Topic: Events and Conferences Update

Background: Information about YALSA at upcoming ALA conferences and YALSA symposia is provided below by Nichole O’Connor, Program Officer for Conferences and Events.

Action Required: Information

Annual 2016
- Information about YALSA at Annual is at [http://tinyurl.com/annual16](http://tinyurl.com/annual16)
- The BFYA teen lunch has four sponsors: Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing; Random House Children’s Books; Blink; and Penguin
- Blink is sponsoring the YA Author Coffee Klatch
- The APA is sponsoring a reception following the Odyssey Program
- ABRAMS is sponsoring the YALSA Happy Hour
- Attendance across ALA is down over 4,000 registrants as of this time in 2014 when compared to Las Vegas

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2016 Symposium ([www.ala.org/yalsa/vasymposium](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/vasymposium))
- The 2016 Symposium will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, Nov. 4 – 6, 2016 with a room rate of $119
- The theme is Empowering Teens to Increase your Library’s Impact
• A preliminary program is available online at http://www.ala.org/yalsa/programs-special-events
• Registration opened April 1st and there are currently 60 people registered, in 2014 at this time there were about 90 people registered, and in 2015 there were 40.
• We are still looking for sponsors
• If we receive another round of Dollar General grant funding, we will close the event with a competition featuring attendees who pitch an idea for a new or improved program or service based on something they learned at the symposium

2017 Midwinter Meeting
• Midwinter is January 20 – 24, 2017 in Atlanta
• There were 3 proposals for the Midwinter Paper Presentation
• Morris and Nonfiction Awards Event will again happen on Monday morning, after the Youth Media Awards, and is a ticketed event ($19)
• The Future Ready grant project’s first cohort will meet in conjunction with the conference Jan. 19 - 20

2017 Annual Conference
• YALSA is currently accepting program proposals for Annual, through August 1st at https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=URZOYNUD
• Annual is June 22-27th in Chicago

2017 Symposium
• The 2017 symposium will be in Louisville, KY, November 3-5th
• A call for program proposals will open in fall 2016
• We are exploring the possibility of engaging vendors via a tech petting zoo in lieu of trying a full-blown exhibit floor
• We’re exploring the option of a ‘meet with an expert’ option at the event.
• We can build a question into the 2016 event survey to gauge interest for the two ideas above

2018 Symposium
• A Request for Proposals was sent out to Savannah, Pittsburgh, Palm Beach, FL, Salt Lake City, Chicago, and Denver. These cities were determined in part from survey results from the past two symposia
• Based on price and availability, the search has been narrowed down to Denver and Salt Lake City and site visits will be conducted in July