

**YOUNG ADULT LIBRARY SERVICES ASSOCIATION (YALSA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MIDWINTER MEETING
JANUARY 20-25, 2006 – SAN ANTONIO**

Board I Sat., Jan. 21, 1:30-3:30 pm – HBG Convention Center, Room 003A

Board II Sun., Jan 22, 1:30-5:00 pm – HBG Convention Center, Room 003A

Board III Mon. Jan. 23, 10:30 am-12:30 pm – HBG Convention Center, Room 003A

MINUTES – 1/23/06

SATURDAY:

MOVED by Francisca Goldsmith, seconded by Jessica Mize, and voted that the agenda be adopted with flexibility. The motion passed.

Welcome & Introductions (5 minutes)

Patty Wong, chair of BARC (Budget Analysis and Review Committee) and YALSA representative to the BARC Committee, discussed the upcoming ALA dues increase vote. She pointed out that expenses have gone up since the last dues increase nearly ten years ago but income had remained static. More than 20,000 members provided input to 2010 plan, and additional resources were needed to fulfill the plan. Gaps in staff needed to be filled, and more money for salaries to pay for these positions was needed. Wong also discussed division representation on BARC, which reports directly to Council, and currently includes two Executive Board members and four other members. They now plan on adding two members to represent the divisions. One member tentatively would represent the three large divisions, and the other would represent the remainder of the divisions. These division representatives must advocate for and communicate with all divisions, and represent more than their own division. This proposal will probably be voted upon at Midwinter 2006.

MOVED by Nick Buron, seconded by Judy Nelson, and voted that the Board direct the YALSA Division Councilor to vote in support for the proposal to establish two division representative positions on the BARC Committee. The motion passed.

Consent/Information Only (15 minutes total)

- Item #1. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda..... 12/16/05
- Item #2. Guidelines for Board Meetings..... 12/16/05

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Item #3. Minutes from the 2005 Annual Conference..... 12/16/05
Item #4. 2006 Midwinter Meeting Skeleton Schedule..... 12/16/05
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Item #6. Executive Director’s Goals for FY 06 12/16/05

Yoke mentioned that changes possibly will be made to the awards announcement program. The Friends of YALSA program has been quietly launched, and almost \$1000 has already been donated. Working with Chrastka, ALA’s Membership Marketing Manager, a bigger presence at other conferences, such as AASL and PLA are some of the strategies planned. Getting new members has been successful. She mentioned that the vast majority of TRW registrants were not YALSA members, so she is working with Chrastka to target them. For her learning goal, she is exploring the possibility of taking certification courses for non-profit management.

Item #7. Amelia Walden Estate Update 12/16/05

The ALA Development office was working on this but the vacancy in the director position there stopped progress. The bank that manages the estate has been bought twice, and now she and Bill Gordon, Development Office representative, are trying to find out who has control over the estate at this time.

Item #8. ALA’s Council Update 12/16/05
Item #9. Online Courses Update..... 12/16/05
Item #10. Technology Committee’s Report on Gaming Proposal 12/16/05
Item #11. Oprah’s Book Club Grant Update..... 12/16/05
Item #12. WrestleMania Reading Promotion..... 12/16/05
Item #13. ALA’s Online Communities Update..... 12/16/05
Item #14. OIF’s Proposed Guidelines for RFID 12/16/05
Item #15. YALSA’s 2006 Grant & Award Recipients 12/16/05
Item #16. 2006 Nominating Committee Roster 12/27/05

Discussion/Decision

Item #17. Report from ALA Executive Board (15 min) —Terri Kirk (Sat. 1:30) 12/16/05

Audra Caplan thanked Kirk for supporting the proposal to add division members to the BARC

Committee. However, she also voiced concerns about whether New Orleans would be prepared to host the Annual Convention, and relayed information she had received from a friend who had brought her son to Tulane three weeks before Midwinter and was very disturbed by the lack of progress in restoring the city's services in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Kirk assured her that New Orleans would be hosting three conventions prior to ALA's, and with each convention the city would become more prepared for our Annual Conference. She also mentioned that Keith Michael Fiels and Mary Ghikas had recently visited that city. Kirk confirmed the prior announcement that there was no chance that Annual 2006 would be moved from New Orleans.

