

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
March 2, 2011

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Background: Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work they've accomplished at or since the Midwinter Meeting in January. During the conference call, each Board Liaison will have the opportunity to summarize and share any concerns their member groups may have. As of Feb. 22, the following groups were missing reports: Past Presidents' Lecture Planning Committee, Research Journal Advisory Board, Editorial Advisory Board, Publications Committee. The Chairs were asked to rate their group's effectiveness, with a 1 indicating excellent performance and a 5 indicating the poorest performance.

Action Required: Discussion

ALA Presidential Task Force on Equitable Access to Electronic Content
Report submitted by Monique le Conge, YALSA rep

Background and charge

On June 28th, the ALA Council passed a resolution that called for the formation of a Presidential Task Force, integrating the OITP Working Group, charged with studying:

- challenges and potential solutions in libraries for improved electronic content access, distribution and preservation systems, and infrastructure in response to the creation and migration of materials from print to electronic access;
- collaborations that provide electronic content and distribution infrastructure for libraries, including the development of a list of potentially practical, effective collaborations and courses of action that ALA and libraries around the country could engage in;
- current and emerging assistive technology that provides people with sensory and physical disabilities the opportunity to access electronic information hitherto inaccessible through libraries;
- methods of encouraging solutions through libraries for electronic content access that use formats and standards that work across DRM-free device platforms;
- options for compromise agreements between the library and publishing communities regarding access to digital content; and

- the need for any ALA policies required to further the creation of an effective electronic content and distribution infrastructure for libraries; and

The resolution called for the Task Force to submit a report to Council at ALA Annual Conference in 2011 containing recommendations for the Association.

For the full text of the Council resolution (including whereas clauses), see

http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/council/council_documents/2010annual_council_documents/cd_44rev_equitable_a.pdf

The role of OITP

The Office for Information Technology Policy advances ALA's public policy activities by helping secure information technology policies that support and encourage efforts of libraries to ensure access to electronic information resources as a means of upholding the public's right to a free and open information society. It works to ensure a library voice in information policy debates and to promote full and equitable intellectual participation by the public.

Working together with ALA's [Office of Government Relations](#) and the [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#), OITP works to ensure a library voice in information policy debates and to promote full and equitable intellectual participation by the public by:

- Conducting *research and analysis* aimed at understanding the implications of information technology and information policy for libraries and library users,
- *Educating* the ALA community about the implications of information policy, law, and regulation for libraries and library users,
- Advancing ALA's *information policy interests* in non-legislative government policy forums, and
- Engaging in *strategic outlook* to anticipate technological change, particularly as it presents policy challenges to libraries and library users.

Recognizing the role of OITP, it was understood that the Committee and Office would serve as the lead in and "home" for this effort.

Currently, an OITP subcommittee is working on issues closely related to the Council resolution. The mission of this subcommittee is to:

- explore and articulate the issues surrounding e-books (and allied devices), licensing agreements, and access to information in the library context, and
- engage vendors in a productive dialogue to improve matters for the library community.

This group is conducting an initial background exploration, which was to be followed by a broader discussion involving representation from the relevant ALA divisions, offices, roundtables, and other entities.

Initial Tasks

The digital revolution enables great opportunity for improved access to information through libraries but at the same time creates challenges for equitable access to electronic content. A major focus of these challenges is the infrastructure of how electronic content is acquired, accessed, distributed, and preserved. Particular issues of interest include the formats and standards for information and technology and assistive technology. Addressing these challenges effectively may take a variety of forms including collaboration and negotiation within the library community, with the publishing community, and with other groups.

Recognizing the enormity of the scope of the Council charge, as well as current efforts underway, it is recommended that the new Task Force include representation from the existing subcommittee. As a first step in addressing the issues outlined in the Council resolution, the Task Force would:

- identify relevant reports and projects that are completed, in-process, or planned by ALA entities
- conduct an environmental scan that includes relevant major initiatives outside of ALA
- analyze and synthesize the information collected
- identify/develop recommendations for action by ALA
- submit an interim report to ALA Council at the 2011 Midwinter Meeting and a report at the 2011 Annual Conference

Linda Braun

Name of Group : Best Fiction for Young Adults 2011

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Chair's Name : Terri Snethen

Board Liaison : Linda Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To select from the year's publications significant fiction books (excluding graphic novels) published for young adults; to annotate the selected titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : The BFYA committee finalized the list of nominations on November 1st. The committee met many hours and ALA Midwinter in San Diego to discuss all 191 nominated titles. On January 11 the final vote was taken and 99 titles were selected for the BFYA list. The committee then voted for the top ten and worked with Gillian Engberg from Booklist to finalize the annotations for publication. The press release was written and was sent along with the list and top ten to YALSA for publication on the website.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : Patti Tjomsland will take over as chair for BFYA 2011. I have transferred all the information to her and she is off to a good start. After ALA Midwinter I contacted the publishers of the selected titles, notified various listservs about the final list, and wrote recognition letters to supervisors of committee members.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The BFYA 2011 list is published on the YALSA website.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : All committee members completed their work on BFYA 2011 with hard work and respectful dialogue. I am particularly proud of the high level of readership that was attained before the final vote. Many committee members spent hours at Midwinter continuing to read nominations.

One committee member, Jennifer Barnes, missed all of the Sunday discussions as well as the Teen Session due to illness. Committee members shared their notes with her and she was able to view the live blog of the teen session online which was very helpful! My administrative assistant was unable to attend Midwinter due to a serious illness. The committee really pulled together to make the discussions go smoothly without her. Especially Shelly McNerney who was the administrative assistant during the first half of the year! We also had a former BBYA committee member, Rachel McDonald, come in to help count during our final voting which was very helpful.

Additional Concerns or Comments : The meeting room in San Diego was great! We especially appreciated the layout (not to mention the view). We had a large, hollow-square arrangement in the center of the room with audience seating on all four sides. This allowed committee members to see all the other committee members much better than the long table arrangement we have had at other conferences.

The Teen Session went great and the comments were very entertaining and enlightening. I would like to suggest better communication between the teen session coordinator and the BFYA chair. Leading up to Midwinter, and without the help of an administrative assistant, I was not in contact with the coordinator.

One concern that I talked with Patti about at Midwinter is that because the term for BFYA is now only 2 years, the 2012 committee has 4 new members. That means that the 2013 committee will have at least 11 new members. This could make for a difficult year. One suggestion we came up with was to allow Shelly McNerney to participate for an additional year since she was only a full committee member for half of this year.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Nick Buron

Name of Group : LIS Road Trip Task Force

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Chair's Name : Jerene Battisti

Board Liaison : Nick Buron

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : As per YALSA's Action Plan, plan a new round of YALSA's Road Trip and oversee implementation at all ALA accredited library schools throughout the 2011 calendar year. Adapt existing Road Trip materials and specifically gear them to library school students and faculty. with YALSA's Program Coordinator for Membership: put out a call for local organizers and schedule LIS Road Trips based on responses. Identify and recruit individuals from specific library schools who do not respond. Regularly inform Program Coordinator for membership of plans and progress. Provide a progress report to YALSA Board at Midwinter and Annual for 2011.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : The challenge with this committee has been communication and non-responsiveness from members. One member declined to participate, but did not inform me as chair. We have just had a new member assigned. I completely understand the need for virtual committees, but this Task Force has not been able to rise to the function statement, despite emails and telephone calls.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Outreach

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : I plan to try to communicate again with each member and remind them of the function statement and assign specific tasks for each member.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We need to blog, tweet and post on listservs. We need to directly contact the LIS schools.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 5 Not Accomplished

Member Participation : I have contacted each member both by email and by phone and did receive responses. However as I stated above, tasks were not accomplished. I have kept in contact with Linda Braun regarding this issue and spoke with her again at Midwinter.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : Young Adult Literature Blog Advisory Board

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Chair's Name : Sarah Debraski

Board Liaison : Nick Buron

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : The YA Literature Blog Advisory Board participates in the development and maintenance of the YA Literature Blog and follows the guidelines for the site as set out by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the site and assists with the collection of content for the site, generates ideas for content, works on getting teen and librarian input and feedback, facilitates marketing and PR as needed, and writes for the site as needed

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : On December 22, 2010 the first post of The Hub was published. Over the next two weeks we quietly added daily content and officially launched on January 5, 2011. Since then we've had anecdotal evidence that readers are enjoying the blog, following the blog, and telling people about the blog. But what about actual numbers? Take a look at the statistics (statistics are as of February 14, 2011):

The Hub has published 81 posts.

