

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

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Background: Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work they've accomplished since July. At the Midwinter Meeting, each Board Liaison will have the opportunity to summarize and share any concerns their member groups may have. Chairs were also asked to rate the group's work in the past six months where the number 1 indicates highest performance and the number 5 indicates poorest performance. The reports are organized below by Board Liaison. Reports missing as of Dec. 20th are: Fabulous Films, 2011 Printz and Website Advisory.

Action Required: Discussion

LINDA BRAUN

Name of Group : Best Fiction for Young Adults

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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 groups work in the past three months? : After Annual, the BFYA committee continued to read and nominate titles for our list. When nominations closed on November 1, there were 191 nominations. In November, committee members completed a straw poll to help guide our reading as we prepare for Midwinter. Several committee members are very close to 100% readership.

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

Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Committee members will continue to read the nominated titles. At Midwinter the committee will discuss all 191 nominations and take a final vote for the 2011 BFYA list. We will also compile a Top Ten list. At Midwinter I will meet with the incoming chair, Patti Tjomsland, and share the files and committee items with her.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : When the 2011 BFYA list is finalized, the list will be published on the YALSA website and shared through various listservs.

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

Member Participation : After Annual, one committee member was asked to resign for not performing committee work adequately. The open position was filled by Shelly McNerney, the administrative assistant. Crissy Claiborne became the new administrative assistant.

Additional Concerns : The straw poll taken during November showed that many titles need more readers to even have a chance of making the list. I shared the data with committee members so they could focus on those titles. I continue to encourage committee members to strive for 100% readership. This week, I asked for readership numbers to gauge how we are doing.

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

Name of Group : LIS Road Trip Task Force

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Chair's Name : Jerene Battisti

Board Liaison : Linda Braun

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To oversee implementation at all ALA accredited library schools in 2011 calendar year. Adapt existing Road Trip materials to focus on library school students and faculty through the use of email, listservs, articles and blog posts. Recruit volunteers on campuses to sponsor an event to promote YALSA.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : After a lengthy conference call with Beth and Letitia we had a much clearer charter for this new Task Force. I emailed the committee and received only one response. After the YA Literature Symposium, I called each member and discovered that one member was no longer employed at the library where she previously worked. She has since resigned. Another member had forgotten to respond, but did offer to help and will continue. A third member also apologized for not responding and is now working on something for the wiki. After a slow beginning, I feel we will be fine and look forward to Kim finding a replacement member.

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

Advocacy

Marketing

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : For the next few months we will develop some marketing tools and divide up the list of 60 some LIS by state and begin recruiting volunteers.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We would look to writing an article once we have some results/stories to share about the success of the Road Trip.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 4

Member Participation : Contacted Heather Harrison and received no response. A friend at her library contacted her on behalf of YALSA and she did email me. she later resigned from the committee on 12/1/10.

Additional Concerns : I do have a concern about communication and the lack of it from 3 members, but feel having spoken to them directly they will be engaged.

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

Name of Group : Past Presidents Lecture Planning Committee

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Chair's Name : Joan Atkinson

Board Liaison : Linda Braun

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : Plan and implement an annual lecture to be presented at the Midwinter Meeting on a topic of general interest to those who work with young adults in libraries.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : The first annual lecture is scheduled for Midwinter 2011 in San Diego. Mary K. Chelton is the speaker, and the Board received an interim committee report for the October meeting. The Board developed a proposal for future speaker and topic selection and sent that to the committee following the October meeting. The committee is in the process of responding to that proposal.

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

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Our committee's work concludes in January 2011. We have planned the first annual lecture, and we have had preliminary discussions of guidelines for future lectures. As committee chair, I need to find out who will chair the 2011-2012 committee and discuss our work with the new chair.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Mary K. Chelton will make her lecture available for publication.