Item #18. Pre Meeting Committee Reports (30 min)..... 12/16/05

Pam Spencer Holley noted that the YALSA representatives on ALA committees seem to have nothing to report prior to conference, and therefore will not be asked in the future to report prior to conferences, just post conferences.

The respective Board members serving as liaisons to the committees brought up any concerns with and of their committees.

- Intellectual Freedom may not be communicating as well as they should, and have not made much progress on the upcoming program. Christine Allen will follow up with them after Midwinter. There is an issue regarding teen participation in the bi/gay/transsexual program at Annual.
- The legislation chair reported problems, that charge was too big, legislation vs. Advocacy Task Force responsibilities, and the fact that as a 503(c) organization YALSA cannot lobby. They asked for a link on the website for their committee – O&B will get involved in their suggestions.
- Division and Membership Promotion mentoring survey will be posted on web site.
- Local Arrangements is getting support from library students at LSU.
- Nominating feels they need more people.
- O&B seemed that some members were not communicating.
- Outreach had a concern that was settled by the liaison, with some discussion of a committee member resigning.
- PAT is focusing on their program at New Orleans. Also David Mowery will work with them to refocus on their participation in the activities mentioned in the Strategic Plan.
- Printz 2006 issues have been resolved.
- Printz 2007 will work closely with its Board liaison and YALSA staff.
- Professional Development had some nonparticipation from some committee members.
- Publications are working on several ideas for promoting YALSA authors and for rounding up potential authors.
- The Regional Institute Task Force and Professional Development seem to have overlapping committee charges. A suggestion was made to keep Regional Institute on as a task force for another year, as they are being very successful, but with the possibility replacing any members if there is any burnout.

- Research may have too much to do, particularly with the strategic plan, in addition to choosing the Henne winner. There was some talk of giving the award every other year, but for \$1000.
- SDVDs is considering a change in charge.
- Serving Urban Youth Discussion Group has had little activity, but may meet at Annual.
- Yoke wanted to move up the TRW calendar so that there will be more of a year-round presence. Trying to get a theme chosen earlier would help towards this goal.
- Youth Participation had concerns that their charge overlapped with TAGS, The Youth Participation Coordinator, and Legislation. Flowers, Youth Participation liaison, suggested they discuss policy and possible changes.

Item #19. Proposed Audiobook Award (15 min) 12/16/05

The Audiobook Exploration Award was originally suggested by Bill Ott, with a proposal developed by a joint ALSC/BOOKLIST/YALSA taskforce. A proposal will be presented to the ALA Awards Committee. At this point YALSA was waiting for input from the ALSC Awards Committee. Caplan pointed out that literary merit was not a criterion and Holley expressed the opinion that it should not be. The audios eligible for this award would target the ages of birth through 18. The committee would consist of nine members, four from ALSC, four from YALSA, with a chair alternating between the two associations.

MOVED by the Task Force chair, Pam Spencer Holley, and seconded by Francisca Goldsmith to approve the ALSC/BOOKLIST/YALSA Odyssey Award for Excellence in Audiobook Production.

Item #20. Website Advisory Task Force Report (15 min) —2:45 Sat. Linda Braun..... 12/16/05

O&B Committee suggested that this task force be changed to a committee, increased in size to 7, with possibly as many as two virtual members.

MOVED by Nelson, seconded by Amy Alessio, that the Board accept the report of the Website Advisory Task Force with amended changes to the charge and number of members, and to change the status of the group from Task Force to Committee. The motion passed.