There have been a total of 16,609 views (We can assume that actual numbers are greater simply because of how the statistics in Wordpress are reported. We can't know how many people were looking at the same computer, or how many people clicked to the home page but then scrolled down and read additional posts.).

The post with the most views was Maria Kramer's piece on Steampunk, which was picked up by American Libraries Direct and subsequently linked to from other sites as well. It ended up with 1,132 views.

In January the average number of hits per day was 353; in February 393.

There are 24 bloggers (including the advisory board) who have signed on to be regular bloggers. We have had a number of incoming links (that is, other sites linking to us and people clicked on those links to get to us.) The Hub is definitely becoming part of the online ya lit community.

Check out what people have had to say:

"I've only just discovered it today, but I know that I will be keeping a window open to this blog along with the home blog for YALSA. With just a few brief glances at The Hub's content, it's easy to see just how amazing of a resource it's going to be. I hope you'll find it both entertaining and useful as well." [<http://miss-sbooks.livejournal.com/11972.html>]

“In happier news, I hear from The Hub that YALSA's starting a Readers' Choice List. Anybody can nominate titles in a number of genres and YALSA members will vote for winners in November.” [<http://www.abbythelibrarian.com/2011/02/around-interwebs.html>]

“Will ‘princess stories’ be forced to abdicate their thrones? I’m guessing not. Not any time soon, that is. As Maria Kramer* points out, princess archetypes still dominate popular culture, most notably in Twilight. I’d never thought about Twilight as part of the princess genre before but it makes a lot of sense. Because you know those princesses “if it doesn’t sparkle, they don’t want it. (YALSA’s The Hub)” [<http://thatklickitat.wordpress.com/2011/01/29/saturday-paper-the-bad-book-with-no-sticker-edition/>]

“I heard about ALA's Young Adult Library Service Association (YALSA's) newest blog, The Hub on a list serv, and have been very impressed with it! Lots of great book reviews, ideas and examples of teens expressing themselves about books, and pointers to information about teen lit on the web. I highly recommend taking a look at it.”

[<http://keepingupwithkidsifls.blogspot.com/2011/01/i-heard-about-alas-young-adult-library.html>]

“YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) has recently created “The Hub,” a blog about young adult books, what teens are reading, and how librarians can talk about what we read. There are also links to other YA blogs, podcasts, videos, and more. Check it out!”

[<http://library.utah.gov/youth/?p=236> Utah State Library Youth Services, Website Wednesday]

“I thought you might like to see the award winners (taken from YALSA: The HUB) YALSA has selected 10 adult books with special appeal” [<http://ecya.wordpress.com/2011/01/11/aya-books-alex-awards-and-a-new-blog/> The Blog of the Eastern Connecticut YA Roundtable]

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : In the upcoming months the advisory board will continue to review the blog, contribute to the blog (each member has committed to 4 link type postings per month), and contribute suggestions and feedback. We are seeking more teen voices for the blog and do have some leads for that.

I’m also hoping to get more selection list/award committee chairs to contribute regularly. I have reached out to them and had some response, though not as much as I’d hoped for. For example, when nominations are published I would like to include that on the blog.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : At this time no specific plans are in place.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : Members have worked at developing a routine for contributing both to the blog as well as feed back.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : No

If other, please describe :

Priscille Dando

Name of Group : MAE Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program

E-mail address : bailey.ortiz@yahoo.com

Chair's Name : Bailey Ortiz

Board Liaison : Priscille Dando

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To promote the MAE Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to annually select a recipient, when a suitable winner is indicated.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : - Promoted the award through various listservs, blogs, and library associations.

-Reviewed all the applications that were submitted.

-Each committee member participated in an online survey, ranking the applications.

-Received news of chosen winner from Nichole Gilbert.

-Updated press release and shared with committee for feedback.

-Contacted all applicants and encouraged those that didn't win to consider applying for next year. Press release was attached to email.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Outreach

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Our winner has been announced so we will spread the news and share the press release. A Pre-Conference report will have to be submitted in the Spring.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Our press release has been approved and is available.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : For the most part, work was easily accomplished. My only issue was that I did not always receive a timely response. I would include informal deadlines and that would help some.

Additional Concerns : I just wanted to say that Joella Peterson, a committee member, was excellent. She was always eager to participate, had great ideas, and definitely shared her thoughts with me. I don't know if you have anyone in mind for Chair next year, but I would recommend her.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Name of Group : Strategic Planning Committee

E-mail address : pdando@gmail.com

Chair's Name : Priscille Dando

Board Liaison : n/a

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To work with the YALSA Board throughout the strategic planning process and in between planning cycles, including but not limited to: connect with members to ensure an inclusive planning process, monitor the implementation strategy for the current strategic plan, to communicate the goals of the plan and the planning process to the general membership and to official member groups, and to encourage members and member groups to take an active role in helping YALSA achieve its goals.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : o Met at Midwinter All Committee Meeting to review the current Great Ideas Contest application and process. Brainstormed ideas for publicizing Strategic Plan to membership by tying it with recent YALSA initiatives.

Committee collaboratively revised Great Ideas Contest application and process, clarifying and consolidating the application, and creating a rubric for evaluating submissions.

Chair participated in conference call with YALSA president and executive director in order to plan for the process of revising the current Strategic Plan.

Determined timeline and began planning for new member survey and publicity strategy for developing the new Strategic Plan.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : Revise and submit member survey to help determine areas of focus for new Strategic Plan. Survey link to be published in March YALSA e-News. Analyze results of the survey in a report submitted to the YALSA Board. Post weekly blog posts publicizing survey and demonstrating what the Strategic Plan means to members by tying it to recent YALSA initiatives and explaining the need for member involvement.

Determine ways the committee can further support the Strategic Plan process. Review and participate in a communication plan developed by YALSA staff.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Member survey and process for revising Strategic Plan

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : One subcommittee did not meet internal deadline for task. Regrouped, and in the process of clarifying charge.

Additional Concerns or Comments : No additional concerns.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : Teen Tech Week

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Chair's Name : Laura Peowski Horn

Board Liaison : Priscille Dando

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to encourage teens to use libraries' nonprint resources for education and recreation and to help teens recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Committee responsibilities may include: Developing content for the Teen Tech Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended web sites, video games, DVDs, audiobooks, etc.; promoting Teen Tech Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, e-zines, blogs etc. within the library, education and technology fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting with the selection of an annual theme and related products; providing recommendations as to appropriate potential celebrity spokespersons and potential Corporate Sponsors, Promotional Partners and Non-Profit Supporters. All members virtual

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What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : In the past three months we created a blogging schedule for the committee and began blogging to ensure that the committee posts on the YALSA blog every week until and through TTW.

We also reviewed all of the applications for the TTW mini grants and determined the 10 winners.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : In addition to continuing to post on the YALSA blog we will be updating current TTW professional resources that are available from our website.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The winners of the TTW mini grants will be shared with YALSA publications.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : I was very concerned that we would not be able to review all of the mini grant applications in time since a few of my committee members did not respond to my initial email notifying them of the task. I followed up with an additional email and made sure to include Priscille Dando in all communications.

Additional Concerns or Comments : The committee and I are concerned that the time allotted to us to review the mini grants was very limited. It would be helpful to future committees if the files were forwarded to them with more time for reviewing, especially considering the applications were submitted weeks before we received them.

We are also concerned that the grant recipients are not given enough time from the announcement of the winners(mid February) to TTW(mid March) to adequately plan their programs. For libraries that truly rely on the grant to fund their programs, one month may not be enough time to purchase supplies and complete other pre-TTW tasks.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Sarah Flowers

Name of Group : YALSA Research Committee

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Chair's Name : Rebecca D Hunt

Board Liaison : Sarah Flowers

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : The committee's official charge is: "To stimulate, encourage, guide and direct the research need of young adult library service; to compile abstracts, and disseminate research findings."

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : 1. The YALSA research agenda. We decided to collapse the various categories into three main categories:

(a)Information behavior of young

adults,(b)Young adult reading and resources, and (c) Young adults and technology. We feel that an "umbrella" introduction to the three categories can point out that other issues impact all three of these areas,issues such as evaluation and evidence-based practice,intellectual freedom, history, and services.

Each of the areas will contain an introduction to the topic and then a list of research questions.

2. Poster Session. A call went out for proposals to all possible listservs and individual members. Members volunteered to review the proposals and four memebers will attend the annual conference to host the session.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Research

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : 1. Continue monitoring the submission of proposals for the poster session. Use marketing strategies to promote the session at the conference.

