

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
via Conference Call
June 4, 2013**

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

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

Action Required: Discussion

Missing Reports (as of 5/28/13)

- BWI Grant Jury, Sarah Townsend
- Conference Travel Scholarships Jury, Anna Pederson
- Mentoring Taskforce, Jennifer Fairchild
- Programming Guidelines Taskforce, Chris Shoemaker

Group: YA Lit Bloggers' Summit Planning Taskforce

Chair's Name: Angela Frederick

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Board Liaison:

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Plan the content for and help implement a half-day YA Lit Bloggers' Summit for the 2013 ALA Annual Conference to take place on the afternoon of Friday, June 28. Task Force members are required to attend the event.

Responsibilities include: 1) Establishing an interactive curriculum for the day that includes a mix of lecture, discussion, and group activities; 2) Securing a minimum of three dynamic and experienced facilitators, speakers, and/or presenters; 3) Recruiting and coordinating the participation of other YALSA member groups, as appropriate, and 4) Working with YALSA's Program Coordinator for Conferences & Events on all logistics, marketing, and any fiscal matters.

Term: March 11, 2013, through June 30, 2013. Taskforce size: 4-6 members, including the chair. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have created a schedule and plan for the summit. We have secured speakers and facilitators for the summit. We have created questions and designed group discussion time for the summit. We have been in contact with the YALSA office about logistics.

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

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to firm up the schedule and plan and keep in contact with speakers and facilitators.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We have tweeted about the event several times and YALSA has retweeted that.

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?

No

LINDA BRAUN

Group: Best Fiction for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Sarah Townsend

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the year's publications significant fiction books (excluding graphic novels) published for young adults; to annotate the selected titles. Committee size: 15, plus an administrative assistant, if requested by the chair, and a consultant from the staff of Booklist. Term: 1 year, beginning Feb. 1st and ending January 31st of the following year. There is a possibility for reappointment for one additional year provided that the member's committee participation has been satisfactory and that he/she has submitted a volunteer form.

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

Monthly nominations: The main work of the committee has been reading and nominating on a regular basis. By May 1st, we had 55 nominations.

Clarifying practices vs. policy – The committee is mostly comprised of new members, so some time was spent initially clarifying what was previous BFYA practice but was not necessarily policy. Eg. the eligibility of titles that were nominated the previous year after September 1st but did not make the final list.

Setting up ALA Connect Discussions: The committee has been using ALA Connect as a way of discussing nominated titles but also for tracking books that have been read but not nominated so that we aren't duplicating efforts.

Established subject/genre reading focus for each member: As a way of making sure that we are reading broadly, each committee member selected an often overlooked subject area and a general genre to track. While committee members can and should read across genres, by giving each person an area to track, we make sure we aren't missing important titles from small presses for example just because they aren't being marketed heavily.

Marketing: So far the only marketing has been to tweet authors after they were nominated.

Established marketing group: Several members of the committee have formed a marketing group to spearhead future efforts to market the list and solicit field nominations.

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

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

Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

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

Online meeting in June: The committee will be meeting online June 14th to discuss two titles.

Those titles will be discussed again at Annual, but the online meeting will serve as a practice run for many of our new members.

Online straw poll in June

Annual Meeting (Teen Session and Book Discussions): BFYA will meet as usual at Annual to discuss all nominated titles and host the Teen Feedback Session.

Marketing: The Marketing Subcommittee will be establishing a BFYA marketing plan and begin implementing measures to market the list to librarians as a collection development tool as well as solicit additional field nominations.

Nominations: The committee will resume reading new titles and nominating accordingly following Annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The group will be marketing our meetings at Annual, especially considering the new day/time for the teen session. We'd also like to market the list and current nominations as a collection development tool perhaps by publishing readalikes (if you like x try y).

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Committee participation has overall been high, however some certainly nominate more than others. Reaching out to each individual over the past few months to discuss where they are with their reading and how they are feeling about nominating has helped most avoid putting off the work until the last minute.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Blog Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Wendy Stephens

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

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

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

We have looked at alternatives to the current template and hope to switch before Annual. Have modified the blog page slightly, adding the "Subscribe Here" graphic, moving the Archives link to the rightmost column as it did not align properly under Categories in the second column, and removed the Authors Widget which resulted in an unwieldy list spanning the entire column. Have found a plug-in that allows you to add widgets to blog pages, so we could shift the Authors list to another page at some point.

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

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

action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To shift the blog to another template which is more mobile friendly and less cluttered, shift the Authors widget to a standalone page. What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None in particular.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everyone replied to request for template preferences, so I feel like everyone is pretty engaged on that point.

Additional Concerns or Comments: No one seemed concerned about the Authors widget removals, which surprised me. It is an on-going challenge to motivate bloggers, but I have really been blown away by some of the fantastic content, from a real range of librarians.

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

Yes

Group: Continuing Education Board

Chair's Name: Megan Fink

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To provide feedback to YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education on:

1) appropriate and timely topics for continuing education offerings and 2) identifying qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions. To assist the Program Officer for CE as

requested with promoting CE opportunities and recognizing the contribution of facilitators, presenters, etc.

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

Committee brainstormed ideas for webinar library, CE contacts, looking for speaker upcoming webinars, and assigned publications to research for possible CE topics/contacts.

Names for YALSA webinars: Y.O.U. (YALSA ONLINE University), YALSA U - On Demand, YALSA Professional Development on Demand, YALSA e-guidance, Revitalize and Refresh: YALSA e-learning , YALSA Online Education

Committee discussed reaching out to professors at Library schools to host webinar viewing parties or come up with some special price for giving a class access to a webinar.

Committee worked on ideas for the July/August Webinar. Mike had a contact.

His name is Andrew Bollerman. He has been a teen services Librarian for several years at Sachem Public Library where I work with him. He does a Battle of the Bands that is generally well attended, an anime night that has seen up to 60+ attendees & an open mic night that is regularly attended by high school students. He has also done various other programs that have had broad interest. He would need to get permission from his bosses first, but he seems interested.

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

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

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are working on ongoing goals related to the above topics.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will go through Nicole.

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: Organization & Bylaws

Chair's Name: Linda W. Braun

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Board Liaison: N/A

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

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

The Committee has worked on the following:

* Evaluation of six of YALSA's committees. A report on these evaluations will be submitted to the Board for Annual Conference.

* Evaluation of the YALSA Handbook. Committee members have gone over the association's handbook and has suggestions for revisions and changes. These will be submitted to the YALSA Office by early June.

* YALSAblog posts. In a virtual meeting the group decided that it would be useful to let YALSA members and potential members know about the Handbook and the work of the Committee.

Members plan on posting about those on the blog on an infrequent basis over the next few weeks. Committee member Diane Colson got the project started with a post on YASD.

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

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

Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

- apply.:
- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The group will continue the blog posts as noted above and continue to work with YALSA staff if there are questions about the suggested updates to the Handbook. The Chair will also work with the incoming chair to go over the work of the Committee during the past year, upcoming committee evaluations, and projects that will need to be started in the summer.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Blog posts as mentioned above.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None.

