

YALSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle
Jan. 25 – 29, 2013

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 309
Present: Sarah Flowers, Penny Johnson, Jack Martin, Shannon Peterson, Sarajo Wentling, Beth Yoke.
Regrets: Vicki Emery

Executive Committee II Mon. 4:00 – 5:30 PM, Convention Center room 309
Present: Sarah Flowers, Penny Johnson, Jack Martin, Shannon Peterson, Sarajo Wentling, Beth Yoke.
Regrets: Vicki Emery

A quorum was present for both meetings.

MINUTES (DRAFT)

Call to Order

J. Martin called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Information Forum – 10 minutes allotted at the beginning of each session

- Jack shared highlights from the National Forum on Teens & Libraries. Next steps: Linda will be holding virtual town hall meetings to keep the conversation going. The information and take aways from the forum will go into a report to come out at the end of the grant. Shannon will try to connect with YALSA member attendees for possible committee appointments. The challenge will be how to stay connected with the non-library attendees and keep them engaged.
- Beth shared that the Forum really raised awareness for YALSA and teen services within ALA.
- Beth shared that with the Dollar General grant money we have created a teen summer reading programs Ning that is going live at Midwinter. <http://summerreading.ning.com/>

Friday

Item #1.ALISE Conference Debrief

- Sarah shared that the exhibits seem smaller than in previous years. Our table is fully staffed with volunteers for all the hours had requested. She shared that Linda felt that there were fewer youth people than usual but the table has been fairly busy.

Item #2.Mega Issue on Board Agenda

- The group discussed some background for this agenda item and how to best frame the

discussion with the full Board.

Item #3.Preparation for Board Planning

- Board Planning will be split between staying mission focused and capacity building. The idea is to help set the stage for some of the conversations that will happen in Board I, II, and III meetings.

Item #4.Recruiting Candidates -- Council, 2014 YALSA slate

- Discussed how to get the positions of Councilor, Fiscal Officer, and Secretary staggered. Exec members need to talk to the full Board during the information forum about having conversations about running for office with members at conference and throughout the year.

Item #5.Proposed Bylaws Updates & Changes

- Discussed some of the background for this agenda item and how to frame the discussion with the full Board.

Item #6.Proposed YA Lit Section

Item #7.EC Priorities for the Midwinter Meeting

- Talking to people about running for elected positions.
- Talking to members about YALSA Happy Hour (including free food & drink thanks to Best Buy)
- Talking to the Board about our partnership with Best Buy. Will be officially announced in Cognotes on Saturday.
- Promoting Coffee with the Candidates.

Monday

Item #8.Debriefing from Board Planning, I, II & III (20 min.)

- Sarah gave updates on possible candidates for 2014 slate.
- Discussed Board member participation and engagement.
- Shannon gave feedback from candidates' luncheon.
- Priorities that came out from Board Planning were connecting w/ grad schools, promoting data/research, helping members tell their stories, and connecting with library administrators.

Item #9.Debriefing from BARC & Other ALA Meetings

- Information was shared about the staff raise and the proposed dues increase.

Item #10.Debriefing from Leadership Development

- Concern about selection and awards chairs understanding how the work of their committees supports the YALSA mission and strategic plan.
- Discussed ideas for improving leadership development at Annual.

Item #11. Board Learning Plans & Demonstrating Skills Gained

Item #12. Goals to Accomplish for 2013

- Unpacking the Forum for Board and others possibly as board chats
- Looking at more trimming opportunities and opportunities to streamline and increase efficiency.
- Creating an FAQ for chairs about communicating with publishers and winners for awards committee chairs.
- Connecting with LIS grad schools - office of accreditation, promoting data/research, helping members tell their stories.
- Moving forward to explore online options for JRYLA and YALS as well as working on issues of indexing and visibility for JRYLA.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm on January 28, 2013.

Executive 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.