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

Member Participation : I have no managerial concerns. I have concerns about the proposal sent back to the committee after the October meeting. It suggests self-nomination for future lecturers. Self-nomination appears to limit the lecture opportunity to librarians, in other words, to have us talking among ourselves in this lecture. I feel that also having speakers outside of librarianship could be very instructive for those working with young adults in libraries. I also have concerns about the idea of self-nomination generally. Many excellent speakers will not nominate themselves. It is an honor to be invited to give a lecture, but not if you have to nominate yourself.

Additional Concerns : My other concern is whether YALSA wants the lecture to require research to be done within a period of six to nine months. That appears to be the time length provided in the current proposal sent back to the committee. Much profitable research requires more time than that, and requiring this timeframe seems to concentrate attention on the immediate rather than long-term needs and issues.

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

Name of Group : Pre-conference Planning Task Force

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Chair's Name : Amy Alessio & Betsy Crone

Board Liaison : Linda Braun

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To plan, organize and implement a half day pre-conference for school and public librarians on the topic of reaching and serving reluctant teen readers that incorporates best practices in adult learning to take place at the 2011 Annual conference and work with YALSA's Program Officer for conferences and Events for all logistics. To assist on-site in NO with the implementation and evaluation of the event.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : We have lined up several speakers including two authors, QP committee members and contacted the Wrestling Challenge committee. We have outlined some breakout activities, and a plan for youth participation. We have started planning for marketing the event on YALSA media, including an article.

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

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : We plan to have all speakers lined up by the end of MW. We wanted to do this earlier as outlined in the handbook we were given, but Nichole asked us to hold off on some author contacts until after the symposium (which made sense).

We plan to implement aggressive marketing efforts for this event.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Humorous and attention getting speaker interviews, previews of content, a loose agenda, blog posts on what public and school library staff will get from the afternoon and why it is unique and necessary to attend.

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

Member Participation : None. We do not need to, but may just meet face to face at MW at All-Committee.

Additional Concerns : Maybe the handbook could include information on a staggered timeline during symposium years of lining up speakers. Also, perhaps in today's economy is it unrealistic to line up all speakers before midwinter (or in September, as is suggested in handbook) when publishers make their plans to bring authors to annual. We had wanted to have all speakers locked in by now along but very much understand the restraints in confirming author speakers too early at this time.

Working with Nichole is as always a pleasure.

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

Research Journal Advisory Board Committee

Chair: Sandra Hughes-Hassell; smhughes@email.unc.edu

Members: Sarah English, Deborah Kaplan, Angela Leeper, Kelly Jensen

Board Liaison: Linda Braun, lbraun2000@gmail.com

Intern(Guest Editor): Marcia Mardis, mmardis@fsu.edu

Work Group Function Statement

YALSA's Research Journal Advisory Board oversees the peer review process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines that were approved by the Board of Directors. The Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Editor of the journal by assisting with the solicitation of contributors and articles as well as generating ideas of topical articles or themes, when requested from the Member Editor.

Work accomplished between conferences

- The Advisory Board developed guidelines for the reviewing process and for communication among committee members.
- The Advisory Board reviewed papers that had been submitted for publication.
- The Advisory Board provided names of individuals who might be contacted to serve as a guest editor for the journal while the search for a new editor is conducted.

Action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan addressed by Committee

Goal Area: Advocacy

Objective 1: Publication of the journal provides YALSA members and library workers with research that they can use to advocate for teen library services.

Goal Area: Research

Objective 1 and 2: The first issue of JRLYA has been published thus increasing member access to research that is relevant to library services to teens and providing opportunities for members, academics, and library professionals to publish original research.

Work Plan

The Advisory Board members will continue to review articles sent to them by the guest editor/new Member editor

What News or Information Related To Your Committee Do You Want To Share With YALSA Publications?

None

Member Participation

Some of the members of the Advisory Board have been slow to provide feedback on articles. In July, Jessica Moyer (the Member Editor) and I sent an email (copied to Linda Braun) welcoming the members, outlining the role of the Advisory Board, describing the reviewing guidelines, and indicating how we would be communicating. In this email the members were reminded of the need to respond to all articles sent to them for review in a timely manner.

