

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Denver
February 9 – 12, 2018

- Topic:** *JRLYA* Editor Semi-Annual Report
- Background:** Denise E. Agosto, the Member Editor of *JRLYA*, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. The journal is YALSA's peer-reviewed, open source research journal, launched in November 2010 as part of the Board's strategy for addressing the research goal in the strategic plan.
- Action Required:** Consent

Updates

1. Issues Published During the Reporting Period

Volume 8, issue 1 was published in July of 2017. Volume 8, issue 2, is currently with the copy editor with an expected publication date of late December of 2017. For the entire year of 2017, the paper acceptance rate was 50%, which is appropriate for a research journal of this type.

2. Current Issues/Difficulties

As it has been in the past, finding enough research papers of publishable quality to fill issues continues to be a struggle. I (Denise Agosto) recommend using a combined strategy of opens calls for submissions and theme-based calls for submissions to maximize visibility and reach. If submissions continue at the rate that they have been coming in over the past two years or so, I think that publishing two issues per year should remain feasible.

Note: I have very much enjoyed editing *JRLYA* since 2013. I feel that it's now time for someone to take over the position. I will finish up my current year, working until June 30, 2018. After that I do not plan to renew my contract. I plan to publish at least one more issue during that time. My thanks go to the YALSA Board for your continuing support of *JRLYA*.