Item #21. YALSA Products (25 min) —Don Chatham (3:00-3:15 Sat.)..... 12/16/05

Upstart/Highsmith has been used by Judy Nelson's library, and will soon be used by Nick Buron's. Nelson spoke well of their prices, quality and service. Don Chatham, AED of ALA Publishing, discussed his proposal. Chatham acknowledged that Graphics must bring in revenues and had been initially cautious with Teen Read Week when it first began. He recognized that TRW has grown, and mentioned that Publishing did not have a Marketing Director at the time that TRW started.

He proposed to do away with the current payment structure of providing no royalties until costs were recovered, and then paying only 2, 5, or 10%. In its place he now promised 5% and 10% and would also allow for a jump royalty after a designated number of units were sold. Also,

Chatham proposed an additional 5% on any posters that disseminated from TRW connection. Orlando Bloom was an example. ALA Graphics would also guarantee \$10,000 per year, whether earned or not.

Graphics staff would work more closely with YALSA staff to expand the TRW product line and marketing, including web sites, blogs, and targeting teens as well as librarians. Due to Rachel Johnson's hiring as new Graphics Director there would be stronger focus on product development, needs and trends would be identified, more exposure for YALSA would hopefully translate into more revenue. Regarding YALSA awards – mixed results with bookmarks for the awards, and thought design might have had an effect. More innovative bookmarks, more age specific products were a possibility. Aiming at extending shelf life for TRW products, instead of committing to just one year was another approach, such as removing the date from the poster. A backlist shelf life increase would lead to higher profits for YALSA and ALA. Selling items at youth awards press conference, Printz and Edwards programs, more aggressive reach and taking advantage of brand influence were other approaches.

Chatham mentioned the possibility of co-publishing with Highsmith/Upstart. They would sell to schools and ALA to libraries. DEMCO was mentioned as another possible co-publisher.

Online sales staff would be reorganized to strengthen sales – an online sales manager had been hired. TRW would be a prime sales line for online sales. Sales of poster downloads would be offered. E-marketing was also mentioned to target teens, librarians and school teachers.

Market research would be accomplished through a position that had been opened for a director of market research, who would research on how we can respond to customer needs, buying behaviors. Keith Fiels' support for Publishing has allowed for more flexibility with his budget and his staff positions to accomplish these goals and to plan for the future. Chatham pointed out the importance to ALA of both groups working together. He pointed out that income from an outside marketer would lead to an approximate 20% overhead charge to be paid to ALA.

After Chatham's presentation, the Board discussed his offer and felt that Upstart should be contacted again. Upstart should be asked for their sales projections. Highsmith verbally promised \$25,000, but YALSA should get same in writing. There was a question raised as to whether Highsmith would have a proprietary right to use the TRW logo. Holley suggested that Graphics be allowed to match Highsmith's proposal. Highsmith participation would be limited in 2006, as they need more time to put the full line together. The possibility was raised that YALSA could do its marketing and sales itself for 2006 with temporary help, and then it could be determined if Graphics would be fully prepared to meet Chatham's plans. The Board asked that Yoke get their guarantee in writing from Highsmith, including the money and unit guarantee that had previously been given verbally, and overhead figures from ALA in case they choose Highsmith. The Board directed her further that she should ask ALA if they can match Highsmith's proposal, or do better. Yoke would then present her findings to the Board by mid-February. Buron felt that there was more involved than numbers, that there was also a relationship to consider. There was a feeling of a lack of confidence in what ALA Graphics could really accomplish based on past unfulfilled promises. The Board members were polled concerning the plan of action.

MOVED by Nelson, seconded by Mize, and voted that the Board request the YALSA Executive Director to get overhead figures due ALA on products sold. The Executive Director is also directed to get the guaranteed figure in writing from Highsmith, as well as further information regarding prices, total revenue and unit sales projections, percentage of royalties for Teen Read Week products. The Executive Director is also directed to provide an opportunity to provide a counter-proposal and bring the resultant information to the Board by mid-February for a decision.