In September we followed up with a phone conference. All of the members attended except one. Also in attendance were Stevie Kuenn and Linda Braun.

If members did not respond within the timeframe provided by the Editor, she sent reminder emails. I also sent emails when asked to do so and in some cases acted as the second reviewer on articles when the individual asked to review them did not respond by the deadline.

When Jessica resigned, Stevie identified the article reviews that were outstanding and we sent follow-up emails to all of the reviewers to identify who had received them and asking for them to return their feedback to Stevie

NICK BURON

Name of Group : 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 groups work in the past three months? : The group used email and ALA Connect documents and chat space to discuss and decide upon blog content, features, issues and guidelines, the look and format of the blog, and to come to a better

understanding of their role and responsibilities. A call for writers was put out on the YALSA blog and over sixty members responded to it. Contributors have been contacted, and their posts have been edited, as necessary and scheduled for publication.

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

Advocacy

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Other (Please explain)

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : The group will monitor the blog to make sure it is not missing any critical information/links/topics. The group will also contribute (individually) 4-5 posts per month, which highlight ya lit on the web. The group will also be checking, once the blog is up and running, that things are going smoothly, and discuss any issues which might arise.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Once the blog officially launches we will work with Stevie to promote it via YALSA's publications.

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

Member Participation : I did contact one member privately as the member was not responding promptly to email discussions, and missed an online chat. I believe the situation has been resolved, but will keep an eye on it.

Additional Concerns : We are excited to see this project become a reality!

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

Name of Group : Recession Relief Taskforce

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Chair's Name : Angie Manfredi

Board Liaison : Nick Buron

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To develop new and enhance existing online resources that are useful and relevant to members during challenging economic times and post them in a central location on YALSA's wiki. Information developed should include, but not be limited to, job searching resources, grant opportunities, stress relief, cost saving measures, participating in conferences on a shoestring, etc. As content is developed it will be added to the wiki The entire project will conclude by December 1, 2010. The taskforce will also work to

promote the resource with the membership and encourage members to add their own content.
Task Force Size: 5 virtual members, including the chair.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : The taskforce updated and formatted the YALSA wiki with new links to a variety of sites about job searching resources, grant opportunities, stress relief, cost saving measures, and participating in conferences on a shoestring so that YALSA members would be more aware of the previous links and have easier access to newer material as well.

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

Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : The taskforce's original term concluded on December 1, 2010.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Would potentially like to share information about the new information added to the Wiki via the YALSA blog as they seem complimentary communication channels. Task Force would also be interested in creating a brief Slideshare type product that could highlight some of the new resources and remind members that the Wiki was a good place for sharing similar ideas.

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

Member Participation : n/a

Additional Concerns : n/a

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

PRISCILLE DANDO

Name of Group : YALSA MAE Award Jury

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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? : Selected email as suitable format for group communication.

Discussed and split advertising responsibilities. Each member accountable for contacting specific state library associations, listservs, and blogs with award press release.

Press release reviewed and sent out to all contacts.

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

Advocacy

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Review award applications as they become available.

In January, discuss and choose appropriate winner.

Create a press release blurb announcing the winner.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : A press release announcing the selected winner of the MAE Award for Best Literature Program for Teens.

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

Member Participation : Originally, was concerned at lack of response from one member. I emailed the individual separately and was able to resolve the situation. As suggested to me, I made sure to include specific "due dates" in my email to make sure that responsibilities were carried out in time.

Additional Concerns : There are none at this time.

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

Name of Group : Strategic Planning Committee

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Chair's Name : Priscille Dando
Board Liaison : Priscille Dando

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 groups work in the past three months?

Worked with Stevie Kuenn to publicize extension to Great Ideas Contest through blog, Facebook, Twitter, and publications.

Evaluated submissions to Great Ideas Contest and determined winners:

- o Elizabeth Burns, New Jersey State Library Talking Books and Braille Center, Trenton, N.J., won for her idea to host a blog-based YALSA book award/booklist reading challenge, and
- o Kit Ward-Crixell, New Braunfels (Texas) Public Library and Krista McKenzie, Garret College, Accident, Md., shared a prize for their separate proposals to create an online tool to aid young adult librarians in conducting original research.

