YALSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston
Jan. 8 – 12, 2016

YALSA is a national association of librarians, library workers and advocates whose mission is to expand and strengthen library services for teens, aged 12-18. Through its member-driven advocacy, research, and professional development initiatives, YALSA builds the capacity of libraries and librarians to engage, serve and empower teens.

Executive Committee I Fri. 10:00 to noon, convention center room 158
Present: Linda Braun, Sarah Hill, Carrie Kausch, Todd Krueger, Candice Mack, Chris, Shoemaker, Beth Yoke.

Guests: Carla Riemer

Executive Committee II Mon. 3:00 – 4:00 PM, convention center room 158
Present: Linda Braun, Sarah Hill, Carrie Kausch, Todd Krueger, Candice Mack, Chris, Shoemaker, Beth Yoke.

A quorum was present for both meetings.

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Call to Order
C. Mack called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. EST on January 8, 2016.

Information Forum –
Exec I:
• The ALA Executive Board representative sent out talking points for Midwinter. Highlights included the Libraries Transform campaign and that five states are participating in a new ALA United for Libraries trustee membership.
• Linda shared that our BARC rep, Rita Lawson, will be coming to the YALSA member happy hour on Saturday.

Exec II:
• The group shared news from selection list committee meetings.
• ALA is continuing to discuss re-branding Midwinter.
• The group discussed YALSA Coffee with Candidates and candidate lunch.
• Candice shared from her interactions with Sari Feldman and other division presidents.

Friday

Item #1. OITP meeting debrief
• Candice, Beth, Sarah shared information from yesterday’s Information Policy Workshop, which is tied to the Libraries Transform campaign. Topics included how to message to others, local information policy, digital divide, and collecting and using data.
• Speakers included different guests from White House, Department of Commerce, and Google.
Item #2. Goals for Participating in ALA President-Elect’s Session
- This session will be held during Board I so no one can attend.
- ALA Presidential candidates will be at YALSA’s Coffee with the Candidates. The group discussed potential questions, including teen advocacy, ALA governance, and collaboration across divisions.
- Todd will be attending ALA Exec candidates’ session.
- Sarah will be having lunch with Julie Todaro tomorrow.

Item #3. Recruiting Candidates -- ALA Council, 2017 YALSA slate
- The group discussed ways to get members interested in serving on Council. Potential ideas included promoting the Youth Council Caucus, reaching out to Organization and Bylaws members and past board members, promoting how it is a way to change/influence conversation. YALSA has an article from 2010 on why one should run for council, which highlights building leadership skills. Todd agreed to write an updated version for the journal or the YALSAblog.
- YALSA should consider looking beyond itself to other boards. Next year, candidates will be needed for fiscal officer, president, and three board members.

Item #4. Supporting Board Members During Organizational Planning
- The group discussed the Board enthusiasm on the conference call this week and how we need to keep that flow going. Executive committee members need to make sure we do not sit together so we can share our support among all board members.
- Reminders for all include that this weekend is about consensus building, not decision making. Logistics and details will come later. The what is now, the how is later.
- Executive Committee members are encouraged to share highlights from organizational planning discussions with members during the information sharing portion of each Board meeting.
- The Executive committee will meet informally for five minutes after each board meeting for a quick debrief to troubleshoot any potential meeting challenges, such as running over time.

Item #5. Facilitating the Work of Board Standing Committees
- The group discussed ways to support board standing committees.
  - Encourage board members to look at things through their board standing committee lens.
  - Continue to give tasks to standing committees and encourage them to bring things forward to Board.

Item #6. Preparing for BARC & Other ALA Meetings
- ALA has been discussing when to have joint meetings with Divisions now that the Fall Executive Meeting is no longer an annual event. The group questioned what the expected outcome is from these meetings?
- There is an IT discussion on the PBA agenda.
- The group discussed how reception events are declining each year, which gives Division leaders less opportunity to interact with ALA leaders, and vice versa.
Monday

Item #7. Debriefing from Board Planning, I, II & III
• The group recapped the Board meetings.
• Beth has governance articles that she can share with the board.
• Abby still needs a project.
• The group discussed potential ways to help board members write strong board documents. Ideas included examples, text box explanations, and a list of check boxes.
• Can we do an organizational planning session at Annual for members?
• The group discussed the need to continue to help members understand connected learning better.

Item #8. Debriefing from BARC & Other ALA Meetings
• The group discussed the struggles to share affiliate information and possible solutions.
• Sarah plans to talk to Julie Todaro about connecting her presidential theme and the Futures Report.
• Chris will be co-running the division presidents’ breakfast at Annual.

Item #9. Communicating with Members about Organizational Planning
• The group discussed post-conference blog posts. Candice volunteered to write a board wrap up, Todd will blog about Council, Linda will address fiscal issues, Sarah will write about nominating committees, and Diane agreed to take on organizational planning.
• Are there different ways for YALSA to do town halls, such as using videos?

Item #10. Spring Board E-Chats
• Eric hopes to have information back to YALSA before the next board chat on February 11th. Beth will see if Eric can attend.

Adjournment
C. Mack adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m. EST on January 11, 2016.

Committee Function: 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.