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

Yes

Group: STEM Resources Task Force

Chair's Name: Erica Compton

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The taskforce will create a variety of resources to help members implement STEM-focused programs and services through their libraries, including a "STEM in libraries" toolkit to be released in conjunction with 2013's (revised) Teen Tech Week; implementing a STEM programming contest for members to highlight best practices; establish and maintain a STEM page on YALSAs public wiki and encouraging members to contribute to the content there, including a list of recommended reads relating to STEM; as requested by the YALSA blog Manager, identify bloggers to regularly create STEM related posts; as requested by the YALS editor, identify authors to write STEM related articles.

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

During the past 3 months our main focus has been on finalizing the contest and determining a timeline for release publicly.

STEM Toolkit went public!

Continue to add content to wiki, promote the wiki and the toolkit through individual state channels. Members have added some content to the YALSA Facebook page.

Group met on March 18th and outlined a blogging schedule and a schedule to post to Facebook. As of 5/15/2013 the STEM Resources Wiki page has been accessed 6,124 times and had additional content added in April 2013.

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

- Research and Best Practices
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach

other:

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

We will continue to promote the wiki, the toolkit and the FB page. The group will finalize the date for the release of the contest and seek approval from YALSA.

Continue to submit blogs or articles as possible.

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

Tiffany submitted an article to YALS and it is expected to run in the summer issue.

We hope to have preliminary information on the contest that may be released during the next 3 months.

continue to promote the wiki and toolkit for widespread use.

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 don't have any particular concerns at this time. The group is winding down a bit given that our major tasks have been accomplished but they continue to be responsive.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

PRISCILLE DANDO

Group: MAE Award Jury

Chair's Name: Mary Haas

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Board Liaison: Priscille Dando

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? Since the MAE award winner has already been selected, this jury's work is done for the year.

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

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

Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: No work was done this quarter.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our jury is done for the year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? There won't be any news.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: School/Public Library Cooperation

Chair's Name: Julie Bartel

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Board Liaison: Priscille Dando 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. For 2012-2013, our task list was to compile existing, and as needed create new, resources for school and public librarians and library workers that highlight best practices, research, tips and ideas about combating the summer slide across the pre-K to 12 spectrum and to post them to a page on the ALA Professional Tips wiki and promote the resources to members. The committee should also work with ALA, AASL, ALSC and YALSA blogs and print publication managers to author at least two articles and/or blog posts around the subject of Summer Slide and how school and public libraries can cooperate to help prevent it. These resources should be linked to and/or posted across all three Division websites and social media outlets.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee drafted a "request for submissions" message, distributed it through ALA listservs, division e-news blasts, related email groups, and other avenues, and collected programs and ideas submitted for inclusion in our bibliography and publications. The committee also continued gathering resources for our Summer Slide bibliography, and brainstorming additional ways to reach a wider audience. The committee submitted a proposal to present a Conversation Starter session at ALA Annual 2013 and our proposal was accepted; six members of the committee will be leading a facilitated discussion titled "Going Up the Down Slide: School and Public Libraries Partner to Reduce Summer Slide." The committee was also asked to step in and fill a YALSA programming slot, and four members were able to commit. Those members, on behalf of the committee, will be presenting "Going Up the Down Slide: School and Public Libraries Partner to Reduce Summer Slide" at Annual 2013. Committee members not attending Annual have contributed handouts and expertise to presenters, and continue to work towards their other tasks, including publication.

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

- Advocacy and Activism

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

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee will prepare for our presentations at Annual, will continue to build our bibliography through research and through submissions, and will finalize publication projects.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? NA Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: One member has been out of communication since January; the relevant division has been notified. One member had a personal crisis that has kept them from participating to some extent, but they have kept in touch throughout.

Additional Concerns or Comments: This committee has worked very hard, has taken on new challenges, and has completed many of the assigned tasks.

However, as I've mentioned before, members are quite concerned—and spend a lot of time discussing—the purpose and structure of the committee itself, rather than working towards the specific charge for this year. Members do not feel that the structure of the committee supports the tasks assigned, and they are discouraged by the lack of coordination between divisions. For example, it is possible to research, write, and publish a blog article within the yearly theme time frame, but it is almost impossible to research, write, and publish a journal article within that time. In addition, the committee feels that the format selected for the main task (a bibliography of resources added to the ALA Wiki) means that, in the words of one member (and not to put too fine a point on it) the committee is “simply doing work for the sake of work, none of which will reach its intended audience nor prove helpful to division members or others who could benefit from it.” As the chair, I work hard to keep the group focused and motivated, and I feel like I've been fairly successful at keeping us on track, but it's difficult to argue with some of their conclusions. The committee continues to be productive and to work towards completing our assigned tasks, but members have become much more focused on putting their efforts towards tasks that they feel will have an appreciable impact (ie presenting at Annual rather than building a static

bibliography.) This committee has tremendous potential but is compromised by having no real "home" and no continuous support structure.

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

Yes

Group: Teen Tech Week

Chair's Name: Clair Segal

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Board Liaison: Priscille Dando

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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We successfully promoted and supported TTW 2013 through Tweetups, blog posts, and Ning updates.

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

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

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

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We've been asked to get started on a booklet for ALA Graphics with 20 programming ideas that support the 2014 TTW theme: DIY @ Your Library.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We'll hopefully have some great ideas for Graphics to take a look at when the next chair enters and takes over the committee.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: Thank you so much for the chance to chair this committee, work with these people, and participate in YALSA. It was a wonderful experience that I'd gladly repeat!

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

Yes

VICKI EMERY

Group: Division and Membership Promotion Committee Chair's

Name: Krista McKenzie

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Board Liaison: Vicki Emory 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? I have only been chair since the end of February, but since then we have analyzed the results of member,

non-member, lapsed surveys, made recommendations of ways to deal with needs and concerns identified in the surveys, and submitted a report to the Board with recommendations. The committee is also working on a document to clarify, prioritize, and be more specific in the recommendations that has made and is waiting for further feedback from the Board in terms of the list and needs. In addition, one committee member, has been working on article summarizing this information for YALS. In addition, members sent individual anniversary cards to those celebrating YALSA Anniversaries Lastly, the group is identifying possible formats and information for YALSA 101 to be held at Annual.

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

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

Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Other (Please explain below)

other: We completed a report for the Board. Member Amanda Kordalski is working on an article for YALS. There has been a lapse in getting it in due to schedules, but we are working to get this turned in as soon as possible.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We plan to assist the Board in any way we can with any promotion efforts in the process of being established or conducted. In addition, we plan to finalize the information and resources for the YALSA 101 program and membership booth at Annual. Once plans are finalized, information will be shared on the YALSA Blog and Conference Wiki, as well as through listservs and emails. This program will be conducted and the booth staffed with committee members also attending other YALSA and ALA events to promote YALSA and membership. We will continue to send anniversary cards and brainstorm new methods of outreach.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will share information about Conference resources and programs meant to bring in new members via listservs, the YALSA Blog, and the YALSA Newsletter. I'd like to do a feature on the Blog and perhaps other YALSA news outlets on what it means to be a YALSA member and to delve into some of those resources that people did not know so much about according to the survey responses.