2. Review proposal submissions and notify participants.

3. Continue work on the Research Agenda.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Possible promotion of the poster session at the Annual Conference.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : None at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe

Francisca Goldsmith

Name of Group: ALSC/Booklist/YALSA Odyssey Award Committee

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Chair's Name: Sarah McCarville, 2011 Chair

Board Liaison: Francisca Goldsmith

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States; to also select honor titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : The 2010 Odyssey Award Committee accomplished our task of choosing the Odyssey Award (to Listening Library, for "The True Meaning of Smekday") and choosing four Odyssey Honor Titles (to Listening Library, for "Alchemy and Meggy Swann" and "Revolution"; and to Brilliance Audio, for "The Knife of Never Letting Go" and "will grayson, will grayson"). This, after evaluating 2,686 hours on 430 audiobooks.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Outreach

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : The 2012 Odyssey Committee Chair, Liz Hannegan, and I have already been in contact. I will share with her the list of titles we received, so there will be no question about what was received in 2010. I'll also forward to her the list of producers' contact emails.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The 2011 Odyssey Award titles were shared at the ALA-Midwinter conference during the Youth Media Awards press conference.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : None to my knowledge.

Additional Concerns : None.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Name of Group : Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

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Chair's Name : Jennifer Lawson

Board Liaison : Francisca Goldsmith

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To promote the use of audiobooks among the young adult population; and to prepare annually an annotated list of 25 to 30 recommended audiobook titles from the two previous years that represent the wide scope of interests and concerns of listeners aged 12-18.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : After selecting titles to include on the 2011 Amazing Audiobooks list, the 2010-11 committee reviewed the list of submitted titles to determine which would be passed on to the 2011-12 committee. The list includes 106 titles, which have been checked for eligibility.

At Midwinter, I met with as many audiobook publishers as possible to ensure that they would be submitting titles. Last year, one publisher never sent us their titles and one or two didn't send them in time to be considered for the list. I also introduced myself to a Christian audiobook publisher that has never submitted to the committee before.

One of our members, had to resign from the committee, because she will not be able to come to annual. The current and incoming presidents have been informed and will be selecting a new member.

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The new year's committee has taken steps to become acquainted with each other and the work that we'll be doing this year. Each member has been given their first assignments, with the knowledge that while we do not start until 2/1, they are welcome to begin at any time. Members have been informed that the workload will be approximately 2 hours of listening per day.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : - Jamie is in the process of transferring last year's documents to me.

- The new committee will be determining what format we will use to share our audiobook reviews.

- As soon as the newest member of the committee is in place, I will send the committee list with publishers so they can begin submitting titles.

- The list of nominations will be sent to YALSA on a monthly basis for inclusion on the YALSA website.

- Lots of listening!

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We will be sharing the list of nominations for publication on the website. If there are other things that should be shared with YALSA publications, please let me know.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : No concerns yet.

Additional Concerns : n/a

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Name of Group : Diversity Task Force

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Chair's Name : Jennifer Velasquez

Board Liaison : Francisca Goldsmith

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To help plan and carry out the second phase of YALSA's diversity campaign which was launched in 2008, including: promoting the Spectrum Scholarship, and creating programming, readers' advisory and collection development resources to assist library workers in serving diverse teen populations, including but not limited to: working with YALSA Editors and the Blog Manager to write and publish information; creating and maintaining a section of the YALSA wiki; compiling and disseminating lists of recommended reading, listening &/or viewing; and planning and coordinating a program for BCALA for their 2010 conference, Aug. 4-9 in Birmingham, AL (completed).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : The group did not participate in activities during the past 3 months.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Other (Please explain)

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : The charge of the group expired in January of 2011.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : n/a

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 5 Not Accomplished

Member Participation : N/A

Additional Concerns or Comments : I understand that the Task Force has run its "course" and would recommend that in its next iteration the topic of diversity to focused outward towards teen library users. There seems to be a hunger for information regarding services to diverse teen populations.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : No

If other, please describe : n/a

Name of Group : 2012 Printz Award Committee

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Chair's Name : Erin Helmrich

Board Liaison : Francisca Goldsmith

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books. The Committee will also have the opportunity for input into the oversight and planning of the Printz Awards Program.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : There are no additional specific tasks that the YALSA Board has asked of our committee.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Research

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : The Chair and Administration Assistant made face to face contact with as many publishers as possible in San Diego and this month will be mailing out letters to the publishers with the Printz roster and introductions. Committee members will be monitoring reviews and reading & nominating titles as they see fit. The committee is communicating causally via email and will have an ichat in April or so to start discussing nominations. The Chair and Administrative assistant will be tracking the receipt of book titles and requesting titles from publishers as needed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : There is nothing at this time that we are planning to share.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : There are no concerns or issues at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments : There are no concerns at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe : The committee had an excellent first meeting discussing and going over the Policies and Procedures and the Charge of the committee. We discussed how we would handle communication and what technology would be used to accomplish this. We also went over our timelines for the coming year so everyone would know what was expected.

Mary Hastler

Name of Group : Financial Advancement Committee

E-mail address : pamsholley@aol.com
Chair's Name : Pam Spencer Holley
Board Liaison : Mary Hastler

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board to create and implement regular fundraising campaigns based on fiscal priorities identified by the Board. Implement fundraising opportunities approved by the YALSA Board.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : 1. Successful Not So Silent Auction was conducted at Midwinter in San Diego on Friday night. Saturday morning the committee came up with suggestions for "how to do it better" for the next one. Nichole was wonderful help and her printing of numbered signs to identify the donations was just what was needed.

2. FOY and Leadership Endowment donors are thanked on a regular basis. Because there are donations to Leadership Endowment in honor of Christy Tyson, those donors are receiving a lengthier thank you and Christy's sister Jean will be notified of all the contributors at the end of February [to allow time for more donations to arrive--have you-all sent yours?] 3. Thanks to Letitia's reminders, it's easy to write up the FAC work for the FOY e-newsletter.

4. At Midwinter the committee discussed putting together a Printz Calendar...as soon as I have time to think, that project will begin [no later than end of February].

5. We know we need to do more with Cafe Press Space; will get with Stevie to discuss a few ideas we had.

6. We do not have something similar to a Give \$10 in 10 planned for this year; hopefully calendar sales will help.

7. A list of donors for Not So Silent Auction was given to Beth and Letitia so that they can receive FOY e-newsletter and hopefully join FOY on an individual basis.

8. A photo essay was compiled for YALS; a smaller version went to Letitia for the FOY e-newsletter. Photos were courtesy of Nichole's sister.

9. Thank you letters were sent to the 80+ donors of items for the Not So Silent Auction; positive responses were received from some of the donors.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : 1. Between now and Annual we plan to develop the Printz Calendar. Chair will contact publishers for permissions and committee members will come up with interesting YA Lit tidbits for the days of the month.
2. Chair will provide better direction to committee to examine Cafe Press Space. We wanted to do this at Midwinter, but lack of wi-fi in hotel was a small problem.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We shared the photo essay with YALS and a smaller version with FOY e-newsletter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : This is a wonderful committee. A very congenial, fun group with whom to work. Please let chairs give input to members who will be added...it really helps.

Additional Concerns : NA

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Name of Group : Legislation Committee

E-mail address : krista.mckenzie@garrettcollege.edu

Chair's Name : Krista McKenzie

Board Liaison : Mary Hastler

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : "Function: To serve as a liaison between the ALA Legislation Committee and YALSA and with other ALA youth groups and units interested in serving this age range, to inform and instruct librarians working with young adults of pending legislation, particularly that which affects young adults, to encourage the art of lobbying; and to recommend to the YALSA Board endorsement or revision of legislation affecting young adults which might be proposed or supported by the ALA Legislation Committee."

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : The group has been continuing to write and post blogs about Legislative issues each month on the YALSA blog.

In addition, the committee is very pleased to share that we have finalized the panelists for our upcoming program at annual on Teen Advocacy. Panel participants will include: Christian Zabriskie, YA Librarian and Advocate, Lauren Comito, YA Librarian and YALSA Emerging Leader (Lauren and Christian are currently co-writing a book for ALA about Teen Advocacy, Franklin Escobedo, a YA Librarian with an active group of teen advocates, Eric Glover from the teen involvement organization DoSomething.org, and lastly Patty Wong co-chair of President Molly Raphael's advocacy initiative, has also agreed to participate.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : For the next few months, the committee will move forward in creating a list of questions for our program panelists, an annotated bibliography, and a tips presentation and hand-out to be posted as resources online.

In addition, we will continue to work on blogs and sharing legislation resources on the internet.

