

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

**Topic:** Events and Conferences Update

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

**Action Required:** Information

**Annual 2015**

- Information about YALSA at Annual is at <http://tinyurl.com/YALSAan15>
- YALSA will have one half day preconference on Examining the Literacy Development of Black & Latino Youth from Critical Multicultural Perspectives, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Approximately 60 people have indicated they are attending via the online scheduler.
- The BFYA teen lunch has been reformatted so that any publisher can participate for a sponsorship fee of \$750. Scholastic, Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing, Random House Children’s Books, Blink, Macmillan, and Merit are participating.
- Blink is sponsoring the refreshment break at the literacy preconference and the YA Author Coffee Klatch.
- The APA is sponsoring a reception following the Odyssey Program.

Event	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 (as of 6/8/15)
Printz	400	411	345	288	320	350 (moved to Friday night)	327
Edwards	250	148	226	129	144	190 (moved to brunch)	135
Klatch	260 (sold out)	313 (more seats added in 2010)	341	249	276	290	267

**2015 Symposium Update ([www.ala.org/valsa/yasymposium](http://www.ala.org/valsa/yasymposium))**

- The 2015 Symposium will be held in Portland, OR Nov. 6 – 8, 2015 with a room rate of \$127
- The focus this year is on all of YA services, not just literature
- A preliminary program is available online at <http://www.ala.org/valsa/yasymposium/programs>

- Registration opened April 15th and there are currently 50 people registered, in 2014 at this time there were about 90 people registered
- Harper Collins is sponsoring the Fri. night opening reception

### **2016 Midwinter Meeting**

- There were 6 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)
- Midwinter falls earlier in 2016—January 8 - 12

### **2016 Annual Conference**

- There were 30 programs proposed to YALSA. The proposals are posted on the wiki at: <http://tinyurl.com/orj2d54>. YALSA membership will vote for their favorite proposals from July 15-August 15.
- If the IMLS National Leadership Grant that YALSA submitted earlier this month gets funded, YALSA and the Center for the Future of Libraries will hold a 1.5 day event focused on youth, learning and libraries prior to Annual in Orlando.
- Orlando has added 4 hotels that all connect to the Convention Center since the last time ALA had a conference in Orlando (no shuttle busses will be needed).
- Cab fares have also been regulated since the last time ALA had a conference in Orlando.

### **2016 Symposium Update**

- A Request for Proposals was sent out to Louisville, Savannah, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, and New Orleans.
- Based on price and availability, the search has been narrowed down to Pittsburgh or Louisville and site visits will be conducted in July.