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 given that we really started work at the beginning of March (given chair re-appointment and committee member resignations), that we were able to regroup and get back into the work of the committee. Once this happened, work was accomplished quickly and efficiently, and I think this will continue for the next three months.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

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Group: 2014 Nonfiction Award

Chair's Name: Jamison Hedin **Board Liaison:** Vicki Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To annually select the best non-fiction title published for young adults between November 1 of the preceding year and October 31 of the current year, available in English in the United States and, if desired, to also select honor titles.

The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning, honor and nominated titles announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting in January. The winners and honor books and authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA conference, and the Committee will have the opportunity for input into the planning and implementation of the event. Committee size: 9, four to be elected, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested. Term: 2/1/13 through 1/31/14.

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

*Opened nominations – 11 nominated titles as of 5/15/2013 *Discussion of some potential nominations and nominated titles via ALA Connect and email listserv *Ongoing communication with publishers to request titles based on chair's research and committee member requests *Initial communication with The Hub manager about blog postings to promote the award in the coming months *Requested that committee members invite field nominations via their state or regional professional listservs

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

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

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

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

*Meet at Annual to discuss nominated titles (Saturday, 6/29, 1:00 – 5:30, Sunday, 6/30, 1:00 – 5:30 *Continue to read, evaluate, and nominate potential titles *Conduct preliminary online discussion about potential nominations within the context of the award criteria

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? *Follow up with The Hub manager to schedule blog posts about YA nonfiction and the award (I'm behind on this – must get on the ball!) 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: Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Lisa Goldstein

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

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

The committee is working on three themed lists: Conflicted: Life During Wartime, GLBTQ: Books with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer-questioning, Intersexed, Asexual individuals, and Their Allies, and Humor Me: Funny, Fantastic and Witty Reads. The entire committee is working together on the Humor Me list. This is to provide an opportunity to work with and become acquainted with every member of the committee, especially important because we are completely virtual this year. Because this is the first year the committee is working completely virtually, we agreed that it may be best to streamline our work into three lists instead of the usual four.

The three subcommittee chairs worked with subcommittees to create taglines and titles for the lists.

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

To date we have 81 nominations. Many members are planning to nominate a number of additional titles in this last week before nominations close.

Committee members have been using discussion threads on ALA Connect to discuss titles virtually. The listserv has been used primarily to disseminate deadlines, criteria and other committee information.

The committee had the first of what will be regular, hour-long chats on ALA Connect in April. We discussed the committee's progress so far, committee logistics, and tested out Connect's chat technology. The chat function did not work for any of the committee members when we logged in, and it worked for about half of us once I created a new chat. I contacted Jenny Levine about these problems, and on June 6, Jenny Levine will sit in on an ALA Connect chat to note any technical problems that come up, and resolve them before our next scheduled chat in August. Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

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

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

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? On May 20, committee members will stop nominating titles and focus on reading and evaluating titles, gathering circulation statistics, and talking with teens to determine the popularity of nominated titles. I will send out a straw poll in June, and on June 23, we will meet via conference call to discuss titles with mixed straw

poll results. Nominations will open again on July 1. Each subcommittee will meet via an ALA Connect chat beginning in August.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? PPYA will publish a last call for field nominations through YALSA's listservs and YALSA E-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.:

Brenda Kilmer and Sarah Wethern withdrew from their appointments before they began; they were replaced by Jennifer Kendall and Kelly Chaney respectively.

Maria Kramer withdrew shortly into her appointment; she was replaced by Jeanette Johnson. Fortunately, none of the new members joined at a point when it would have been difficult to catch up with reading and nominating.

I notified Nichole Gilbert and Letitia Smith of member withdrawals and they found replacements.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

SARAH FLOWERS

Group: 365 Days of YA

Chair's Name: Beth Saxton

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Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To create a teen services resource aimed at librarian generalists and paraprofessionals by crowd sourcing 365 tried & true, easy to implement ideas for delivering services, programs and activities for and with teens that conform to YALSA's guidelines and that promote or incorporate YALSA resources, as appropriate. Then vet them, compile them, and work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to create an online calendar which features them and to promote them widely.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have compiled a calendar of 365 ideas and are in the final process of editing them to better serve their audience and YALSA's guidelines.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to work with Beth and Jackie until the list is suitable for publication.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? There will be announcements when the project goes live.

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: Volunteer of the Year Award Committee

Chair's Name: Krista Taracuk

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Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

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

- Chair: leadership of an advisory board, jury, committee or task force
- Appointed Member: contributions within an advisory board, jury, committee or task force
- Group: work conducted as a whole by an advisory board, jury, committee or task force

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Ideas for revisions for the 2014 application process.

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

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

apply.: Collaboration

other:

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

We would like to propose a revision to the application form to require more information about specific accomplishments of the nominee. This past year information would not have been definitive enough for the committee to make a distinction between multiple applications. We also continue to monitor potential communication options for the 2014 year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? NA 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.: The group worked well together as all members completed assignments in a timely fashion and provided input for future awards.

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: Laura Pearle

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Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Added additional content to the YALS website in support of the Winter and Spring issues. Started outreach in support of the Summer issue.

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

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

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to work on the Spring and Summer issues; possibly meet at ALA Annual (for several members, this will be their first ALA!); transition from Laura Pearle to Angela Leeder as Chairs for the EAB.

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

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We've had problems getting Kate Covintree to participate; she's rotating off the EAB in June, so there's nothing really needed to be done.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Adding YALS posts automatically to the YALSA Facebook page and getting cross-support from YALSA Blog and The Hub would be nice - we realize it's a chicken/egg situation, but more support from other areas of YALSA in driving viewers to the YALS site would be very helpful!

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

Yes

SANDRA HUGHES-HASSELL

Group: Frances Henne

Chair's Name: Janet Hilbun

E-Mail: janet.hilbun@unt.edu

Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Judge applications for the YALSA Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Winner was chosen--Rachel Magee. Press release written and sent to Nicole Gilbert.

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

- Research and Best Practices

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

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our job is finished until the next committee takes over. At that time, I will share information given to me on people to contact, procedures, etc.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: While several people were exceedingly busy, everyone came through with their evaluations and their sending out of information. It was a great committee to work with this year.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Sorry to be late with this. I hadn't realized I had one more report to write.

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

Yes

Group: Midwinter Paper Presentation Planning Committee

Chair's Name: Ma'lis Wendt

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Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes Hassell

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Plan and implement an annual research-focused paper presentation to be given at the Midwinter Meeting on a topic of general interest to those who work with young adults in libraries, including: working with YALSA's Web Services Manager to promote the call for papers, vetting the applicants and working with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events to plan the presentation at Midwinter.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We put together the press release calling for program presentation proposals and it has been released. Proposals are due to YALSA on June 1st.