Lastly, we will move toward working on materials for District Days and legislative considerations during the elections.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We will be getting some publicity out there about the upcoming program. It is a very strong group of panelists, and we are very excited about the benefits and information that discussion can provide for the membership.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : No concerns. Though we did not meet at Mid-Winter, I will be setting up a virtual meeting for our committee to work on the planning of the program for this summer.

Additional Concerns : One of the biggest issues that we are dealing with in this committee right now is that at Mid-Winter, I talked with the Board Liaison about sunsetting the Legislation Committee and have the people interested join with the Advocacy Interest Group. Through a series of emails with Beth, I have learned that the Advocacy Interest Group was never formalized for a variety of reasons. And, the work and liaisoning with ALA would need to continue, thus we would need to petition and develop a mission statement for the new group. My issue is finding someone who is willing to take on the convener role for this group. Because of prior commitments, this not something that I will be able to take on in this coming year. I am open to any suggestions that the board may offer on this issue. Once we have someone willing and dedicated, we will move forward with a board request for action and immediately petition for the formulation of a new interest group. I do think it is a necessity for Legislation Committee to be restructured and move into a different position as most other committees have done in YALSA. I am committed to seeing the process through before the end of my term this summer.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Jack Martin

Name of Group: Book Wholesalers Grant Jury

E-mail address: jsasges@sno-isle.org

Chair's Name: Judy Sasges

Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To select annually two YALSA members who work in a public library and who work directly with young adults to receive the BWI/YALSA Collection Development grant.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Committee met virtually, reviewed applications and selected two public librarians for the award.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : This group's charge was to select two winners by the end of Annual 2011.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Two winners and their projects will be publicized via YALSA.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : Everyone participated. There were some technical glitches and weather related difficulties but, overall, people met deadlines and followed through. I did have to re-confirm email addresses through the year as some changed.

Additional Concerns : One main concern:

Not enough applications. We tried to talk it up at conferences and did see publicity but people just don't seem to apply.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Name of Group : Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

E-mail address : adrithian@yahoo.com

Chair's Name : Franklin Escobedo

Board Liaison : H. Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To annually prepare one to five annotated list(s) of at least ten and no more than twenty-five recommended paperback titles, selected from popular genres, topics or themes.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : The finalized lists for Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults. The selection of our top ten picks, and the publication of the list on the YALSA Website. Also we chose the new themes for PPYA 2012: Forbidden Romance, Adventure, Geeks & Nerds, and Bullying. Also published blogs to YALSA new blog, The Hub, to promote the lists.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Research

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : To create list names and taglines and begin nominating titles for the 2012 lists.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : To begin the nomination process for the 2012 lists. Do use yalsa-bk list serv and other resources to solicit nominations from the YALSA membership and librarians in the field.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : All PPYA members attended meetings at Midwinter.

Midwinter Meeting Observers:

Saturday January 8th, 2011

Nancy Reich Los Angeles Unified School District Elizabeth Bernley Little, Brown Books for Young Readers Paige Battle Union High School Susan Chang Tor Books

Sunday, January 9th, 2011

Julie Judkins University of MI, Ann Arbor Guild Susan Marsten Junior Library Guild Susan Chang, Tor Books Susan McKinley Pierce County Public, WA

Monday, January 10th, 2011

Belinda Williamson Trail District Public Library, BC

Additional Concerns or Comments : none

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

E-mail address : glum@jesuitportland.org

Chair's Name : Gregory Lum

Board Liaison : Jack Martin

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : After discussing the 156 nominations over four days, we selected 87 titles, both nonfiction and fiction. We also voted on our Top Ten selection and contacted publishers from the Top Ten list.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

Other (Please explain)

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : As the 2011 chair, I shared all of my documents with Heather Gruenthal, the 2012 QP chair. Heather will also be writing a QP article for YALS.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Heather Gruenthal, the 2012 QP chair, will be writing an article.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation :

Additional Concerns :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Ritchie Momon

Name of Group : Alex Award Committee

E-mail address : informationgoddess29@gmail.com

Chair's Name : Beth Gallaway

Board Liaison : Ritchie Momons

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : "To select from the previous year's publications ten books written for adults which have special appeal for young adults, ages 12 through 18."

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : We requested, read, reviewed 491 titles; recieved 25 field nominations and 57 ineligible nominations; and nominated 46 titles. Through ~12 hours of meetings at ALA Midwinter, selected 10 winners and 25 official nominations for the vetted list. We wrote annotations for both the winners and the nominated titles.

Winners were announced at the kickoff to the Youth Media Awards on Monday January 10.

Additionally we donated a basket of winning titles for the YALSA auction.

Alex Award titles were featured in USA Today on January 3, 2011:

http://www.usatoday.com/life/books/news/2011-01-13-buzzplus13_ST_N.htm

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Other (Please explain)

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Our list will appear in several library journals. We will facilitate a program at ALA Annual in New Orleans on Sunday June 26 from 10:30-noon, hopefully with a panel of Alex Award winning authors!

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : none, unless you'd like an expose on the realities of book award committees - a realistic view of the amount of time, space, and money required in your life to participate.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : none.

Additional Concerns : none

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Name of Group : Division & Membership Promotion Committee

E-mail address : mcbride.melissa@gmail.com

Chair's Name : Melissa McBride

Board Liaison : Ritchie Momon

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To work with staff to develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA; to promote the association to colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Strategic Plan; to promote and maintain good relations with existing members through activities such as the member booth at conferences; recognition of member anniversaries and outreach to lapsed members.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : We successfully planned and implemented YALSA 201 at Midwinter. The purpose of 201 is to provide YALSA members with information on becoming more involved in leadership positions within YALSA.

We donated a basket to YALSA's Not So Silent Auction.

In October I participated in a webinar with San Jose State MLS students. I shared information on YALSA and the benefits of membership.

DMP has busy sending out anniversary cards on a monthly basis to members celebrating milestone membership anniversaries.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

Outreach

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : DMP is gearing up to judge the "Why Am I a YALSA member?" contest.

DMP will continue to send out Anniversary cards.

DMP is getting ready to begin planning YALSA 101 at Annual.

DMP will be working with Letitia to staff the YALSA booth at Annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We will be sharing information regarding the YALSA booth and YALSA 101 with publications.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : Currently there are no issues. While there are some hiccups to working virtually, there has been participation by all members. All members of DMP are excited about the coming tasks and I am confident that we will have full participation.

For a virtual committee, we had excellent attendance at Midwinter. Including myself, 5 of the 9 DMP members were at the meeting.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : Local Arrangements Committee Annual

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Chair's Name : Angela Germany & Tammy DiBartolo

Board Liaison : Richie Momon

YALSA Board of Directors – March 2011 Conference Call

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To work with YALSA's Communications Specialist prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA's presence at the ALA Annual Conference. To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA programs and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Annual Conference. Committee members aren't expected to attend Midwinter, but are expected to attend Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : We made more blog posts to the YALSA blog. As requested by the YALSA Board, we added more information for visiting New Orleans as inexpensively as possible on the Wiki. In addition we reviewed the proposed changes to the Local Arrangements Committee Description before they forwarded them for review at the YALSA office.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Outreach

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : To receive the final YALSA program schedule at Annual. We will then divide up coverage for LAC members to attend the programs, deal with any last minute issues that arrive or requests, and help however possible.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : None at this time except to continue posting on the YALSA blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : There are no concerns at this time. We have a great group.

Additional Concerns or Comments : I would like to know when we can expect to have a finalized schedule of YALSA programs at conference.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Kim Patton

Name of Group : YALSA Executive Committee

E-mail address : kimpatton@kclibrary.org
Chair's Name : Kim Patton
Board Liaison : n/a

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To act 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. Committee size: President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Fiscal Officer, Secretary, YALSA Division Councilor and Executive Director (ex-officio).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : The Exec Comm. is responsible for guiding the board as they make recommendations regarding items under consideration and decisions on how best to move the organization forward. As discussions have come up whether they be about the consideration of a dues increase, issues with committee members, tasks lists or job descriptions, the Exec Comm members have quickly joined in with their opinions.

In addition to the expertise and continuity the members of the Exec Comm possess and share with the President as they settle into their leadership role; their input has been instrumental in identifying and clarifying issues facing the association as we planned for meetings at ALA MW in San Diego. Discussion and planning helped the Exec Committee members prepare to lead our Mega Issue discussion on keeping our organization focused on the future as we strive to stay innovative and intuned to our members needs without overwhelming and disenfranchising our staff and leaders.

The Exec Comm worked together as a team to prepare to lead small group discussions and presentations for board planning.

