

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting

Topic: Establish a President’s Advisory Taskforce

Background: In the recent past, Presidents have worked with the Board to establish an advisory taskforce which would assist them with planning and implementing activities that would support YALSA’s organizational plan and the theme for their Presidential year. Sandra Hughes-Hassell has submitted a request to establish a taskforce, which is provided below. Sandra presented a proposal for the board’s consideration via virtual discussion in May 2017. In order to be entered into the official record of the organization, this document is presented as a consent item for the Board’s 2017 Annual Meeting.

Action Required: Consent

Proposal

Establish a taskforce that would help the in-coming President implement her Presidential theme on youth activism through community engagement in ways that directly support YALSA’s organizational plan.

Rationale

- An advisory taskforce can be an efficient way for the President to gather ideas from a diverse representation of the membership
- The President has many duties during her year, and a taskforce can help ensure that work happens in an efficient and timely manner
- Since the President’s theme is always based on some part of the Organizational Plan, an advisory group focused on an issue(s) related to the plan serves to strengthen the organization’s efforts toward achieving its goals

Proposed Taskforce Name

President’s Advisory Taskforce

Proposed Charge

To provide support, guidance and advice to the incoming YALSA President during her year of service, when requested. Activities may include working with the President to support Presidential initiatives related to the youth activism through community engagement theme by identifying activities to accomplish the theme and assisting with planning and implementation. Task force term: 1-year term starting in July. Task force size: 4- 6 virtual members, plus a chair. Sandra will serve as Board Liaison.

Requested Action

The board move to approve the establishment of a President’s Advisory Taskforce for in-coming President Sandra Hughes-Hassell and directs Sandra to seek out diverse representation from among the membership when appointing to this group.

Financial Implications

- No expenses are needed to set up a taskforce; however, it is possible that the Advisory Taskforce may come up with some activities that involve cost. If that is the case, the Taskforce will submit a Request for Board Action to the Board for their consideration

Measuring Impact

- Evaluation methods will be determined after the in-coming President and Advisory Taskforce determine a work plan and deliverables.

Additional Resources

- Proposed theme for 2017 – 2018 President,
www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/HughesHassellInitiative_spring17.pdf