MOVED by Cornish, seconded by Flowers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

SUNDAY:

Item #22. Outstanding Achievement Award Task Force Report (15 min) —Jessica Mize.... 12/16/05

Mize, Alessio and Goldsmith worked on this task force to arrive at a proposal for this award. They used an ASCLA award as a model, as well as an original proposal by Alessio. The Board agreed upon an amount of \$2000, to be awarded every three years, as per the original proposal. A committee will choose the winner. The proposal should be approved by Board, finalized by staff and presented to ALA Awards Committee no later than Annual 2006. Yoke was directed to work with Greenwood Publishing regarding sponsorship.

MOVED by Mize, as chair of the Task Force, for the Board to accept the task force report as amended, and direct the YALSA office to secure a sponsor for the award and direct the report to the ALA Awards Committee by Annual 2006. The motion passed.

Item #23. ALA Presidential Candidate (15 min)--Loriene Roy (Sun. 1:45)..... 12/16/05

Candidate Roy spoke about her personal and professional background and entertained questions from the floor.

Item #24. Proposed Guidelines for Interest & Discussion Groups (15 min) 12/16/05

Discussion groups are mentioned in the YALSA bylaws, but not interest groups. Interest in adding such groups to the YALSA organization was piqued when Beth Gallaway wanted to start a discussion group on gaming, but found that a discussion group structure would not serve their purposes. Interest groups, however provide, them with the opportunity to plan programs and publish. No appointment process is involved with interest groups. Goldsmith suggested each interest group have a board liaison. Yoke suggested one board member serve for all interest groups.

Membership would have to vote on a change in the bylaws to add interest groups.

MOVED by Nelson, seconded by Mowery, to establish the option of including interest groups as part of the YALSA committee structure, and to place this proposal on the Spring 2006 ballot. The motion passed.

Item #25. Morris Taskforce Update (10 min) 12/16/05

Funds from the Morris endowment would be used for an award for an author’s first young adult novel, for a regional young adult literature symposium every other year, featuring YALSA award-winning authors. Two new taskforces were directed to have a progress report available by Annual.

MOVED by Sarah Cornish, seconded by Goldsmith, for the Board to establish two task forces – one will plan and implement a YA literature symposium to be held as soon as possible, and another task force will create procedures and guidelines for a first-time young adult author award, to be offered as soon as possible.

Item #26. O&B Committee Report (20 min)—Stacy Creel-Chavez 12/16/05

MOVED by Shannon Sword, member of O&B representing the chair, that the YALSA Board accept the Organization and Bylaws Committee report as amended. The motion passed.

Item #27. Selecting an USBBY Nominee (5 min) 12/16/05

MOVED by Maria Gentle, seconded by Christine Allen, for the Board to accept Teri Lesesne as YALSA’s representative on this board. The motion passed.

Item #28. Strategic Planning Committee Report (15 min)—Audra Caplan 12/16/05

Progress on the Strategic Plan will be reported on yalsacom. Caplan, Chair of Strategic Planning, felt the committee has completed the 2005 action steps and identified the 2006 items to do. They will start working on the 2007 action steps at Annual. Holley and Caplan agreed to strengthen communications as this committee completes its assignments. The committee is considering changes to the pre- and post-meeting reports in the strategic plan section. No action was needed on the part of the board.

Item #29. Proposed YALSA Dues Increase (10 min) 12/16/05

It was agreed that the YALSA staff and Board will post information and ask for feedback prior to the vote.

The Board had already passed the proposal to place on the 2006 ballot the proposal to raise regular member dues from \$40 to \$50 and student dues from \$15 to \$20. They decided to address the remainder of the dues structure.

MOVED by Alessio, seconded by Goldsmith, and voted to increase organizational member dues from \$40 to \$50 and corporate member dues from \$40 to \$60, while creating a rate for retirees at \$20, and to include the proposed increases on the spring ballot. The motion passed.

Item #30. Fiscal Officer Report (10 min)—Amy Alessio..... 12/16/05

The Board discussed the Oprah grant and overhead. ALA agreed to reduce overhead for the Oprah grant after PPO and YALSA met with Greg Calloway. Discussion of how successful passage of a dues increase would impact membership, and how an ALA increase in dues could have further impact YALSA membership. ALA also trying to overcome negative impact on registration in New Orleans.