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

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

apply.:

- Program
- Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? When the committee receives the submitted proposals we will review and rank them and choose a winning proposal for next Midwinter's presentation.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The winning presentation will be featured in the Research Journal.

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: Research Committee

Chair's Name: Don Latham

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Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our primary achievement the past three months was to complete the updated YALSA Bibliography, 2010-2012. The bibliography, based on YALSA's National Research Agenda, is now posted on the YALSA website.

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

- Research and Best Practices

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

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? A new chair will take over the committee after Annual, and at that time the task list for the year will be provided. One goal will be to consider how to further promote the Research Agenda. Another, related goal, will be to develop program proposals to submit for upcoming ALA meetings.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We are in the process of sharing information about the updated bibliography. We've provided a blurb to YALSA E-news and the research journal.

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 committee members have put a lot of effort and enthusiasm into compiling the updated bibliography. I am pleased with what we've accomplished this past year.

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

Yes

Group: Research Journal Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Frances Jacobson Harris

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Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: See below, forgot something.

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

I forgot this piece in my full report, just submitted:

We've had two other submissions. One was rejected by reviewers; the other was not appropriate for the journal.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the

above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

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

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

RENEE McGRATH

Group: Alex Awards

Chair's Name: Danielle Dreger-Babbitt

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Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

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

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

Since we began discussing via listserv in late February, all committee members have been active in requesting, reading, and reviewing titles. I have also been working with Rachel McDonald, the 2013 chair to plan the Alex Program at Annual. We have three authors confirmed: Juliana Baggot, Derf Backderf, and Robin Sloan.

- § Total Books Requested: 199
- § Total Books Reviewed: 42(including unsolicited titles)
- § Total Eligible Nominations: 13 (field nominations need a second)
- § Eligible Field Nominations: 2
- § Committee Nominations: 11

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

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

apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other: Summer Hayes, a committee member, contacted Gretchen Kolderup, manager of YALSA's teen literature blog, The Hub, about submitting an article soliciting field nominations for the Alex Awards. I will also submit an article for the YALSA E-news What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to request, review, and nominate titles for the 2013 Alex Awards. We will meet at ALA Annual in Chicago to further discuss our charge and nominated titles.

We will also present a program on the 2013 award list with three authors present.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Possibly an article about the field suggestions on The Hub and YALSA E-news or an article about the Alex program at Annual 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.: At present, every committee member has been communicating via email and I expect everyone to be in attendance at Annual.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Because there were so many new members this year, I had all members (new and returning) read and review three previous Alex winners in February as they got settled and began requesting titles. I had discussed this with Renee and Rachel at our meeting at Midwinter. From the member feedback I've received, reading past winners gave new members a better idea of what an Alex Award title looks like. Based on the quality of the 11 current nominations, I think this helped.

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

Yes

Group: Books for Teens Jury

Chair's Name: Amanda L. S. Murphy

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Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Work with YALSA's Web Services Manager and Web Advisory Committee to help promote the Books for Teens project and inform members of the opportunity to receive funds. Get applications for the Books for Teens project with the goal of selecting the winners, as funds become available.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As of May 14 we have four applications. We have continued to post to local, regional, state and national listservs and to send tweets, which have been retweeted by several others. Additionally, we have posted on Facebook, even directly contacting colleagues in other systems, who have in turn passed the information on to others.

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

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

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to promote Books for Teens using a variety of resources. Evaluate and vote on the four applications we have received thus far and on any other applications we may receive during the remainder of our term.

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

- and gaining some applications - we will continue to share information about Books for Teens through the appropriate publications.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: n/a Additional Concerns

or Comments: n/a Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Publications Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Sarah Flowers

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Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the development of a publications program in the areas of young adult services and materials; 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? We have updated (thank you, Jane Gov) the publications list on the ALA Connect site. Other committee members are going through the new Research Bibliography to identify topics and authors that might be appropriate for YALSA publications.

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

- Research and Best Practices

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development

- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

apply.:

- Publication

- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Finish with the Research Bibliography task and meet via either chat or conference call to discuss recommendations for future YALSA publications and authors.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Unknown. Possibly something after our conference call.

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: Strategic Planning

Chair's Name: Renee McGrath

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Board Liaison: n/a

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To make recommendations to the YALSA Board for the division strategic plan; to monitor and evaluate the existing strategic plan, and to make recommendations to the Board for updating the plan.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We did not do any work, therefore there were no outcomes Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: none

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? At this point, I do not have a workplan for the next three months. I do have an idea for the committee about how to start evaluating the plan and have discussed it with Jack Martin and Beth Yoke as well as my committee.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5:

Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

CANDICE MACK

Group: 2013 Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Committee

Chair's Name: Amber Creger

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

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

overseeing teen participation for the ALA Annual Conference. Committee members aren't expected to attend Midwinter, but are expected to attend Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Committee members have been posting articles to the YALSA blog, updating YALSA's wiki, coordinating teens for the BFYA session, and scheduling conference program duties. We have also arranged for a private tour of YouMedia for 25 YALSA members.

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

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

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

We will be meeting in person on May 22nd to finalize plans for ALA annual.

- Continue to write blog posts about Chicago. (May thru June)
- Finalize wiki content for annual conference. (May thru June)
- Assist at programs during annual. (June 28-July 1st)
- Meet with incoming chair and pass on time tables and committee work schedules.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? There is nothing at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Nothing at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: 2014 Morris Award

Chair's Name: Dorcas Wong

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Field nominations opened on 2/1/13. Since then, the committee has primarily been working on building the eligible list, reading and reviewing.

I have also been working on updating the publisher contact list, as some of the contacts have changed since last year. On Google Drive, we are using the templates the previous chair provided and are also using it to conduct surveys and match schedules. We use ALA Connect chat for our monthly virtual meetings on 2/17, 3/24, and 4/21. We also use ALA Connect to

organize our book discussions. The rest of the time, I send out weekly Saturday updates on our group progress, issues that have come up and any pertinent news.

Regarding publicity, I have sent out a tweet on YA Lit day, sent out a post on YALSA E-news and contacted all the publishers on the list I was given about open submissions.

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

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

action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

Our next scheduled meetings are set for 5/19/13 and 6/9/13 (set a bit earlier in the month so that we may do a straw poll before Annual.

After the annual meeting on 6/29/13, I will discuss with the committee doing bi weekly meetings so that we can discuss more potential contender titles together.

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

I have spread out the announcements for the Morris open field nomination reminders.

I may also try to write an article for either the hub or YALS Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

The committee members have been very good about letting me know when they won't be able to make it to the meetings.

And even then, they find a way to make it for part of the meeting. I have had to prod certain individuals about posting comments to the discussion threads, but people have been pretty responsive.