All members have have worked hard to provide solid guidance to new board members and those interested in the duties of YALSA's leadership.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Research

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

Other (Please explain)

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : We will continue to provide good leadership to the organization and handle discussions in a courteous professional manner.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : n/a

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : n/a

Additional Concerns or Comments : n/a

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : No

If other, please describe : Leadership Development

Name of Group : Half Day Preconference Planning Task Force

E-mail address : pjlibrarylady@gmail.com

Chair's Name : Penny Johnson

Board Liaison : Kim Patton

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To plan, organize and implement a half day preconference at the 2011 Annual Conference for library generalists and new teen services librarians on the topic of providing teen services in small libraries, including strategies for addressing teen behavior. The taskforce will incorporate best practices in adult learning into the preconference and work with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences and Events for all logistics. The taskforce will assist on-site in New Orleans with the implementation and evaluation of the event. Taskforce size: to be determined. Term: 1 year, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : **Revised event agenda **Began recruiting event speakers and panelists

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : **Complete the speaker and panelist roster **Publicize the preconference

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We plan on publicizing the event through posts on the YALSA blog, on a variety of YALSA email listservs, and with a blurb in YAttitudes.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : No concerns to report

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : No

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : 2011 Nominating Committee

E-mail address : jsexton50@gmail.com

Chair's Name : John Sexton

Board Liaison : Kim Patton

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the election of YALSA Officers, Directors and certain award committee members. When building the slate, strive to provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : Committee hosted the candidates forum at Midwinter which this year was reconfigured to allow for more membership interaction with the candidates. Candidates were paired at tables and members were able to rotate between candidate tables and ask questions and engage in discussion with the candidates.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : promote the upcoming YALSA election through contribution to the YALSA blog.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Promote the upcoming YALSA election through contribution to the YALSA blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : no concerns; group participated and contributed fully.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe : We were able to engage some new members in this program. We collected their names and contact information so that they may be considered for recruitment for YALSA office, committees and taskforce opportunities.

Name of Group : President's Program 2011

E-mail address : marnold@cuyahogalibrary.org

Chair's Name : Mary Arnold

Board Liaison : Kim Patton

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : In conjunction with the President, plan the annual President's Program content

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : The 2011 President's Program "Big Ideas for a Big Audience" format and content is in place. Authors Paul Volponi and Richard Peck will keynote, speaking on the importance of outreach to underserved teens and maintaining access to edgy YA materials for those teen audiences. A panel of YA librarians will present poster sessions on working successfully with teens in the juvenile justice system, GLBTQ teen involvement and programming, making the public library

teen department central to a community-wide effort to serve teens well. Handouts and discussions will be posted to YALSA online program board with a link from the Annual conference Wiki and will be promoted on the YALSA blog and online publications to make the information widely available to members.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : Continue to work with YALSA staff and board to finalize letters of agreement; communicate with all speakers as to format and timeframe for the program; assist speakers in submitting handouts and program information to online sources

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Highlights of program content to discussion lists, blog and wiki; upload program content and handouts to YALSA presentations site

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : wonderful group effort, special appreciation to our great YALSA staff for suggestions on how to refine the presentation format for maximum impact

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : Research Resource Clearinghouse Taskforce

E-mail address : smitmari@my.dom.edu

Chair's Name : Mari S Smith

Board Liaison : Kim Patton

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : The goal of the clearinghouse is to help YA and secondary school librarians find resources that connect them with the latest in relevant research focused resources and opportunities, including analysis, experts, research-supporting organizations, funding sources and more.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : We are continuing to annotate resources for publication on a YALSA web page. We hope to have a first draft of about fifty resources to be posted for use by March 15th.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Research

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : The clearinghouse will begin with a resource list of currently available information and the committee hopes to add other components in stages. These components include: a research issue survey of members to gather information on topics of research interest, a forum/list serve/social network for researcher questions, as well as how-to articles on conducting and publishing research written specifically for the clearinghouse. The committee has determined that the work may take longer than one year to complete and is willing to continue to work past the original timeframe.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : When the resource list is posted we will contact the Publications Committee Chair to begin marketing the Clearinghouse through YALSA's blog. We are willing to publicize the Clearinghouse as a work in progress and hope to solicit comments and suggestions from the membership to direct its development. Other publicity methods will be used as the Clearinghouse grows.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : Health issues and a family death have impacted work progress but tasks are being completed.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : YALSA Thinking Big About Advocacy Task Force

E-mail address : mahoney.kathy@gmail.com

Chair's Name : Kathleen Mahoney
Board Liaison : Kim Patton

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : Identify and promote best practices in advocacy for teen library services via a contest. Work with YALSA's Communications Specialist between August and January to promote the contest among the membership. In February and March judge all eligible entries and select the winners, based on the criteria outlined on the contest application.

In April and May work with YALSA's Communications Specialist to issue a press release and other promotional materials announcing the winners and their advocacy ideas.

Compile and post winner and runner up advocacy ideas in the Advocacy section of YALSA's web site. Size: up to 5 - 7 virtual members, including chair. Term: 8/1/10 through 6/30/11.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : During the last three months the Task Force continued to contact, or follow up with state libraries and associations to ensure that contest details were being promoted via state and regional listservs and websites. Additional names and information have been added to the group's shared spreadsheet created to track contacts.

The Contest was published in YAttitudes and regularly mentioned in connection with the overall Thinking Big platform promoted by YALSA President Kim Patton.

The Task Force launched a campaign on the YALSA blog to raise awareness of the history of advocacy in youth services, and encourage participation in the upcoming contest. Each member of the task force prepared at least one blog post on advocacy efforts in the areas of gaming in libraries, graphic novels and manga, teen spaces, technology and social media, YA programming, and YA books and collection development. The posts seemed to be well received and generated numerous comments and Tweets. Numerous YA librarians were interviewed in connection with the blog posts and were extremely generous sharing their experiences with the Task Force members.

A scoring matrix to evaluate the applications was discussed and created online to provide consistency during the judging process.

At the close of the contest on February 1, 2011, the YALSA office had received five applications which were forwarded to me. The Task Force debated whether or not to request an extension of the contest deadline in the hopes of drumming up more support and applications. Ultimately, the group voted against this option, believing that the additional effort would probably not result in a large increase in entries.

The entries were forwarded to each Task Force member with instructions to notify me if any of the applications had been submitted by friends or colleagues. A number of Task Force members believed that the librarians who were interviewed for the blog posts planned on submitting their stories to the contest, but that was not the case. As of the quarterly report deadline, the group has almost completed its rankings of the five candidates, but a winner has not yet emerged. There are two obvious frontrunners, but a final decision on the first prize winner may take another week of deliberations and discussion.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : During the next three months the Task Force will make its recommendation for the contest first prize winner. The remaining four contestants will all claim one of four \$100.00 honorable mention awards. The results of the voting and the spreadsheet of contact information will be submitted to YALSA for review or further use.

The function of the Task Force is to additionally compile and post best practices to the YALSA website and promote the winning entries and their efforts. Since the contest only resulted in five entries, there will not be a heavy workload in this regard. The members of the group have discussed the lack of entries at length, and think it might be a worthwhile to explore the reasons for the low turnout. There is already a sense among the group as to some of the possible reasons why people chose not to enter. One factor may be a general lack of understanding of what is meant by advocacy, and what types of activities met the requirements of the contest. In particular, the differences between conducting outreach, marketing, and promotion for existing YA programs and services (How do I get teens to attend my programs or come to my library events?), and advocating for the creation or establishment of these programs and services (How do I communicate the need for these programs and services to the public, funders, or decision makers?) were not always obvious in our conversations with librarians.

During the next three months the group will work with YALSA staff to determine what can be learned and publicized from this effort.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We will publicize the contest winners and highlight their efforts in YALSA publications, blogs, and on social media sites. In light of the small number of entries, it is difficult to predict what type of follow up might be appropriate. A quick recap of the five entries shows that two of the five shared their efforts at promoting Banned Books Week at their libraries, one targeted teens and stressed its outreach and promotion of the library as a place that offered teen services, and the final two were aimed at the public, funders, or school administrators. One possible article might deal with creative and effective ways to deal with different audiences. It was also noted that none of the applicants referenced in any way YALSA's Add It Up Talking Points, which were actually listed as a criteria for submission. This led the Task Force members to question

the level of awareness about YALSA resources for advocacy. Some type of article highlighting the Talking Points might be useful.

