

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco
June 26 – 30, 2015

Topic: 2015 – 2016 Board Team Building

Background: The next time the 2015 – 2016 Board will be together will be January 2016. In order to set the stage for board members to work together successfully virtually between June and January, Candice Mack and Crystle Martin will lead the Board through a team building exercise.

Action Required: New Business

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Communicating in a virtual environment

Much of the communication for the group will happen by email, so it's important to think about email as more than just a way to share information. It's also a tool for relationship building and maintenance. Email communication presents challenges, though, and it's important to address them proactively. These brief articles can help you make sure that your communications are positive and productive.

- www.psychologytoday.com/blog/threat-management/201311/dont-type-me-email-and-emotions
- www.inc.com/articles/2001/09/23688.html
- www.csmonitor.com/2006/0515/p13s01-stct.html
- <http://conniedieken.com/influence-blog/the-tone-gap-how-to-prevent-an-e-mail-disaster/>

Virtual team building activities to use with your chairs, Standing Board Committee, or any strategic or selection committees you may be leading:

- <http://leaderchat.org/2013/06/24/3-activities-to-build-virtual-team-spirit/>
- <http://www.teambonding.com/5-team-bondingtips-for-remote-employees/>
- Some of these face-to-face activities are adaptable: <http://ow.ly/rfnvJ> (.pdf)
- <https://sites.google.com/site/adultonlineteachingstrategies/virtualicebreakers/adult-virtual-icebreakers> (see info in right column)
- <http://joitskehulsebosch.blogspot.com/2009/03/10-online-icebreakers.html>