We have had some issues with connectivity during the meeting in the beginning and with Google doc forms, but we are working on it.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Researching for eligibility has taken up the bulk of my time, as new issues or situations arise (ex. ghostwriting, contributors who do not share

copyright) and I'm wondering if we should organize a little booklet for the incoming chairs regarding past decision making. The previous chair had already given me a long list, and, with the additions I have come across this year, it will continue to grow longer.

I am working on a board action with the past Morris chair, Joy Kim, and my board liaison about adjusting the Shortlist deadline, and shifting the Morris award announcement to Annual.

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

Yes

Group: YALSA 2013 Summer Reading Taskforce

Chair's Name: Betsy Fraser

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Compile and/or create resources focused specifically on assisting librarians and library workers plan, implement and evaluate summer reading programs and activities that are designed for underserved teen populations, including but not limited to teens who do not speak English as a first language, and to disseminate them via places such as: YALS, the YALSAblog and YALSA's wiki as they are developed.

To assist YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education in the planning and development of a summer reading YALSA Forum in ALA Connect and one or more summer reading Tweet-ups on Twitter. If grant funds are received, to vet the applicants for the summer reading mini grants and choose 20 winners by Feb. 11th, 2013, according to eligibility requirements and responses to questions on the application form.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Working with Jaclyn Finneke and Anna Lam, we added a list of resources produced by the Taskforce to both YALSA's wiki and the Summer Reading online site.

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

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

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

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to look at ways to promote the Beneath the Surface program on the Summer Reading site, work with Jacklyn on the tweet-up, and encourage members to participate in the online site.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Fleshing out information about programs, the importance of summer reading, and reading for underserved populations may well be worthy of its own blog post on the Hub this summer.

This could also draw attention to the Taskforce.

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: Teen Tech Week Evaluation Taskforce

Chair's Name: Denise E. Agosto

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Analyze existing survey and other data as well as work with staff, the Board, current and past Teen Tech Week Committees, and other YALSA groups as appropriate in order to evaluate the overall impact of Teen Tech Week in order to determine 1) whether or not it succeeds in fulfilling its stated goals, 2) the degree to

which it meets member needs, 3) to what extent the program benefits the organization, and 4) what opportunities, if any, exist to improve the program.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We revised the TTW evaluation survey and gave it to YALSA staff for distribution.

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

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

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Program evaluation

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? After we receive the completed TTW evaluation surveys, we will analyze them and prepare a summary report for distribution within YALSA. We will also probably write a professional article summarizing the results and providing suggestions for TTW best practices for publication in YALS or elsewhere.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? It depends on how quickly we get the completed TTW surveys whether or not the reporting described above will be done within the next three months.

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: Writing Award Jury

Chair's Name: Gail Zachariah

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

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 Web Services Manager to issue a press release announcing the winners by Feb.

1st.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our major work has been accomplished. The only task completed during this quarter was to right thank you notes to committee members.

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

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

action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The only task still left undone is to contact and share information with the new chairperson.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I have no new information to share.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I had no concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I really enjoyed by tenure on this committee. I was impressed with the quality of the publications and I hope that the reward continues.

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

Yes

JACK MARTIN

Group: Executive Committee

Chair's Name: Jack Martin

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To act for the Board of Directors between Board meetings on items that require interim action; to review agendas for the Board meetings and to make recommendations to the Board regarding items reviewed and under consideration by the Board; to review YALSA activities and programs and recommend division priorities in relation to activities; to provide support and training for the Board of Directors and Chairs.

YALSA's Executive Committee may not: amend bylaws; elect or remove board members; hire or fire the executive director; approve or change the budget; make major structural decisions.

Committee size:

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Executive Committee met for their spring meeting via conference call on April 17. We discussed honing YALSA's advocacy strategy, YALSA's new marketing plan, the President-Elects plans for next year and more. We also received updates from both Nominating Committee chairs. Next, the committee will review the applicants for the editor of JRLYA and plan meetings at Annual.

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

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

action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To plan our meetings for Annual Conference in June What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Several blog posts about committee updates! Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: n/a Additional Concerns or Comments: n/a Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes

Group: President's Program Planning Task Force

Chair's Name: Carrie Kausch

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

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

Committee size: 5-7, including the chair. Term: 1 year, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Winners were notified by YALSA staff of their selection. I'm currently in communication with Nichole about the program at Annual.

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

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

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

- Program
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Do whatever is necessary to make the program at Annual a success!

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I plan to write a blog post to publicize the program and encourage people to attend.

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: There hasn't really been anything for us to do in the past few months, so this is a short report.

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

Yes

SHANNON PETERSON

Group: 2014 Award Nominating

Chair's Name: Pam Spencer Holley

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Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Function: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the 2014 election of YALSA Edwards, Nonfiction and Printz Award Committee Members. When building the slate, strive to seek out the most qualified individuals as well as provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to working with the YALSA blog Member Manager to interview candidates. Committee size: 5 virtual members, including one member from a preceding term. Term: 16 months, commencing January 1, 2013, and ending after election results are announced in May of 2014.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Information about applying to be a candidate was disseminated via YALSA E-news, the Hub, and the YALSA blog. It was also put on Facebook [by Beth]. At present the committee has received 35 applications with the vast majority [23] interested in Printz. When the committee determines all the qualified applicants, we may inquire if some would be interested in a different committee. As far as diversity goes, some of the names hint at a different ethnicity, but one can't tell from an application. The committee will be able to discern geographical location, for most, from the work location. There are very few men who have submitted applications.

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

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

1. Next is setting up a conference call to discuss the candidates received thus far.
2. Then phone calls with identified candidates to further determine their qualifications, plans, and any potential conflicts of interest or chance of applying for another award/Board position.
3. If more names are needed, more requests will go out.
4. All candidates will be identified and sent to Executive Director by August.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? No other information will be shared, other than how to apply, in the next three months.

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

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: So far so good. Havent' had to make many requests of the committee, but those requests will all be coming up next.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: 2014 Governance Nominating

Chair's Name: Sarah Flowers

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Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet, and select candidates for YALSA President, Secretary, Fiscal Officer, and Board Members for the 2014 election.

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

An article appeared in the Spring issue of YALS.

Committee members have been contacting potential candidates. We have received completed nomination forms from several potential Board candidates. The chair has had several phone conversations with potential presidential candidates.

We are in the process of scheduling a conference call for the end of the month to discuss the existing candidates and other possible candidates, and to discuss our strategy for approaching members at Annual. We expect to have a tentative list of candidates by Annual, and to have the final list by shortly after Annual.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
 - Member Recruitment and Engagement
 - Capacity Building and Organizational Development
- Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to talk to potential candidates and encourage them to fill out nomination forms. Have a conference call to discuss candidates. Recruit candidates an Annual. Come up with a tentative list of candidates before Annual, and finalize it shortly afterward.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Posts on YALSA Blog and e-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.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Capacity Building Task Force

Chair's Name: Mary Hastler

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Board Liaison: Shannon Petersen

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with Staff, the Board, Fiscal Officer, Financial Advancement Committee (FAC) and other YALSA groups as appropriate in order to facilitate the implementation of the Capacity Building goal in the Strategic Plan.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Two conference calls have taken place. The first provided clarity and direction for the Capacity

Building Taskforce with the YALSA President, Executive Director, and Team Chair. The following Conference Call included the entire Task Force and focused on identifying tasks and activities to continue the momentum of the Team. The next step is to participate in the June 5th Monthly Chat discussing capacity building. The next goal is to create a list of potential funders/partners/sponsors by Annual.