Once the final round of judging has been completed, the group will work with the YALSA Communication Specialist to formulate further plans.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : Participation by Task Force members was consistent, and everyone made an effort to meet deadlines and communicate regularly with questions or concerns. Overall, the group was thoughtful and enthusiastic.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Shannon Peterson

Name of Group: Fabulous Films for Young Adults

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Chair's Name: Adrienne Butler

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To select films around a theme that appeal to teens in a variety of library settings.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : The committee agreed to promote the 2011 list with movie-alikes, promotion and activities that compliment the theme and the list. All committee members will provide these suggestions to the chair for publication.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : In the next few months the committee will have a new theme for the 2012 list, start promotion of the 2011 list and open the nomination form.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : To promote the 2011 list and future collaborations with an ALA Committee and teens.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : Due to library funding, two members will not be able to make ALA Midwinter. One member had to resign due to job reorganization.

Additional Concerns : No concerns at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Name of Group: William C. Morris

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Chair's Name : Summer Hayes

Board Liaison : Shannon Peterson

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : The William C. Morris YA Debut Award celebrates the achievement of a previously unpublished author, or authors, who have made a strong literary debut in writing for young adult readers. The work cited will illuminate the teen experience and enrich the lives of its readers through its excellence, demonstrated by:

- * Compelling, high quality writing and/or illustration
- * The integrity of the work as a whole
- * Its proven or potential appeal to a wide range of teen readers

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : After meeting at ALA Annual, the committee continued to read, evaluate and discuss possible titles. Two chat sessions were held using ALA Connect to allow committee members to discuss titles nominated since Annual. Due to scheduling limitations, the final titles were discussed via email. A series of straw polls were done to narrow our list of nominations to five finalists. The committee met on January 8th to discuss the five finalists and select the Morris Award Winner. The committee also attended the ALA Youth Media Awards and the Morris and Nonfiction award ceremony on January 10th.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : The committee's work was finished with the selection of the Morris Award winner. Because I was not able to meet with the

incoming chair of the 2012 Morris committee, we have set up a phone meeting so that I can pass along the necessary information.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : n/a

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : n/a

Additional Concerns : I had heard that the previous Morris committees struggled with determining eligibility of titles, and this year was no exception. It was often exceedingly difficult to establish eligibility due to various reasons and, while contacting publishers often cleared up any confusion, this was not always the case. Additionally, the issue of self published titles will need to be reevaluated. During the course of the year, I became aware of over 20 titles that were self published (primarily print on demand). Although the committee received two or three of these titles for review, the vast majority of eligible self published titles were not evaluated because they were not readily available. Given the increase in self published titles, a definitive decision to include self published titles should be made.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Name of Group : YALSA Web Advisory Committee

E-mail address : jwurl@hclib.org

Chair's Name : Jody Wurl

Board Liaison : Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To regularly assist the YALSA Web Services Manager with the oversight and maintenance of YALSA's online presence, including but not limited to its wiki and social media channels. To liaise with YALSA member groups regarding the use of YALSA's website and social media tools in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Web Advisory Committee; and to recommend, develop and update policies for YALSA's web presence to the YALSA Board. Committee size: 7 virtual members including the chair, plus the Web Services Manager who will serve as staff liaison.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : In September/October 2010, WAC assisted Jodi Bollaert, a consultant hired to design the information architecture for the YALSA website redesign, with an online card sort exercise.

In December 2010, WAC started to provide additional support to the core founders of the Facebook fan page for the YALSA initiative Books for Teens by taking turns providing status updates and interacting with fans there.

WAC continues to support the MySpace and Facebook YALSA fan page social media channels. We also continue to manage the YALSA wiki overall structure.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Other (Please explain)

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : WAC will continue to support the MySpace and Facebook YALSA fan page social media channels. We will also continue to manage the YALSA wiki overall structure.

WAC will also be available for any additional duties as requested.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We should continue to build support for Books for Teens by promoting it through standard publications.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 3

Member Participation : As a virtual committee WAC members have responded to email communications within 2-4 days. As Chair I have not been consistent in follow-up and plan on setting up an online chat to catch up on WAC business and determine best practices.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe : Social media channels provide consistent brand recognition and build engagement with colleagues and fans of libraries and books.

Sara Ryan

Name of Group : Graphic Novel Selection Committee

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Chair's Name : Candice A. Wing-Yee Mack, Joy Kim

Board Liaison : Sara Ryan

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : CHARGE:

To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers.

PURPOSE OF LIST:

The list presents graphic novels published in the past 16 months that are recommended reading for teens aged twelve to eighteen. It is a general list of graphic novels, both fiction and nonfiction, selected for proven or potential appeal to the personal reading tastes of teens.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : The Graphic Novel Selection Committee completed reading and nominating titles and prepared an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers. In addition, we created a basket for YALSA's Not-So-Silent Auction called "SDCC in a Bag," featuring signed graphic novels that were nominated for our booklist, action figures, cosplay accessories, comics and manga related posters and snacks, and two \$50 gift certificates for restaurants near the San Diego Convention Center. Our basket sold for \$90 at YALSA's Not-So-Silent Auction.

Our completed list was published on the YALSA website, in Booklist, and promoted on various listservs, including GNLIB-L and yalsa-bk.

We also collaborated with members of ALSC to support their proposal for a Graphic Novel Selection List for Children.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Research

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : We will complete the chair transition and get new members up to speed. We will continue to read titles nominated for our booklist and complete our straw poll prior to ALA Annual. At ALA Annual, we will discuss the nominated titles for the 2012 booklist.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The final titles for our booklist and a call for field nominations for our 2012 booklist.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : Candice: Our committee continues to struggle with participation from those who are overcommitted. Hopefully posting the committee's goals & expectations will resolve this issue.

Joy: In light of Candice's concerns, I've highlighted expectations for committee members re: meeting attendance and nominating titles in my early emails. I also plan to check in with members in mid-March if it seems like they are not keeping up with the work.

Additional Concerns : N/A

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes
Candice thanked Sara for all of her support during the somewhat tumultuous year.
Joy spoke with Sara on 1/24 about how the chair transition is going.

Name of Group: 2011 YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Committee

E-mail address: dlatham@fsu.edu

Chair's Name: Don Latham

Board Liaison: Sara Ryan

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To annually select the best nonfiction title published for young adults between November 1 of the preceding year and October 31 of the current year, available in English in the United States and, if desired, to also select honor titles. The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning title announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting. The winners and honor authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA Conference.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : In late November 2010, the committee selected five finalists for the 2011 Excellence in Nonfiction Award. (The list of five finalists is available on the YALSA website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/nonfiction/nonfiction.cfm>.) During Midwinter 2011, the committee selected the winner from the list of five finalists: Ann Angel's "Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing."

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Other (Please explain)

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Our committee's work is now done. The 2012 Excellence in Nonfiction Committee consists of different individuals.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The list of finalists and the winner are available on the YALSA website. In addition, these titles are being publicized in a number of different outlets.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : None. This was an excellent group of people to work with--thoughtful, responsive, and on task.

Additional Concerns : None.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Chris Shoemaker

Name of Group : Great Books Giveaway Jury

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Chair's Name : Season Balik

Board Liaison : Chris Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : Judge applications for the YALSA Great Book Giveaway Award.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : Completed judging of applications for Award. Completed Great Books Giveaway Jury Great Books to Movies Basket for YALSA Not-So-Silent Auction.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : Judging completed. Will continue to serve as liaison between YALSA and members of jury by disseminate news and information to members by e-mail.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : none at this time

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 5 Not Accomplished

Member Participation : none- excellent group, willing collaborators

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee 2011

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Chair's Name : Robin Brenner

Board Liaison : Christopher Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To select a living author or co-author whose book or books, over a period of time, have been accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives. The book or books should enable them to understand themselves, the world in which they live, and their relationship with others and with society.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : Our major task, of course, was selecting our winner for the Edwards Award at ALA Midwinter. After a brief final discussion, we unanimously decided on our selection, Sir Terry Pratchett. We immediately contacted the YALSA Office, Sir Pratchett, and his publisher. We prepared our press release and related materials for the awards announcement on the Monday of Midwinter.

We also further discussed our ideas for future programming concerning past MAE Awards winners and other significant works in YA literature and hope to propose a program in the upcoming months. We were unsure as to the timing or possibility of suggesting a more substantial event, such as a preconference, but we are also interested in presenting a basic program.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : Our main tasks at this point are to prepare for the upcoming Annual Conference and the official presentation of the MAE Award and the luncheon celebrating the winner. While at Midwinter we discussed possibilities with Nichole Gilbert about potential alternate programs if Sir Pratchett was unable to attend due to a sudden change in health. We all agreed that a successful alternate program would be to invite other authors (including favorites and colleagues of Pratchett like Neil Gaiman) to come and present at the luncheon their own feelings regarding Sir Pratchett as an author and influence for young adults. We hope this will not be necessary but we appreciate Nichole approaching us about our preferences were Sir Pratchett's health to decline unexpectedly. We are also working on small party favors and ideas to help celebrate the event.

