

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Diego  
January 7-11, 2011

**Topic:** Continuing Education Advisory Board

**Background:** YALSA offers a variety of free and fee online continuing education programs ranging from free monthly chats to fee-based webinars and online classes. As YALSA expanded its online continuing education offerings through webinars, staff discussed the benefits of creating a continuing education advisory board. A proposal from Eve Gaus, YALSA's Continuing Education Coordinator, is provided below.

**Action Required:** Action

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**Proposal:**

Create a member advisory board that will serve as a resource for the Program Officer for Continuing Education in suggesting names of potential continuing education presenters or topics to be presented through YALSA's online continuing education events.

**Rationale:**

- YALSA's strategic plan includes continuous learning as one of its five goals. Creating an advisory board will help support this goal by ensuring that multiple viewpoints and voices are heard and considered in furthering the development of YALSA's online learning events.
- The number of YALSA continuing education offerings has grown with the addition of YALSA's webinars, which has increased the number of qualified instructors needed on a regular basis. The creation of the advisory board will assist in suggesting qualified librarians to present YALSA webinars
- YALSA's webinars are intended to address the most current developments in the field of young adult librarianship. A member-focused advisory board will help the Program Officer stay up-to-date with emerging trends in YA librarianship, and the educational needs of librarians and library workers who serve teens.

**Proposed Action:**

The Board agrees to establish an advisory board, which the President will appoint, that will be a resource for the program officer for continuing education in suggesting potential presenters for YALSA's online continuing education portfolio or topics to be addressed in YALSA's online continuing education events.

**Proposed Advisory Board Charge:**

To provide feedback to YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education on: 1) appropriate and timely topics for continuing education offerings and 2) identifying

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qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions. To assist the Program Officer for CE as requested with promoting CE opportunities and recognizing the contribution of facilitators, presenters, etc. Taskforce size: 5 – 7 members, plus the Program Officer for CE who will serve as staff liaison.

**Additional Resources:**

- Information on YALSA's webinars:  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/onlinecourses/webinar.cfm>
- Information on YALSA's monthly e-chats:  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsa/wednesdays.cfm>
- YALSA's complete strategic plan can be found at:  
[http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsab/stratplan\\_2010updates.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsab/stratplan_2010updates.pdf)