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

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To participate in the monthly chat scheduled for June 5th discussing capacity building.

Research potential sponsors, partners and funders and create a resource list by Annual. Longer range plan is to create a resource database of potential grant opportunities. Final plan is to develop outreach and activities to foster and support sponsorships and new partnerships.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? There may be an opportunity to submit an article on the top ten tips for seeking sponsorships for YALSA member teen programs, services and events.

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

PAM SPENCER HOLLEY

Group: 2013 Midwinter Marketing and Local Arrangements Taskforce

Chair's Name: Samantha Marker

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Board Liaison: Pam Spencer Holley

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

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

In our first months as a taskforce, our group has been familiarizing ourselves with the work of the previous taskforce to better understand our goals, as well as reviewing information regarding YALSA's marketing tools.

The chair selected Pham Condello of Ocean County Library to act as Youth Participation coordinator.

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

Select as many as apply.: Collaboration

other:

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

The most immediate task for this group will be to begin populating the YALSA wiki with local information: public transportation, restaurants close the convention center, and other travel tips for Philadelphia.

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

The Youth Participation Coordinator will prepare an application for interested librarians/teen participants and begin reaching out to local librarians.

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

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will have a post for the YALSA blog encouraging members to register for Midwinter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: One of our group members needed to resign for personal reasons. This was reported to board liaison Pam Spencer Holley and staff liaison Nichole Gilbert. Jack Martin was able to replace this taskforce member.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Financial Advancement Committee

Chair's Name: Kate McNair

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Board Liaison: Pam Spencer Holly

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including fundraising efforts and donor recognition. Work with the Board to create and implement regular fundraising campaigns based on fiscal priorities identified by the Board. Implement fundraising opportunities approved by the YALSA Board.

Size - 6 virtual members, including at least two members from the previous year.

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

We have been planning and building up to a YALSA birthday celebration that has just kicked off! So far we have planned:

-highlighting FOY membership at Annual (reserved seating, Nick Lake reception, Tamora Pierce) -fundraising opportunities at Annual (raffles at coffee klatch and happy hour)

-birthday highlights (make a cake, fundraising toolkit, donate in increments of 5 and 6 dollars, highlights of YALSA history and accomplishments) Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other: We have posted to the YALSA blog and will be using YALSA blog, emails, listserves, e-news, facebook, twitter and more to get out the word.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? As mentioned above we will be posting almost every day on the blog, facebook, twitter, e-news and emails to tell people about the opportunities to get involved and donate now through Annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Posts to YALSA blog and e-news about the accomplishments of YALSA, and benefits of FOY membership.

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 am having some trouble getting people to respond to emails. I know that this time of year is tough on everyone, school librarians are testing, public librarians are gearing up for summer reading. I have a few people on my list to call next week if I don't hear back soon.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Quick Picks for Young Adult Reluctant Readers

Chair's Name: Derek Ivie

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Board Liaison: Nichole Gilbert

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare an annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have nominated 57 fiction and nonfiction titles to be discussed at our annual meeting in Chicago.

Committee members (and me too!) should also be getting teen feedback on the titles.

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

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

apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will meet at the end of June to discuss the titles. After this meeting we are free to start finding, reading and nominating more titles for our list. We are on break from nominating in order to read and receive feedback on our first set of nominations.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Each month an updated list of nominations is added to the YALSA website. This list is kept in my own records and then passed to my liaison for web publication. I have shared this link on my personal social networks to get the word out on what my committee does and to get feedback from other librarians.

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 have no concerns at this time. Everyone has been more than enthusiastic about sending in nominations. Some people nominated fifteen titles and others have nominated two. I'm happy

with either number. I am grateful to have a committee that emails freely with comments or concerns and readily claims field nominations for seconding. I look forward to meeting everyone next month.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time.

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

Yes

CHRIS SHOEMAKER

Group: Great Books Giveaway Jury

Chair's Name: Megan Garrett

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Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

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? Our group's work was completed in January 2013.

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

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

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our group's work is complete for this year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? YALSA announced the winners via press release on February 26, 2013.

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, every member of the jury participated and communicated with each other effectively.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I appreciate being selected as the chair of this jury and hope to do more great work for YALSA in the future!

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

Yes

Group: The Hub Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Gretchen Kolderup

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Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

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?

- * Continued the 2013 Hub Reading Challenge, which currently has over 300 participants (compared to 126 total at the end of last year's Best of the Best Challenge) and has been covered on multiple non-ALA blogs and websites, including SLJ
- Continued our effort to increase our coverage of diversity in YA lit with posts about biracial characters, "reverse racism," deaf and hard-of-hearing characters, coming out stories, and "boy books" vs "girl books"
- * Completed the successful, well-received Morris/Nonfiction Reading Challenge
- * Increased our coverage of nonfiction with a recurring feature on memoirs, interviews with nonfiction authors, and lists of nonfiction suggestions to pair with popular fiction titles
- * Continued our coverage of selected lists and awards (including our own original analysis of what made the lists and guest posts by committee members that include calls for field suggestions)
- * Highlighted partner and affiliate selected lists such as the Amelia Bloomer list and the Canadian Library Association's YA lit award shortlist
- * Reached our 500,000th pageview over the lifetime of the blog
- * Put out a new call for bloggers; we're now at 40 regular bloggers (and two on hiatus)
- * Welcomed a new Advisory Board member
- * Worked with Wendy Stephens to begin publishing posts that are either cross-posted on both the YALSAblog and The Hub or that cover similar topics from different angles and link to one another
- * With Wendy and Linda Braun, created a Google Hangout video exploring the similarities and differences between the YALSAblog and The Hub
- * Worked with Jackie Finneke to begin running paid ads in the sidebar of the blog
- * Began planning a Hub Reading Challenge Chat to be hosted on Twitter, Facebook, and Goodreads later this month
- * Began doing visioning work with the Advisory Board to plan new projects and directions

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

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

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

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

- * Wrap up the Hub Reading Challenge, evaluate it, and make recommendations for next year's challenge

- * With the Advisory Board, develop a big-picture vision for where The Hub could go and begin working on identifying steps to get closer to that vision
- * Cover YA lit-related events at Annual
- * Represent The Hub at the YA Lit Bloggers' Summit preconference at Annual
- * Continue to work closely with the new YALSAblog manager to find ways to amplify our reach and improve our content by cross-posting, linking, and complementing one another's posts
- * Work with Fabulous Films committee as necessary per YALSA Board's instruction
- * Begin work to make a smooth transition between Gretchen and the next member manager in August

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Possible calls for bloggers via The Hub and the YALSA E-News Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Due to events in my personal life, I did not work as closely with the Advisory Board as I intended these last three months.

