda with the Futures Report
- Suggestion about the bullet points on p. 4 of the draft: they could perhaps be the framework for the entire revised agenda
- Consensus that some of the priority areas may need to eliminated or at least more extensively changed in order to fully align them with the Futures Report, particularly the information seeking behavior one and the reading one
- The committee should consider scrapping entire parts of the agenda, if they do not fit with the Futures Report
- The board is looking for a new agenda that is forward looking and fully integrated with the Futures Report. Small tweaks to the old agenda isn't enough.

Let me know if you have any questions. This should be prioritized over existing tasks. Thank you for being flexible to accommodate this change.

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Additional Concerns or Comments: I will convene a meeting to help get the committee up to speed on how to handle the new shift in our focus.

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

Yes

Group: Research Journal Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Don Latham

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Board Liaison: Crystle Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

YALSA's Research Journal Advisory Board oversees the peer reviewing process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines that were approved by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Editor of the journal by assisting with the solicitation of contributors and articles as well as generating ideas for topical articles or themes, when requested from the Member Editor.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have reviewed articles for the upcoming JRLYA special issue on the theme of library services for LGBTQ young adults.

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

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Programming

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

other: Advancing research (and awareness of research) in young adult library services, with a particular emphasis on services for LGBTQ young adults.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to review article submissions as requested by the editor of JRLYA.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? None.

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

Additional Concerns or Comments: None.

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

Yes

Group: Summer Learning Taskforce

Chair's Name: Barbara Bahm

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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Our charge is to leverage state and local networks to promote the applications for summer reading/learning grants. To vet the applicants for the summer reading mini grants and by Feb . 1, 2016, choose the 20 applications that best convey a plan to enhance their YA collection to support literacy-related projects 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.15. To compile and/or create resources focused specifically on assisting library workers implement summer reading and learning programs and activities, and add them to the Summer Reading & Learning Ning as they are developed. To seed discussions and share resources on the Summer Reading and Learning Ning.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have evaluated the ning for Summer Learning to determine what needs updated, what needs to added and what needs to be removed.

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

- Programming
- Outreach/Partnerships

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

apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be focusing our next few months on promoting the grants and judging them in January. We will have an online meeting in January to discuss judging criteria for the grants and our future deadlines and plans.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will promote the two summer learning grants using the eNewsletter and the ning.

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 member has changed job and has not sent me new information. We plan to just work as a committee of 6 instead of 7.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Website Advisory Committee

Chair's Name: Gina Seymour

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Board Liaison: Kate McNair

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To regularly assist the YALSA Web Services Manager with the oversight and maintenance of YALSA's online presence, including but not limited to its wiki and social media channels. To liaise with YALSA member groups, member editors and member blog managers regarding the use of YALSA's website and social media tools in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Web Advisory Committee; and to recommend, develop and update policies for YALSA's web presence to the YALSA Board.

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

We worked on organizing information about existing YALSA e-resources into a calendar for use in marketing YALSA resources. Each committee member was assigned a month to analyze and organize.

Though not part of our task list, we discussed ways in which we could encourage members to contribute to the wiki page. With a potential session at Mid-Winter.

I participated in a virtual conference with ALA's Website Advisory Committee. We were informed of the current state of affairs and I have shared this information with my committee.

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

- Programming
- Outreach/Partnerships

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

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Using our task list, we will continue to work on the calendar project and using this data to send out timely message to members via YALSA communication channels promoting web resources. We will monitor the wiki page for spam and potential updates.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The group will continue promoting YALSA web resources, especially select Wiki pages, through E-News and social media in coordination with Anna Lam.

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 have not been any participation concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes