

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston
January 8 – 12, 2016**

Topic: Memorial Resolution for Linda Waddle

Background: Kim Patton worked with YALSA Past Presidents and others to write the memorial resolution below for Linda Waddle, former Deputy Director of YALSA, who passed away this fall. This resolution will be presented to ALA Council at the 2016 Midwinter Meeting.

Action Required: Consent

Whereas the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) on behalf of the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued member and leader on September 28, 2015, with the passing of Linda Waddle; and

Whereas Linda Waddle was a member of YASD from 1963 until 1991 while also serving as an instructor at U.N.I. in the Department of Library Science; and

Whereas, Linda Waddle worked as the Deputy Executive Director of YALSA in Chicago from 1991 until her retirement in 2002, always serving with a helpful and delightful manner and always a presented a positive voice; and

Whereas, Linda was always a delight to work with and was an invaluable source of help for a generation of YALSA presidents, and

Whereas, Linda Waddle served as the editor for Patrick Jones groundbreaking book for the Young Adult Library Services Association, *New Directions for Library Service to Young Adults*. Chicago: ALA, 2002; and

Whereas, in her eleven years as Deputy Director, Linda Waddle was truly the Voice of YALSA through a period of change, challenge and growth; and

Whereas, Linda Waddle was innovative, professional and virtually unflappable in times of stress and strife; and

Whereas, Linda Waddle always showed a vision for YALSA and where the association best fit within ALA as a whole—as Board, Division, Committee, and individual member; and

Whereas, Linda Waddle has served as the conscience and collective memory of YALSA; and

Whereas, during her tenure, Linda Waddle diplomatically guided the Board to make sound and responsible decisions; and

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Whereas, under her guidance, YALSA membership grew from 1,787 personal members to 3,183, the largest increase in its history; and

Whereas, Linda Waddle has been an extraordinary and inspiring mentor to people at all levels of their career; and

Whereas, Linda was the person who arranged YALSA's festschrift for Mike Printz; and

Whereas, Linda was a woman who served with grace and kindness as she worked so hard for YALSA; and

Be it resolved that on behalf of its members, ALA and YALSA honors the memory of Linda Waddle, celebrates her legacy of advocacy for library services for and with teens and remembers her services to ALA, YALSA, AASL and ALSC, and gratefully acknowledges her many contributions to the profession of librarianship and Young Adult Services; and extends its sincerest condolences to her family, and the teens she served admirably at Cedar Falls High School Library.

Moved by Todd Krueger, YALSA Councilor
Seconded by Kim Patton