However, with the arrival of a new member and the Reading Challenge running well, we've been discussing where the blog could be in the next few months and in years to come, and I'm hopeful that this will inspire all of us to take on new projects and responsibilities.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I believe the Advisory Board and I are to be working with the chair of Fabulous Films and the YALSA Board to discuss how to merge some of the selected list committee's work into the work of The Hub, but as yet, we haven't received any instruction or direction.

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

Yes

Group: 2014 Michael L. Printz Award

Chair's Name: Jennifer Lawson

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Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

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 planning and implementation of the Printz Award Program & Reception.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We've been steadily reading and reviewing books and have so far reported in Connect on approximately 175.

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

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

Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: We've been thoroughly engaged with reading, reading reading!

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Now that the committee has gotten into the swing of things, we'll make an increased effort to seek out fabulous titles that may not have been submitted to the committee. We will also discuss promotion at conference and decide if/what we'd like to do.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? A call for submissions Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We have a couple of people who seem to be reporting on titles less frequently than the median committee member. I've had discussions with them and it appears they are increasing the pace. I'll keep monitoring, but I'm not overly concerned at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Teen Read Week Committee

Chair's Name: RoseMary Honnold

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Board Liaison: Christopher Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to encourage their teens to read for the fun of it.

Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen ReadWeek web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Read Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library, education and literature fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme. Committee

Size: 7 virtual members, including at least two members from the previous year. Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

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

Our committee's big project the last few months was the Teen Read Week Manual for 2013.

We scheduled Tweet Ups for the summer months for Teen Read Week and two members wrote articles for the summer YALS.

We have started work on the TRW wiki and Pinterest board.

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

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

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to build the wiki and Pinterest board, and host the Tweet Ups.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will make announcements for Tweet Ups and other resources for TRW to the YALSA newsletter.

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

SARAH SOGIGIAN

Group: YALSA Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Dawn Rutherford

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To promote the use of audiobooks among the young adult population; and to annually prepare an annotated list of 25 to 30 recommended audiobook titles selected from the two previous years that represent the wide scope of interests and concerns of listeners aged 12-18.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As a group, we have already logged over one thousand hours of listening. Of the 125 titles submitted by publishers so far, 95 have gone through the initial round of evaluation. Of those, 62 have been eliminated from consideration, 7 received a maybe, and 26 have been assigned to additional listeners are contenders for our list.

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

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: We are collaboratively evaluating materials to create a strong list.

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

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

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

We have two members I have some concerns about, who have not been logging the hours expected for the committee. One is a seasoned member who was a leader in listening last year, but I suspect her numbers were possibly greatly inflated by the previous chair's practice of recording the full minutes for a book that was voted no on, after the request 25% was completed. But her mother had also been ill, and recently passed away, so she had a very good excuse for falling behind.

The other I've spoken to extensively in email, and got a good response from.

She has now finished school for the semester, but is in Bali for the next month. Hopefully she will pick it up on her return.

Ivy and I have revamped our spreadsheets so they show very clearly what % of assigned reading folks have completed and how many hours. Hopefully the subtle peer pressure will help too.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Fabulous Films

Chair's Name: Jessica Lorentz Smith

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select films significant to young adults from those currently available for purchase; to annually prepare one annotated list based on a chosen theme of at least ten and not more than twenty-five recommended titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Over the last three months we were able to finalize a theme, come up with a theme description for the YALSA website and start nominations. We also discussed meeting times for annual, and posted nominations to ALA connect.

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

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have discussed potential titles that we are all thinking about nominating, viewing the suggested titles to see if they meet the theme criteria and making nominations.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I am not sure at this moment in time. I will have more information after annual when the group has a chance to share.

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

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Group: Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee, 2014

Chair's Name: Cheryl Karp Ward

Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select a living author or co-author as well as a specific body of his or her work, who has made a significant and lasting contribution to literature for young adults. The book or books should be accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have mastered 'Google hangout' as a means of holding meaningful and productive virtual meetings. We will be meeting at Annual with a reasonable list of nominees, following discussions and eliminations of original list.

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

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

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We intend to leave the Annual convention with our final list of considerations so that we may begin a more thorough reading of his/her works before we select our final 3-4 nominees by December 1.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Unsure at this 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.: It is very, very difficult to find an agreeable meeting time for all of the members. All are busy people who have active lives both professionally and personally. Use of the listserv has been minimal. Also, some committee members are not comfortable with the virtual concept, much preferring a 'face-to-face' meeting. I will agree with this. What happens in a meeting room is always extraordinary. Quiet online members often become quite vocal, sharing enormous and significant insights and reactions. It's more comfortable and I truly believe a more productive meanings of reaching the goal.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

GAIL TOBIN

Group: Writing Award Evaluation Task Force

Chair's Name: Laura Pearle

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Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We had our first chat on May 14 and have an action plan for the next few weeks.

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

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

Select as many as

apply.: Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? 1. get more background on the award from former nominators (editors of publications in 2012) and the 2012 award committee, 2. get a definition of "impact" from the YALSA Board, 3. find out why the 2013 award was not given, 4. start to think about criteria for the award What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None at the moment.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Elizabeth Figa is

supposed to be on the committee; I've reached out to her via ALA Connect (she's not part of the committee there) and via e-mail. She was going to call me Friday, May 10 but I heard nothing and have had no contact from her since. The other committee members seem to be active, but I would ask that Elizabeth either be replaced or that someone find out why she is failing to communicate with me.

Additional Concerns or Comments: We need the YALSA Board to define what they mean by the "impact" of this award: what outcome is expected? That's very unclear in the award guidelines. We're also unsure why there was no 2013 award - is this a reflection on the first year's failure or success?

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

No

SARAJO WENTLING

Group: Outstanding Books for the College Bound

Chair's Name: Jennifer Rothschild

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Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Members have been reading and nominating titles. This process has greatly been facilitated by the addition of a nomination form on the committee's webpage. Discussion has started of specific titles and members have started identifying holes in the list.

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

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

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The group will continue to solicit nominations, read and discuss titles. We are looking forward to meeting in Chicago, both as subcommittees and as a full group.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will continue to solicit nominations and let people know that this is an Outstanding Books for the College Board year.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Discussion is still fairly light, as we're still in an intense reading phase. I have started a few discussions and will continue to start more. This has sparked some other members to start discussions as well.

After Annual, I will reach out to quieter members.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Sadly, one of our members resigned from the committee earlier this week and we are working on getting a replacement.

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

Yes

Group: State Association Outreach Taskforce

Chair's Name: Elizabeth Hanisian

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Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We submitted our results and recommendations to the board, based on survey results. We have not received any feedback, and therefore, have been unable to move forward.