Item #31. FY 07 Budget Priorities (10 min) 12/16/05

There was discussion of a plan to aim for a large increase in TRW sponsorship donations by aiming at big companies such as Office Depot, and asking corporate sponsors for at least \$50,000. There is also a plan to ask for higher increments as our increase in TRW registrations have tripled our mailing list, which is quite valuable to our sponsors. For instance, the Friend of Teen Read level will increase to \$2500.

If the dues increase passes, an additional staff position will assist in marketing and public relations. This would be a communications person.

PIO will put \$10,000 a year towards YALSA's @ your library campaign, but is asking that YALSA match these funds.

50th Anniversary Celebration would need funding for its plans. Some funds would be coming from the Morris fund.

To accomplish all of the above, Alessio felt that the dues increase was of highest priority.

Item #32. Developing Certification Programs (15 min)—Sun. 4 PM Jenifer Grady 12/16/05

Certification Programs raise stature of YA librarians and generate revenues for the division. Grady explained that ALA/APA was created as a result of two movements – developing a certification program for librarians who needed further training, and advocating for better salaries, which ALA was unable to do as a 501(c)3. If a division already has established competency standards, they could establish a certification process within two years, per Grady. The next step would be to determine what the membership wants in terms of training. Caplan pointed out that Professional Development is already working on such a survey. A certification program already exists as a joint venture with PLA, LAMA and ASCLA.

Caplan as liaison to Professional Development will ask that committee to amend their survey to include items applying to the above. In the meantime, the Board deferred action to the Spring Conference call.

Item #33. Proposal to Increase Size of Nominating Committee (10 min) 12/16/05

A suggestion was made to increase this committee from three to five. Caplan suggested the non-immediate past president be a member of the committee. A current board member may not be on

the committee. This change would apply to the next nominating committee to be chosen.

MOVED by Nelson, seconded by Goldsmith, and voted to increase the size of the Nominating Committee from three to five members, with one member being the non-immediate Past President, and to place this proposal on the Spring 2006 ballot. The motion passed.

Item #34. Joining ALA's @ your library Campaign (15 min)..... 12/16/05

The Board agreed to participate in this campaign. The Advocacy Task Force has direction from the Strategic Plan as to what is expected of them in this regard.

MOVED by Alessio, seconded by Mize, and voted that YALSA participate in the @ your library campaign. The motion passed.

MOVED by Goldsmith, seconded by Cornish, to extend the meeting to finish business currently on the table. The motion passed.

Item #35. Proposal to establish virtual group for international issues (10 min) 12/16/05

The Board felt that a discussion or interest group can be established to take care of this issue.

Item #36. Status of SUS Program (15 min) 12/16/05

The Board recommended that a taskforce be established to examine the status of this program. Mize suggested that all folks on SUS list be contacted to see if they are still interested on being on the list. Also, there was comment that there currently is no follow-up on the trainees. It was suggested that the next time trainers are selected, they should be chosen from underrepresented states instead of states already with many SUS trainers.

MOVED by Nelson, seconded by Goldsmith, and voted to create a task force to review the entire Serving the Underserved program – its goals, curriculum, process and potential for financial gain, perhaps from publications, and report back to the board with a progress report at Annual 2006. The motion passed.

MOVED by Allen, seconded by Flowers, and voted to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

MONDAY:

Item #37. ALA Pres. Candidate (15 min)-- Bill Crowe (Mon. 10:30) 12/16/05

Candidate Crowe admitted his background was primarily academic and entertained questions from the floor.

Item #38. No Conflict on Selection Committees (10 min) 12/16/05

Caplan felt that such a YALSA policy already existed. Yoke said she would look into it and report back after Midwinter.

Item #39. Program Clearinghouse Committee Report (15 min)—Erin Downey Howerton... 12/16/05

Howerton provided the preliminary proposed slate of programs for 2007 Annual. She asked the Board liaisons to contact their committees to flesh out details and provide Form Cs.

