

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco
June 26 – 30, 2015**

Topic: Pre-Meeting Division Councilor Report

Background: According to the YALSA bylaws the YALSA Division Councilor, “...shall attend all meetings of the ALA Council; shall report to YALSA about Council agenda before Council meets to request YALSA voting position on any agenda items; shall vote as directed by the YALSA Board on designated Council agenda items; shall represent YALSA positions before Council through necessary presentations and resolutions....” At Council meetings resolutions are typically put forward and other issues are discussed that may be of importance to YALSA. YALSA’s Councilor, Vicki Emery, has provided an update below. The Board will want to give feedback on how to cast YALSA’s vote on upcoming resolutions and/or determining the desirability of YALSA’s Board submitting a resolution.

Action Required: Action

Council Activities

Conversations on the listserv include:

- The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) has submitted proposed updates to the interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. Council will be voting on the updates at annual.
 - 1) Internet Filtering: 1st of Four Proposed Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights (new)
[Filtering I-LBOR 10.1 4-29-2015.docx](#)
 - 2) Labeling Systems: 2nd of Four Proposed Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights (updated)
[New Labeling Systems Interpretation - draft 5.0 - April 29 2015 .docx](#)
 - 3) Rating Systems: 3rd of Four Proposed Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights (updated)
[New Rating Systems draft 5.1 April 23.docx](#)
 - 4) User Generated Content (UGC): 4th of Four Proposed Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights (updated)
[User Generated Content draft 1.3 4-24-15.docx](#)
- Discussion on the lack of diversity represented in the ALA Superheroes Avengers mini poster set. Comments involved seeing if the Black Widow could be included as a choice. It would involve asking Disney.
- Serious objections were raised concerning the poster for 2015 Banned Books Week. Some thought that the poster resembled a Muslim woman wearing a niqab. Some thought that it was offensive or could be offensive. Others thought that there was no

way that the photo could be interpreted as depicting someone wearing a hijab or niqab. Some thought that the poster and associated products should be recalled. Others equated that with censorship.

<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=11404>

Action Items Approved at ALA Midwinter in Chicago, January 25 – 30, 2015

Action items approved by ALA Council affect many areas of our organization and YALSA. Here are some highlights that may affect YALSA members:

ALA Council I Sunday, February 1, 2015

By Consent: Adopted the Minutes and the slate of candidates for ALA Executive Board.

ALA Council II Monday, February 2, 2015

Voted: To adopt the revised [Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies](#).

Voted: To adopt the following three action items contained in the Policy Monitoring Committee Report:

Item # 1: Communication to ALA members by ALA Committees and Council Committees.

At the 2014 ALA Annual Conference, the ALA Council adopted a Resolution on Communication by ALA and Council Committees to read: “Each chair of an ALA Committee or a council Committee is responsible for submitting to the ALA Executive Director at least two times each year a substantive report on the committee’s work and accomplishments so that these reports can be made available to all interested ALA members. Such reports may address, but not be limited to, matters such as accomplishments, planned activities, issues that affect the committee’s work and their implications for the future, interactions with other units within ALA, relationship of the committee’s involvement (more substantive than an attendance roll), committee self-check on its value and viability (update charge, discontinue committee, consolidate with another, change structure, other observations).”

Item # 2: Lifespan of Membership Initiative Groups.

At the 2014 ALA Annual Conference, the ALA Council adopted this revision to ALA Policy A.4.3.2: “Once established, a MIG may operate for three years at which point it may re-petition for another three-year term or may request another place within the ALA structure by following the procedures for establishing that type of group, or may request the ALA COO to disband it. The re-petitioning process can be renewed every three years. If the re-petition process is not carried out when due, the MIG will be disbanded.”

Item # 3: Copyright Interpretation of the Code of Ethics.

At the 2014 ALA Annual Conference, the ALA Council adopted a new interpretation to the Code of Ethics regarding “The Copyright” as recommended in ALA CD #40.1.

Council voted to insert the following into the *ALA Policy Manual*:

B.1.4 Copyright

Librarians are sources of copyright information or their user communities. Librarians should acquire a solid understanding of the purpose of copyright law and knowledge of its details relevant to library activities. They should do so in order to develop the ability to critically analyze issues of fair use or other limits to the rights of copyright holders, as well as to gain the confidence to implement the law using good judgment. Librarians and library staff should be educated to recognize and observe copyright and its limits, to understand and act on their rights and those of their users, and to be ready to inform or properly refer users with questions pertaining to copyright. When the balance between rights holders and information users’ needs to be restored, librarians should engage with rights holders and legislators and advocate on behalf of their users and user rights.

Referred: Clarification of reappointment policy to the Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC) back to the Committee on Organization.

Voted: that a Bylaws amendment regarding using Roberts Rules of Order instead of Sturgis for issues involving parliamentary procedure be presented to the membership for a vote in the Spring 2015 election. The Bylaws change was approved by the membership.

ALA Council III

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Elected: to three year terms on the Executive Board were: Loida Garcia-Febo; Julius C. Jefferson, Jr.; and Mike Marlin.

Adopted: Resolution Urging Library Directors to Encourage and Support United for Libraries Memberships for Each of Their Trustees.

Adopted: Resolution Recognizing and Supporting United Nations, Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on its 70th Anniversary.

Adopted: Resolution Denouncing Recent Assaults on the Freedom of Expression as Exemplified in the Attack on Charlie Hebdo.

Adopted: Resolution on Preserving Public Access to Scientific and Technical Reports Available through the National Technical Information Service.

YALSA Division Councilor Activities

- I will be coming to the YALSA Board for input on any actions needed.

2015 ALA Annual Council and Other Meetings (which are open to all):

Saturday, June 27, 2015

- ALA Council Orientation, 8:00 – 10:30 AM
- ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session, 3:00 – 4:30 PM
- ALA Membership Meeting, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Sunday, June 28, 2015

- ALA Council I, 8:30 – 11:00 AM
- Youth Council Caucus, 11:15 AM or 15 minutes after the close of Council I, in the Council Room
- ALA President's Program, 4:00-5:30 PM
- ALA President's Reception, 5:30-7:00 PM
- ALA Council Forum, 8:30-10:00 PM

Monday, June 29, 2015

- ALA Council II, 8:30-11:30 AM
- ALA Council Forum, 8:30-10:00 PM

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

- ALA Council III, 7:45-9:15 AM

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Emery, YALSA Division Councilor*

Additional Resources

- Council meeting agendas:
www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_agendas
- Guidelines for Preparation of ALA Resolutions:
www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines