

**Fall Executive Committee Meeting
October 25 – 26, 2015, Chicago**

Topic: Selection/Award Committee Preparation

Background: The Executive Committee may want to evaluate the selection/award committee preparation done in the fall and decide what knowledge and skills selection/award chairs and members need most in order to successfully begin work on Feb. 1.

Action Required: Action

2013 Training Efforts

The chair training focused on:

- Selection Committees & YALSA
- Preparing for the Transition
- Committee Policies & Procedures
- Resources
 - Board & Staff Liaison Support
 - Virtual tools, manuals, checklists, etc.
- Ethics
 - Social Media Policy
 - Interactions with Publishers

The selection committee member training focused on:

- The Big Picture
- Contacts
- Committee Policies & Procedures
 - Nominations
- Managing Committee Work
 - Working virtually year-round
- Ethics
 - Social Media Policy
 - Interactions with Publishers

Format

- Chris recorded three webinars in November of 2013:
 - Chair training
 - Committee member training
 - Evaluating YA literature
- Each in-coming chair and member were asked to watch the recorded webinars and then participate in a live session with Chris in early Dec. meant to provide time to dive deeper into the content and answer any questions members may have. The first 45 minutes of

the live session was for everyone, and then chairs stayed on a remaining 15 minutes to learn more about their specific duties and get questions answered.

- Two live sessions were offered, to accommodate members' schedules: one in the day and one in the evening

Questions to Explore

- What is it that selection chairs and committee members need to know to be successful, and when do they need to know this information?
- How much emphasis should be placed on building literature evaluation skills? Chairs have remarked in the past, that committee members' expertise in this area varies widely.
- How can YALSA help selection committee members to better understand YALSA's mission more completely and how their role as selection committee members connects to YALSA's bigger mission?
- How can we bridge the participation/support gap with members whose only interest is selection committees so that they are more engaged in the mission and work of YALSA?
 - Can/should that be addressed through training?
- Is the President-Elect the best person to deliver the training? Should former chairs and committee members who excelled in their roles be tapped to help out?
- Is the training provided in 2013 enough? Should there be a follow up in Jan. or Feb.?
- How best can we integrate resources such as the Chair Manual, Committee FAQ, etc. into the trainings?

Additional Resources

- Committee FAQ, www.ala.org/yalsa/committee-faq
- Selection/Award Committee Chair FAQ, www.ala.org/yalsa/selection-award-committee-chair-faq
- Recording of selection committee chair and member training webinars,
 - Selection/Award Committee Member Training webinar
 - Recording (27 minutes):
<http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/p39qar8ye2v/>
 - Slides: <http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/p6hzvvlqhf7/>
 - Quick Overview of Recommended Practices in Evaluating YA Lit Materials webinar
 - Recording (19 minutes):
<http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/p6zpxjtsxlb/>
 - Slides: <http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/p7lck9rzq2/>
- “Beyond Paying Dues: Volunteer Management Principles” (Forum, 2009)
<http://tinyurl.com/y8pto2n>
- “Your Next Generation of Volunteers” (ASAE, 2009)
www.asacenter.org/PublicationsResources/ANowDetail.cfm?ItemNumber=42755