MOVED by Howerton, as Chair of Program Clearinghouse Committee, that the Board accept the proposed slate in concept. The motion passed.

Item #40. Regional Delegates Proposal (10 min) 12/16/05

The purpose of regional delegates would be to provide communication between the Board and five regions of the US. SUS trainers might be asked to get involved in this. Much of this work could be done virtually. A regional delegate would help to bring more member input from the less populous states and areas to the attention of the Board and YALSA management. The delegates would be appointed by the YALSA President. They would also help the YALSA office to reach out to more state conferences and keep track of calls for proposals at various conferences. Yoke said YALSA membership lists could be provided to the regional delegates.

MOVED by Goldsmith, seconded by Nelson, and voted that regional delegates be selected to serve as a regional advisory board to provide the YALSA office and Board with information about the training and information needs of each of the five US regions, and to liaise with regional chapters and boards on young adult concerns.

Item #41. Status of Selected Videos & DVDs Committee (10 min)..... 12/16/05

Flowers, board liaison, questioned the relevancy of this committee, and the time limitation criteria in its procedures. She suggested a taskforce to examine this committee's charge, policies and procedures and report to the Board at Annual.

MOVED by Flowers, seconded by Cornish, to set up a taskforce to study the charge and procedures for the Selected DVDs and Videos Committee, and to make recommendations for changes to the Board by Annual 2006. The motion passed.

Item #42. Proposal to Establish Joint Committee on School & Public Libraries (10 min) 12/16/05

MOVED by Nelson, seconded by Cornish, and voted that the Board transform the AASL/ALSC/YALSA Joint Task Force on School/Public Libraries to a standing committee called the Joint Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation.

Item #43. Council Report (10 min) —Christine Allen..... 12/16/05

The resolution relating to the 65% solution was passed. The ALA IF Committee is working with Mark Rosenzweig to arrive at wording of the Intellectual Freedom resolution. Council had raised a question on the process of selection of main keynote speakers. Caplan reported that she is on a committee charged with determining a procedure for selection of speakers. Names will

henceforth be presented to the ALA President. Council will not be involved in actual speaker selection. There was concern that a resolution for or against a political nominee could jeopardize ALA's 501(c)3 status. The proposal for BARC to have two representatives for the divisions will be voted on at Council III. The Board directed its Councilor to support this issue.

Item #44. Resolution(s) (05 min) 12/16/05

MOVED by Mowery, seconded by Mize, and voted to approve the resolutions for James Cook and Ray Fry. The motion passed.

Exploration

Item #45. Annual in New Orleans (10 min)..... 12/16/05

Mary Ghikas informed YALSA staff that the FAQ page on New Orleans Annual on the ALA site is still being updated. Annual will definitely take place in New Orleans. Yoke wanted to be informed if anyone heard questions or concerns about New Orleans so that the office could address them. Caplan mentioned that workers would be bused from Baton Rouge. The Adopt a Library program was now closed as so many libraries became involved in helping damaged libraries in that area, and many of the Louisiana libraries were not prepared to start receiving donated materials at this time.

Item #46. Celebrating YALSA's 50th Anniversary (10 min)..... 12/16/05

Ma'Lis Wendt, co-chair of this taskforce and YALSA past president, addressed the Board concerning fiscal impact of their tentative plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary. Their task force wanted a 50th logo with a t-shirt; 50 authors, one from each state decided by an online poll; podcasts with interviews from YALSA past presidents, an ALACON-type institute, and other items. The task force needed input about the specific type of party members would want, how to avoid time conflicts, a reasonable price to attend, perhaps combining it with Edwards or Printz with a combined ticket price. Further suggestions from the task force included combining a formal dinner with the Printz Reception following. They asked the exact date when YALSA was established. It was suggested that perhaps teens could design the logo, and Caplan suggested marketing departments at libraries could volunteer to design a marketing plan for the events. A CD of all the discussions with YALSA high profile personalities could be put on sale. A fundraiser could be held the prior Midwinter to raise funds for the event. Buron questioned whether ALA itself would have any conflicting events on Monday. Yoke suggested tie-ins throughout the year would keep the momentum going. Alessio, editor of *YAttitudes*, offered to run an item in each issue. Holley asked for a monthly update from the taskforce to keep the Board current with their plans. Nelson mentioned that her President's Program was tying the 50th anniversary into their theme.

Item #47. Feasibility of a Joint Institute with ALSC (10 min) 12/16/05

Perhaps other divisions should be considered for collaboration, although PLA would not be the best choice as they do not allow other divisions to present pre-conferences. Buron suggested approaching PLA through members who belong to both divisions. It was recommended that no action be taken regarding a joint institute at this time as YALSA has so many of its own revenue-generating projects in the works.

Item #48. Opportunities to Partner (10 min) 12/16/05

Yoke wanted input from Board on partnership opportunities, particularly DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Day and Turn off TV. Yoke will look further into PLA's policy regarding partnerships. Yoke was also concerned that YALSA was being broadcast as a supporter of DEAR Day, when YALSA had not yet agreed. The question was raised as to what opportunities would arise with DEAR DAY to promote YALSA. TV Turn off could work with encouraging teens to read that week.

MOVED by Maria Gentle, seconded by Cornish, that the Board not partner with either the Drop Everything and Read Program or the TV Turn-off Program, and direct the Executive Director to provide information about other division policies about alternative partnerships. The motion passed.

MOVED by Nelson, seconded by Goldsmith, and voted to extend the meeting until the completion of the agenda. The motion passed.

Item #49. Procedures for YALSA Blogs (10 min)..... 12/16/05

A report was presented from this ad hoc committee, and sample policy and tips from LITA. The current de facto blog manager is Linda Braun, who was doing the work on a volunteer basis. There was a discussion of possibly paying the blog manager. Contributors to the blog would have to be YALSA members, but responders need not be.

MOVED by Mize, seconded by Flowers, that the Board accept the blog policy as proposed by the ad hoc committee as amended. The motion passed.

MOVED by Mize, seconded by Flowers, that the Board direct the Executive Committee to create a job description and process for hiring a blog manager. The motion passed.

Item #50. Proposed Teen Music Media Interest Group 1/18/06

A proposal was received from YALSA member Joseph Wilt to form a Teen Music Interest Group. There were more than the minimum of 15 members of YALSA who signed the proposal.

Introducing Interest Groups into the YALSA structure entailed a vote by membership on the Spring ballot. Yoke indicated that in any interest group there be a minimum of 15 YALSA members who would promise to actively participate, whether as virtual members or regular members.

MOVED by Nelson, and seconded by Mowery, to accept the proposal for the establishment of a Teen Music Discussion Group, becoming an interest group upon successful passage of the proposal to add interest groups to YALSA's committee structure, which will appear on the Spring ballot.

Item #51. Proposed Gaming Interest Group..... 1/23/06

Beth Gallaway indicated that this interest group would cover electronic as well as board and other type of games and produced a petition to form this group. The group is interested in selecting top games, running programs and issuing publications.

MOVED by Nelson, and seconded by Flowers, to accept the proposal for the establishment of a Gaming Discussion Group, with its becoming an interest group upon successful passage of the proposal to add interest groups to YALSA's committee structure, a proposal to appear on the Spring ballot.

Item #52. Regional Institute for 2007 1/23/06

Buron suggested that the Video Gaming Night be repeated.

MOVED by Cornish, seconded by Gentle, to establish a task force to plan a 2007 Midwinter Institute. The task force will examine new ideas to pursue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED by Nelson, and seconded by Mize, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed.

Item #53. Printz 2007 Committee 1/23/06

MOVED by Nelson, and seconded by Mize, to end Executive Session. The motion passed.

MOVED by Nelson, and seconded by Mowery, to remove the 2007 Printz chair. Mize abstained from voting. The motion passed.

MOVED by Nelson, and seconded by Mowery, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.