Our other major discussion was the possibility of requesting a change to one of the requirements of the MAE Award -- specifically the mandatory attendance of the author at the Award luncheon. The committee this year expressed concern over the fact that the MAE Award was the only award that required the winner's attendance to in fact win the award. In a world where live or recorded video acceptances have been given in the past, it seems an unnecessarily limiting requirement. We would, of course, presume the the winner would want to and could attend, but if something would prevent them (illness, a major life event like a child's wedding, or something similar) we would like to change the attendance rule so that the author could still be recognized and allow for other ways to accept the award. We understand that attendance is part of the award so that people will be excited to attend the luncheon, but we hope that the attendance could be reworded to be consistent with other awards. Encouraged attendance is the norm for the other awards, and while it could be worded more strongly for the Edwards, such as attendance is expected, we hoped it might be softened from the current requirement. I am happy to address this further with the Board and discuss any and all concerns with this change.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Aside from the announcement of the winner just made at ALA Midwinter, we don't have any immediate plans for publications. As Chair I am working on a short post for The Hub, YALSA's blog, to discuss our winner.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 3

Member Participation : The concerns over a few Committee members participation were ultimately resolved in that we were able to reach a consensus by the time required, but the lack of participation and commitment to the Committee's work in terms of being on time and being aware of the requirements of committee work was still a problem at ALA Midwinter. Happily, by the time we finally met in person our work went swiftly and everyone did participate

significantly in terms of discussion, but I was disappointed that certain members never quite seemed to understand the necessity of frequent and substantive participation before Midwinter and our final decision. I did discuss this with them over email and via phone, but in the end their level of participation was less than I hoped.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group: Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA Research Grant Committee

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Chair's Name: Melissa Zuckerman

Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : Judge applications for the YALSA Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Finalized basket for Not So Silent Auction. Reviewed applications and selected the 2011 winner of the Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA Research Grant. Established with Liaison the preferred method for making the jury "blind" to avoid ethical dilemmas.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Research

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : The committee will continue outreach through the end of Annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We would like to collaborate with YALSA publications, and hope to create a piece for Yals, YAttitudes, and the Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults. This is still in the planning stages.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation: Waiting until the last minute was an issue, but everyone did pull through in the end. It is difficult to keep a cohesive group when we are 100% virtual. One suggestion I liked was to friend everyone on Facebook. It was mentioned during Leadership Development that this will help us get to know each other, and humanize and personalize our work. I plan to do this in the future.

Additional Concerns: None

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Name of Group : Teen Read Week

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Chair's Name : Naphtali Faris

Board Liaison : Chris Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To provide recommendations for each annual Teen Read Week to the ALA/YALSA staff; to assist in the selection of a slogan, the drawing up of a timeline, the creation of new items added to the tip sheet and Teen Reading website, and to recommend promotional activities and products.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : We've had good results in the past three months. We are currently working on the annotations for the Teen Read Week bibliography for the theme Picture It @ your library.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Research

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : In the next month, the committee will complete work on the bibliography and send that in to the YALSA office. Over the next several months we plan to work with the committee on renewing the wiki; making sure all content is current.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : In addition to the bibliography, possible publications include potential programming and promoting ideas for Teen Read Week.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : Overall, the group participation has been great. There is one committee member who I have to persistently email in order to get the necessary responses.

Additional Concerns or Comments : The committee is incredibly frustrated right now. We were given the theme for this year's Teen Read Week and we did not see our suggestions reflected in this theme. This is disconcerting and disheartening to the committee. A lot of time and effort went into the creation of our list of suggested themes. The committee respectfully suggests that the board review the charge of the committee in concern to the creation of suggested themes. It may be a more effective use of the committee's time to generate general themes ideas instead of slogans or to simply have input on themes created by graphics and YALSA office.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Stephanie Squicciarini

Name of Group : Advocacy Resources Update Task Force

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Chair's Name : Sarah Ludwig

Board Liaison : Stephanie Squicciarini

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : In order to continue to meet YALSA's advocacy goal of the strategic plan the Task Force will:

- Update the YALSA advocacy toolkit, "Speaking Up for Library Services to Teens," to include information about advocacy at the local, state, and regional levels and present the updated document to the YALSA Board by their Midwinter 2011 meeting.
- Work with the YALSA Continuing Education Coordinator to develop a canned presentation for member use with administrators on the need for strong YA services in libraries, to be completed by December 30, 2010.
- Between January 2011 and December 30, 2011, work with the YALSA Communications Specialist to promote (via YALSA publications, email, and listservs) the updated advocacy toolkit and the variety of advocacy presentations available from YALSA and encourage members to use them in presentations at the local, state, and regional levels.
- Provide a progress report to the YALSA Board for their meeting at Annual 2011 and a final report for the 2012 Midwinter Meeting.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : We submitted our draft of the updated Advocacy Toolkit, "Speaking Up for Library Services to Teens," as well as the canned presentation. The latter was a draft as well.

We are currently waiting for feedback from the YALSA office about the toolkit; once that is completed, we will move on to completing the presentation (again, with feedback).

Specifically, the following changes were made:

- * Added 3 new case studies
- * Added book to bibliography
- * Updated links throughout the document
- * Made significant edits to the Legislative Advocacy and Advocacy Resources sections

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : We are waiting for feedback. We are eager to complete the toolkit. Two members are responsible for the presentation and will continue work on that as soon as they can.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : None thus far; once our work is completed, we will presumably be sharing both documents with YALSA members. The group members working on the presentation have reached out to Eve Gaus about publicizing the presentation, but we are not ready to do so.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : You will notice a discrepancy in how much time some members put into editing the toolkit. Particular standouts were Laura O'Connell, Robyn Vittek, and Julia Riley. Robyn and Julia were responsible for the presentation - they created it in just 30 days, right before Christmas.

Additional Concerns or Comments : I am concerned about completing all of our tasks by end of year. We should be farther ahead at this point, but I'm not sure I was able to keep the group on task in regards to the toolkit: specifically, I'm worried that we did not make significant enough changes. Not to be repetitive, but I am looking forward to further guidance from YALSA about our next steps. NB: I understand the circumstances and do not mean this as a criticism of the office!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : 2011 Annual Conference Table Talk Taskforce

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Chair's Name : Matthew Moffett

Board Liaison : Stephanie Squicciarini

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : Oversee the planning and implementation of a table talk session for the 2011 Annual Conference in New Orleans that features new, engaging and timely topics of interest to librarians who serve teens. Beginning in July 2010, work with YALSA Office staff to put out a call for proposals for a program of table talks. Evaluate proposals submitted and select the presentations for the table talk sessions. Inform those that submitted proposals of the status of their proposal. Work with table talk presenters to help them prepare for the session and with YALSA staff to help promote the event. Attend the table talk session at Annual Conference 2011 to provide assistance to presenters and participants

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : Our focus most of the last three months still rested on promoting the event so we could receive as many applications as possible. We did this primarily through email listservs and online bulletin boards, although we also sent fliers and emails to universities near New Orleans that have programs in library science. We also promoted at the Midwinter conference and nearly all of the people we talked with directly sent in an application. The application deadline was January 31 and we received 16 applications in total.

As of January 31st, we have formally accepted eight of the applications. The remaining are still under review and the task force will be voting on the remaining eight on February 18.

A large point of consideration for us is the interactive component the presenters have incorporated into their presentation, and that has taken some considerable back-and-forth with the applicants to find out their full ideas or, in some cases, work with them to enhance that area of their application. I expect to have at least 12 presenters in the end, if not more.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : After we vote on the final applications on February 18, I will be breaking up the list of presenters so each of the three of us will function as the primary contact for 4-5 presenters. I felt this would be an effective way to delegate some of the work and keep the other task force members involved over the next few months. Each member will work with their presenters to make sure they will be prepared for the annual convention and that their ideas stay on track with what they stated on their application.

Other than working with the presenters we will also work on promoting the event. We plan on using many if not all of the listservs and bulletin board groups we used to raise interest for the applications. I will also be working with Stevie Kuenn to get the information on website, the blog and podcast. We hope to have a well-attended event.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Once the final slate of presenters has been decided, I plan on sharing the final list as well as a short write-up on how the event itself will run.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : One of my two members was not completing assigned tasks and was not responding to emails for a time. I ultimately called her at her home and learned she had been undergoing some health issues. She has been doing better and her activity level has resumed as her health has improved.