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

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

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Hopefully we will have recommendations from the board, and we will move forward from there.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Nothing at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Teens Top Ten Committee

Chair's Name: Elizabeth Hanisian

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Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous publishing years among the voting teen group members as well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens'

Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote. To assist with the collection and vetting of applications from libraries who wish to host an official reading group.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have been a little slow going the past few months. Everything is running like a well oiled machine. We've continued to keep track of nominated titles, and also tracking reviews sent to publishers. The list of nominated titles was released during National Library Week.

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

- Research and Best Practices
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue vetting nominations for TTT, make sure we have current information for all publishers, and handle any issues that may arise from the galley groups.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None at this time Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There aren't enough regular assignments for all committee members. But, there have been no complaints.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Our group has not had the same responsibilities as it did last year, and the committee's commitments and assignments have been few and far between. We were not even aware, as a committee, that there was a TTT webpage. We were not asked to write summaries of the nominated books, like we have in years past.

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

Yes

Group: Youth Engagement Taskforce

Chair's Name: Faythe Arredondo

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Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

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

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As a committee we have had discussions (via email) about the trends we see from the teens we have contact with. From there we were all in agreement that the main factor in getting teens to actively participate in library programming, they need a feel they have some ownership over the program. We discuss possible library programs for teens to get them more involved in YALSA sponsored events such as Teen Tech Week, celebrating Teen Lit day and looked ahead to fall programming. We moved a little slower than normal while I waited to have a call with the YALSA president on how to proceed. I talked with Jack on May 13, 2013 and after talking with him I have a more clear idea of what is expected of this committee.

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

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

apply.:

- Program
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In the next three months the Youth Engagement committee will concentrate on Teens' Top Ten and Teen Read Week. We will make efforts to work with other committees by sharing any information we have collected or learned from the teens we work

with. We will also create a resource list of all the ideas that we have come up with in the past three months. We will continue to work on strategies for engaging teens in library programming, specifically YALSA sponsored events.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Hoping to get a post up on the YALSABlog in 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.: After speaking with Jack, I feel we are on the right track.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

CHRISTIAN ZABRISKIE

Group: Graphic Novels for Teens

Chair's Name: Tessa Barber

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Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have a current list of 41 nominations. Publishers have been contacted about all of the nominations and all but one have gotten back to the chair about intending to send copies. All but one of our committee members have nominated at least one title. We have received one field nomination, and one ineligible field nomination. The chair created a list of eligible titles for committee members to add to and peruse to know what's coming up and what has already been published. The list has been marketed on YALSA listservs and queries were sent to several comics blogs, all of which did not write anything about field nominations. The chair presented a session about the list and how to serve on a national selection committee to her peers at the Children's Literature Conference at University of Pittsburgh - Greensburg on May 3, 2013. The chair sent out a call to the committee to blog on the Hub about previous titles. One committee member responded but has not submitted any blog posts.

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

- Advocacy and Activism

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

- Program
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will complete a straw poll about the current nominations and meet at ALA Annual to discuss those titles and do a soft vote. I hope to further market the list on the Hub and other listservs. More nominations will be solicited after ALA Annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I hope to have some blog posts written for the Hub and an announcement in YALSA News reminding members about field nominations.

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 think that our new members have gotten up to speed admirably, but I still do not see a good pace of nominations for most of them, and some of our previous members. I'm concerned that either the members do not have access to a wide range of titles or are seeing their work for the list as something to do when they have time rather than something to make time for. I plan to discuss general reading strategies and concerns at the Annual meeting so that it is more of a group discussion and sharing after we have all met in person - I know that at least 3 of the new members are very nervous about their performance from emails that they have sent, so I want them to feel welcomed and heard.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Group: Legislative

Chair's Name: Lizz Zitron

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Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To inform librarians and library workers who serve young adults of pending legislation which affects young adults and library service to that population; to provide librarians and library workers with tools and resources to help them educate elected officials and lobby for strong library services to teens; to liaise with the ALA Legislation Committee; and to provide support to the YALSA Board with developing an annual legislative agenda.

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

1. Updated Tweet Your Senator Map
 2. Created Tweet Your Representative Map
 3. Promoted NLLD through YALSA blog, asking bloggers to promote it, Twitter, and YALSA listservs
 4. Updated YALSA wiki for NLLD
- Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy and Activism
- Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Technology

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I need to start creating documentation to help the new chair take over. We will continue to blog on the YALSA blog once a month. And am working with YALSA to develop advocacy booth for Annual.

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

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: National Guidelines Oversight

Chair's Name: Mary Arnold

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Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

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 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 inside and outside the library profession that monitor and evaluate the performance of teen services programs and librarians.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Following Midwinter conference, the Executive Director communicated the Board's wishes that the committee members identify and contact youth services instructors at ALA accredited library schools and acquaint them with YALSA's National Guidelines and suggest ways in which the Guidelines can be promoted to library school students. The group, working through ALA's Office of Accreditation list of schools, was in the process of dividing the list, creating consistent language for contact emails to youth services instructors and deans, when the next round of committee appointments changed the makeup of the membership.

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

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

apply.: Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Chair has been advised that an updated roster will be provided shortly, and we will then continue outreach to library schools assignment (after touching base with newly appointed members to assess familiarity with the Guidelines and using ALA Connect) What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? none planned until new committee members are oriented Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Only two of the previous committee members responded to the chair's library school emails, and I am

uncertain if they will continue as members in 2013 Additional Concerns or Comments: chair was queried by two prospective committee members as to the level of virtual activity, and explained the parameters of the current Board assignment, use of ALA Connect software. One prospective member said there does not seem to be a listing on the YALSA website for this committee, and I could not locate it either, although I know there was at one time!

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

Yes

Group: Web Advisory Committee

Chair's Name: Wendy Stephens

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Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To regularly evaluate the YALSA website and to assist the YALSA staff with creating and maintaining content for members and nonmembers; to liaise with YALSA committees in the use of the website in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Website Advisory Committee; and to develop and recommend policies for the YALSA Website to the YALSA Board.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? There was overwhelming positivity with the booklists being out from behind an email request/login form. Communicated with Jackie about who was responsible for which elements of the wiki, and she is now a part of the WAC Google Group. Have been watching the Advocacy page in concert with National Legislative Day at Beth Yoke's request. While I have validated the links and remove any broken or outdated content on the sections I agreed to take on, I am not sure the committee member have done the same.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
 - Research and Best Practices
 - Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Which strategies were used for the

above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue to evaluate the material on the wiki and look at other division's switch from wikis to ala connect for collaborative documents. Also anticipating switch to ALA server as possibly minimizing spam. We also discussed having a massive wiki editing effort as a group over a weekend or week.

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

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I feel like the committee work is limited because of the platform. I get a lot of complaints about the process of editing the blog -- everything from response time to the captcha to the fact that spammers do not seem daunted by these measures. I wish there were a format that was both easier to contribute to and more secure. I think this group would be eager to work on something outside the wiki.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None.

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

Yes