



**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
December 18, 2023, 2:30-3:30pm CST\***

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AGENDA\* – as of 12/18/2023 (learn more about board [agendas](#) and [documents](#))

Present: Colleen Seisser President, Yvette Garcia President-Elect, Kate Denier Secretary, Alena Rivers-Acting Executive Director, Elizabeth Nebeker Division Councilor, Kim Dare Director, Matthew Layne Director, Melissa Malanuk Director, Katrina Ortega Director, Victoria Finney Director, Crystal Chen Director, Gail Tobin Ex-Officio, Caroline Aversano Ex-Officio, Ziba Perez YALSA Liaison

Absent: Franklin Escobedo Immediate Past President, Traci Glass Ex-Officio, Meaghan Darling Fiscal Officer, Emily Heddleson Ex-Officio, Josie Andrews Director

Guests: Leah Weyand, Kim Keown Farnsworth

**Call to Order – C. Seisser, 2:32PM CST**

Information Forum – 5 minutes are allotted at the beginning of each session for visitors and board members to share news or ask questions.

Adoption of the Agenda – **All in Favor**

**Consent Items** (these are typically items discussed or acted on in between in-person meetings or are reports submitted for the board's review)

- A. Approval of previous meeting minutes: [YALSA Board Meeting Agenda November 2023.pdf](#)
- B. [Item#13 Board of Directors YALSA Bylaws update information document](#)

Adoption of Consent Calendar – **All in Favor**

**Introduction of our Acting ED Alena Rivers:**

A. Rivers says because of her experience with ALSC, she is very familiar with what transition looks like. She knows the need to have smooth information sharing and how to move into the next steps for what YALSA needs to be doing. Her goal is to ensure YALSA has the staffing we need to move forward and rebuild. A temp is supporting YALSA right now and A. Rivers will be working to build staffing in the coming days. One of the biggest areas of focus for her currently are the YMA's which take place at LibLearnX in January.

**Reports**

A. YALSA Executive Director

--Tabled this month

B. Executive Committee Report

--Tabled this month since the Executive Committee did not meet in November

C. Financial Advancement Chair

--G. Tobin says FAC is waiting for information on how the silent auction went.

C. Directors at Large

--M. Layne says he attended the Advocacy Workshop and it was one of the best focused conferences he has done. They talked a lot about book challenges. M. Layne notes he is glad ALA put this together.

D. YALSA's ALA Liaison

--Z. Perez gave her report:

Meetings/programs Z. Perez attended with updates if any:

- ALA CORE Library Consulting IG met on Tuesday, Nov 21, 2023
- ALA Election Committee met on December 6th.
  - finalized date of election results to be April 8th, 2024
  - Serving Refugees, Immigrants, and Displaced Persons, SDRIP (Division of ALA ODLOS) met on Friday, Dec. 8
  - Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) met on Monday, Dec.11
- IFC updates, Privacy Subcommittee, Freedom to Read Statement, Intellectual Freedom Manual.
- OIF updates, Banned Books Week ready by National Library Week's Right to Read Day the 1st day of that week, SIFNet/Challenge Support Data, Programming Update, ALA / OIF Update
  - Library services to recently arrived Latino immigrants webinar was on Monday, Dec.11,2023

- REFORMA International Relations Committee presented "Library services to recently arrived Latino immigrants" which includes Young Adults! Which included speakers from libraries in Florida, New York and California!  
[https://www.reforma.org/ev\\_calendar\\_day.asp?date=12%2F11%2F23&eventid=101](https://www.reforma.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=12%2F11%2F23&eventid=101)

#### Announcements:

- Z. Perez will participate in the 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunrise Celebration at Library Learning Experience! (LLX) in Baltimore, Maryland. The 2024 Celebration will be held from 6:30-8:00 a.m. on Sunday, Jan 21, 2023

### **Old Business**

#### A. YALSA Award Ceremonies:

--C. Seisser heard back from everyone regarding the two options we discussed at the previous Board Meeting. She passed along all of that documentation to A. Rivers so she can look at it and determine what we might be able to offer because we need to balance the need with staff capacity. This year we might have to do something different temporarily, but we can decide later on how to move forward. YMAS are the primary concern right now.

#### B. LibLearn X

--C. Seisser says right now, we have to wait to see how the upcoming LibLearnX conference goes and then evaluate what it means for YALSA and how YALSA can establish a bigger presence. What that looks like is hard to tell right now. --C. Seisser says they will try and find a time to do an informal board meet up at LibLearnX for those who are attending. --L. Nebeker notes someone will need to attend the council meetings and G. Tobin and Z. Perez say they will be attending. L. Nebeker will look into switching her voting credentials to C. Seisser.

### **New Business**

#### A. YALSA Staffing and Executive Director Q&A

--Z. Perez asks for her email. A. Rivers responds: arivers@ala.org

#### B. [Review of November quarterly Chair Reports](#)

--C. Seisser says she reached out to the Outstanding Books for the College Bound Committee and helped them get access to their form. For the Award & Selection List Oversight Committee, C. Seisser and Y. Garcia will address the needs regarding points of contact, liaisons and staff in their upcoming training. For the Social Media Committee, C. Seisser says they are having password challenges with Hootsuite. A. Rivers will be working with C. Alcazar to make this (and passwords) a more efficient process. --G. Tobin says she was really impressed at what great work the committees were doing and how much the volunteers are getting done. --Y. Garcia notes the Programming Committee is going to start scheduling more webinar trainings. If you're interested in engaging members this way, contact Lisa on the Programming Committee at [lisa.af.barefield@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.af.barefield@gmail.com). --M. Layne gives kudos to the Teens' Top Ten for carrying on through lots of upheaval in that group and getting back on task. --K. Ortega notes the Social Media Committee has been doing a great job getting things posted despite the challenges with Hootsuite.

C. [Item #12 Board of Directors TeenTober Recommendation](#)

--K. Dare points out TeenTober came about and then the pandemic began. When that hit, it's been less than ideal with the attention TeenTober has gotten. People seem unclear about why we went from Teen Tech Week and Teen Read Week to TeenTober. C. Aversano says Teen Tech Week and Teen Read Week had something you could quantify and track. TeenTober doesn't have that.

The YALSA Board directs the President Elect to create the TeenTober task force to begin work on 7/1/2024 –**All In Favor**

**Adjournment**

C .Seisser reminds the Board that the ALA Offices will be closed between December 25-January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Adjournment – **All in favor.** Adjourned the meeting at 2:59pm CST.

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