

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago  
June 23 - 26, 2017**

**Topic:** Sending another Member to National Library Legislative Day

**Background:** With the White House budget proposing the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services and all earmarked federal funding for libraries, the Board may want to consider additional advocacy efforts, including sending an additional member to National Library Legislative Day. Sarah Hill has presented the proposal below for the Board's consideration. This proposal passed by a vote of the Board on April 3, 2017. Including it with the Annual Conference documents ensures it gets entered into the official record of the association.

**Action Required:** Consent

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**Proposal:** approve the use of \$1,000 to send one additional member to National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)

**Rationale**

- Having another member on-site can increase YALSA's impact at this important event
  - In order to maximize impact, we could specify that this opportunity is available to anyone except members in states that are already being represented by YALSA (PA and TX)
- By approving additional funds for member support to participate in advocacy efforts the Board is signaling to the membership that advocacy is a top priority for YALSA
- Advocacy is one of three goals in YALSA's Organizational Plan, and this effort will directly support the Plan

**Financial Implications**

FAC, with staff support, could implement a quick fundraising effort to try and raise FOY funds to cover the expense. If more than \$1,000 is raised, the monies can be used to send additional members to NLLD. If the full \$1,000 isn't raised, funds could be reallocated from the Board/Governance Support part of the budget: YALSA had set aside \$1,500 funds for training for the President-Elect in the FY17 budget that won't get used in this FY (the event's timing didn't work for Sandra)

The current NLLD grant application can be used for this additional stipend, which saves staff time.

### **Measuring Impact**

Each member who receives the travel award is required to blog about their experience for the YALSAblog. Travel award winners will be debriefed by the President and Executive Director to find out what potential there may be with their states' Congress members for championing libraries and teen services moving forward.

### **Next Steps**

The Board approves the decision to send a 3rd member to the 2017 National Library Legislative Day and directs the Executive Director to work with staff to put out the call for applications immediately, and directs the Financial Advancement Committee to work with staff on a short term fundraising effort to raise funds to defray the cost of sending a 3rd member to NLLD.

### **Additional Resources**

- NLLD Travel Stipend Application:  
<http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/17nYO4U6bJb8>
- Press release announcing original stipend winners:  
<http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2016/12/hartman-and-huff-awarded-yalsa-s-2017-national-library-legislative-day-travel>
- NLLD information on YALSA's wiki:  
[http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/National\\_Library\\_Legislative\\_Day](http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/National_Library_Legislative_Day)