YALSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING VIA CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
April 15, 2016, 3:30PM to 5:30PM (eastern)

YALSA is a national association of librarians, library workers and advocates whose mission is to expand and strengthen library services for teens, aged 12-18. Through its member-driven advocacy, research, and professional development initiatives, YALSA builds the capacity of libraries and librarians to engage, serve and empower teens.

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Present: Linda Braun, Sarah Hill, Carrie Kausch, Todd Krueger, Candice Mack, Chris Shoemaker, Beth Yoke

Guests: Crystle Martin

Call to Order
C. Mack called the meeting to order on April 15, 2016, at 3:32 pm EDT.

Adoption of the Agenda

Discussion Items

Item #1. Update on ALA Governance Activities
- Candice shared updates regarding planning for Annual.

Item #2. Update on ALA Fiscal Activities
- The group discussed ALA budget information and the impact on YALSA.

Item #3. ALA Council Update
- Todd shared information from Council.
- The group brainstormed ways to engage YALSA members with Council.

Item #4. Nominating Committees Update
- The group discussed the progress made by the two committees.

Item #5. Executive Committee Function
- The group discussed ideas for reimagining the Executive Committee in ways to address capacity and increase Board engagement.

Item #6. Fiscal Oversight Strategies
- It was agreed that YALSA’s long-term fiscal health needs to be a priority.
- The group discussed strategies that might be brought before the Board.

Item #7. Executive Committee Preparation for Annual
- Everyone appreciated the document Beth created and suggested a similar document be created for the Board.
• The group discussed the tasks that need to be done before Annual.
• There is a need to be more proactive about ALA and Joint Youth Exec agenda items.

Item #8. 2016 – 2017 Presidential Theme/Focus
• Sarah shared details about her focus on college and career readiness.

Item #9. Organizational Plan’s Communications Plan
• The group discussed the progress on the plan and ways to help move it forward.

Item #10. Standing Board Committees
• The focus of standing board committees will need to change with the 2016 – 2017 Board.
• Goal areas will continue to dictate the alignment.

Item #11. Using Endowment Interest to Build Capacity
• The group supports this idea.
• A revised document will move forward to the Board.

Item #12. Draft Research Agenda
• Due to time constraints, discussion will be moved to a Google doc and feedback provided by May 1.

Adjournment
C. Mack adjourned the Spring Executive Committee meeting at 5:36 pm EDT.

The Executive Committee acts for the Board of Directors between Board meetings on items that require interim action; to review agendas for the Board meetings and to make recommendations to the Board regarding items reviewed and under consideration by the Board; to review YALSA activities and programs and recommend division priorities in relation to activities; to provide support and training for the Board of Directors and Chairs. YALSA’s Executive Committee may not: amend bylaws; elect or remove board members; hire or fire the executive director; approve or change the budget; make major structural decisions.