Topic: Teens’ Top Ten Committee

Background: The only item left from the Recommendations for Transforming Select Member Groups August 2016 Board discussion is a discussion and vote on the Teens’ Top Ten Committee. The proposal below was presented by Sarah Hill on Sept. 23, 2016, and the board voted on Nov. 28, 2016 to approve the motion below. 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 Midwinter Meeting.

Action Required: Consent

Teens’ Top Ten Committee Charge:

To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous publishing years among the voting teen group members as well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens’ Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote. To assist with the collection and vetting of applications from libraries who wish to host an official reading group. Seven virtual members including at least two members from the previous year. Term: Two years.

Recommendation (from the Midwinter 2017 Board Document #2 “Recommendations for Transforming Select Member Groups”)

- Expand and reframe the work and structure of this committee by reassigning some of the work to short term task forces to create new member opportunities.
- Continue with the role of the committee in keeping track of all the books offered to the teen book groups. The publishers offer titles monthly. The committee also keeps track of the nominated books throughout the year that the groups submit when they send in reviews. Reduce term of appointment to one year.
- Create short term groups for such activities as: vetting applications for the TTT, making book trailers of the nominated titles, and judging applications for the new groups

Rationale: The tasks for this committee are broad in scope and participation currently requires a two-year commitment. By shortening commitment times and dividing tasks based on member interest, more members can be engaged and participate in the project.

Action: Based on board discussion in November, Sarah Hill moved that the Board:
• Keeps the charge of the Teens' Top Ten Committee the same, except that members will have a 1 year appointment, with an option to renew for a second year term.
• Directs the TTT board liaison to inform the current TTT chair with ideas shared during the board's discussion of this proposal.

Additional Resources

• Midwinter 2017 Board Document #2 “Recommendations for Transforming Select Member Groups,” http://bit.ly/2fLAgTZ