Additional Concerns or Comments :

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Gail Tobin

Name of Group: Midwinter Institute Task Force 2011

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Chair's Name: Penny Johnson

Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : Plan the content for and help implement an Institute called Teen Services and the Whole Library Experience which will focus on supporting librarians in working with all library departments and staff in providing, advocating for, and promoting teen services. The Institute will take place on Friday, January 7 for the 2011 Midwinter Meeting in San Diego. Task Force members are required to attend the Institute in San Diego. Responsibilities include:

• Establishing an interactive curriculum for the day that includes a mix of lecture, discussion, and large and small group activities.

YALSA Board of Directors – March 2011 Conference Call

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

• Securing a minimum of three dynamic and experienced facilitators, speakers, and/or presenters
• Recruiting and coordinating the participation of other YALSA member groups, as appropriate
• Working with YALSA's Program Coordinator for Conferences & Events on all logistics, marketing, and any fiscal matters
• Providing updates to the Executive Committee for the spring conference call in April and the fall Executive Meeting in October as well as provide updates to the Board

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : We feel our Institute was a success despite low attendance. The positive and frequent interaction between attendees and presenters was precisely as we had planned. Indeed, we felt the smaller group allowed better discussion. Other than Ray's last minute inability to attend (and Penny's choking fit right at the beginning of the day :-0) we feel the event went smoothly.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : After the conference we wrote thank you notes and posted a synopsis online. All of our tasks are now complete for 2011.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We are posting a synopsis of our event on the YALSA wiki and at presentations.ala.org. We have also posted on the YALSA blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation: We appreciated the opportunity to serve YALSA!

Additional Concerns: No other concerns

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

Name of Group : WrestleMania Reading Challenge Jury

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Board Liaison : Gail Tobin

YALSA Board of Directors – March 2011 Conference Call

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To plan and provide resources for the 2010-2011 Reading Challenge by updating and expanding the existing toolkit for August 1st distribution; maintaining a page on the YALSA wiki; judging teen contest entries in November - December; creating trivia questions for the required reads by March 1, and other activities as requested by the Board. Judge student contest entries and choose a winner by Dec. 31, 2010.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : We judged the student submissions for the challenge and selected winners.

We submitted a basket for the YALSA Not-So-Silent Auction.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Outreach

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : We are currently reading through the selected novels to create trivia questions by the March 1 due date.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : TBD

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : No concerns

Additional Concerns or Comments : No concerns

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe : N/A

Sarajo Wentling

Name of Group : YALSA/Baker & Taylor Award Jury

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Chair's Name : Kenneth Petrilli

Board Liaison : Sarajo Wentling

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : To select annually two librarians (one from a school, one from a public library) who work directly with young adults to receive the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Conference Grant.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : We awarded our award! Although we were unfortunately a bit late getting it done... We had a solid field of applicants (11 total, 5 more than last year) and made it through the unenviable task of picking two of them for the award. We're all happy with our two winners and satisfied we reached the right conclusion.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Advocacy

Marketing

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : As we have essentially discharged our duty, I have no specific plans as of this moment. I have been thinking that the manual for this committee needs to be updated; as I have had some difficulty at times getting this committee to communicate effectively, I'm not sure I'm ready to tackle that.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Nothing as of this moment.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 3

Member Participation : We had a lot of communication problems during the period in which we were making our decisions as to who the awards would go to. One committee member did not collaborate in the online surveying until *after* midwinter was already over. While it wasn't anything malicious (she honestly thought she had done everything properly) it took too many emails and threats of personal phone calls before I could figure out exactly what was going on. As a result we were rather late in getting our prizes awarded.

Additional Concerns or Comments : I can't help but wonder if a jury of this nature should really be entirely virtual; I think the process would work more smoothly with at least some modicum of face-to-face interaction.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : Organization and Bylaws

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Chair's Name : Sarajo Wentling

Board Liaison : Sarajo Wentling

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement : 1. To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the Division, for the achievement of its state objectives, and to keep them in harmony with the ALA Constitution and Bylaws.

2. To study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure, to advise on the organization manual, and to make recommendations on other organizational matters.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? : * We discussed the evaluation process for our first round of committee evaluations and are poised to move forward in the next couple of weeks.

* Both blog managers have been contacted regarding the respective blog guidelines and progress has been made in getting these updated (original blog) and created (the Hub)

* We are almost done reviewing the YALSA Bylaws and are in progress on the Handbook.

* We have been in contact with the current co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee to clean up and move outdated info from the handbook into their committee description. Once the revised function statement for the LAC is approved we will have the web content updated all at once.

* We have worked with Beth and committee chairs to update the charges of both the LAC and Web Advisory Committee and would like Board approval to make changes official. See current and proposed charges below.

Local Arrangements Committee:

Current Function Statement: To handle YALSA local arrangements for the ALA Annual Conference, in close cooperation with the division president and YALSA office staff. The Local Arrangements Committee includes Youth Participation Coordinator.

Proposed Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Communications Specialist prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA's presence at the ALA Annual Conference. To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA programs and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Annual Conference. Committee members aren't expected to attend Midwinter, but are expected to attend Annual. Committee size: to be determined, but including one member designated as Youth Participation Coordinator. Term: 1 year, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

Web Advisory Committee:

Current Function Statement: To regularly provide oversight for YALSA web content and methods of distribution.

Proposed Function Statement: To regularly assist the YALSA Web Services Manager with the oversight and maintenance of YALSA's online presence, including but not limited to its wiki and social media channels. To liaise with YALSA member groups regarding the use of YALSA's website and social media tools in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Web Advisory Committee; and to recommend, develop and update policies for YALSA's web presence to the YALSA Board. Committee size: 7 virtual members including the chair, plus the Web Services Manager who will serve as staff liaison.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? : Finalize updates to the blog guidelines for the current blog. Complete the process of developing blogger guidelines for the Hub. Contact the current and immediate past chairs for the first round of committees on our evaluation schedule and complete evaluations to present to the Board by Annual 2011. Continue process of reviewing the YALSA Handbook and Bylaws and communicate back to YALSA staff and Board as appropriate. Work with Sasha Matthews to update the charge and format of the Publications Committee before Annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Will be communicating about committee evaluations through YALSACom email group.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : Please list any managerial concerns, including unexcused absences at virtual or face-to-face meetings, and how you addressed them.

We have recently lost a member of the committee but will hopefully have a new member in place very soon.

Additional Concerns or Comments : None at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes

If other, please describe :

Name of Group : Teens' Top Ten Committee

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Chair's Name : Jennifer Barnes

Board Liaison : Sarajo Wentling

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : 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.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Over the past few months, we have continued to update a document of the Teens' Top Ten group nominations, as submitted monthly by the group advisors. We have also continued to track the galleys offered by the publishers. As the new TTT groups get settled in, we have been responding to their concerns in a timely manner and monitoring the yagalleyadvisors list-serv.

At ALA Midwinter, some of us were able to get together to go over our tasks (several are coming up this spring) and to address any concerns. We had the chance to meet a librarian involved in the genesis of the YA Galley project and will be following up with her about a journal article. We're also working on getting reviews from galley group teens on the new YALSA blog, the Hub. Amy Fiske, primarily responsible for PR and Marketing for the committee, is working on this at the moment.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? :

Marketing

Research

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Nominations for this cycle of Teens' Top Ten will close on March 15th. Leading up to that date, we will process and vet the nominations (using Books in Print) for eligibility (publication date and not having been nominated last year). When nominations close, we will selecting the roughly 75 titles with the most nominations for a group vote, which will run from March 17-31. We will be working with Stevie Kuenn at the YALSA office to create a Survey Monkey form for this voting period.

When the votes have come in, we will then annotate a list of the top 25 titles for the announcement on April 14th.

Next Tuesday (Feb. 15), we will be having a virtual meeting to go over this process, both to get everyone on the same page and to divide up some of the work.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We will definitely be sharing the official Teens' Top Ten nominated titles in April!

If we can continue the conversation about the history of the YA Galley project with the librarian we met at Midwinter, it is highly possible that some collaboration there could result in a journal article or web piece.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 2

Member Participation : I was concerned about a general lack of response to a few emails from late last year, but after individually emailing all of the committee members (reminding them of the YALSA committee member job description) and prepping for next week's meeting, I found the response time to rapidly diminish and have been able to touch base with everyone in a timely manner. I am hoping that 2011 can be a year with 100% participation, or something close to that!

Additional Concerns : N/A

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? : Yes