Examined purpose, process and outcomes of Great Ideas Contest to make a determination on continuing the contest. After extensive discussion, the committee has the following recommendations:

The contest should focus on one or two areas of the Strategic Plan in a given year for more strategic marketing and to give it a fresh focus every year. Since one of the desired outcomes of the contest is to bring greater attention to the Strategic Plan, emphasis on one or two goals each year might accomplish that more directly. It would fit nicely if the focus coincided with the FAC fundraising target determined each year by that Committee. This change will also make the selection of winners more successful, since the emphasis will be on furthering a specific goal(s) , and not comparing completely different ideas with different purposes.

The contest should be separated into individual and committee applications. The current structure doesn't allow for the prize to be practically shared among a committee, and yet the committee structure, with its direct relationship to the Strategic Plan, is a natural place to discuss and develop an idea that moves YALSA forward. This will also allow for direct outreach to committees whose work falls under the goal for the contest that year. As for recognition, perhaps YALSA can offer some other prizes such as enrollment in a free webinar, or a gift certificate to the ALA Store or Caf  Press.

The application and process should be revised for clarity and to improve the quality of submissions. Specific committees whose work focuses on the targeted goal should receive a personal invitation from the Strategic Planning Committee to consider submitting an entry to the contest. The application should provide more details in the type of submissions sought, similar to what was posted on the YALSA blog when the deadline was extended. A rubric (which could be developed by the Strategic Planning Committee) should be included as a part of the application to assist people in understanding the requirements, hopefully increasing the quality of the entries, while at the same time providing a more systematic process for evaluating the submissions and choosing winners. Linking to the President's reports and the Midwinter and Annual Board meeting notes could assist in preventing entries that propose ideas duplicating what YALSA already does or is currently working on.

To provide answers to those considering submitting a proposal, members of the Strategic Planning Committee would hold informational chat sessions (one or two around the time the contest is announced) each year. During these sessions potential applicants would learn more about the contest and also get answers to their questions about the application process. These informational chats could also act as a way to help get the word out about the contest. Chat transcripts would be posted on the YALSA Blog and ALA Connect so that those who aren't able to attend can still learn about the contest.

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

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? : Draft a revision of the Great Ideas Contest application (including a scoring rubric for entries), outline the revised process.

Determine needs for publicizing Strategic Plan, including outreach to committee chairs.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : To be determined dependent upon plan for outreach/publicity regarding Strategic Plan.

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

Member Participation : Members have been highly engaged. One member chose to resign, and a replacement was recruited shortly thereafter. There are no issues with member participation.

Additional Concerns : Committee thoughtfully and professionally discussed the evaluation of the Great Ideas applications as well as recommendations for improvement, and was able to come to consensus on both tasks.

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

Name of Group : Teen Tech Week

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Chair's Name : Laura Peowski

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

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Created content for the 2011 TTW website including professional resources and program ideas.

Created content for the Mix and Mash pamphlet.

Committee members also wrote feature articles for the Winter 2011 issue of YALS which highlights TTW.

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

Outreach

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : The committee will contribute weekly posts to the YALSA blog promoting TTW.

The committee will also be revising the tech guides that are currently available on the TTW website. Guides that are still relevant will be updated and guides that are determined to be outdated and no longer relevant will be removed.

The committee will also be judging a contest that will be held in January 2011.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We plan to blog weekly on the YALSA blog about programming in public libraries and school libraries, programming and budget issues and other topics related to TTW.

We submitted five articles related to TTW to the journal YALS.

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

Member Participation : It was difficult to get all of the committee members engaged in the beginning so I contacted my board liaison, Priscille, for ideas on how to better manage the committee.

I learned that giving specific tasks and deadlines to each committee member was an effective way to get everyone engaged.

Additional Concerns : N/A

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

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 groups work in the past three months? : Develop a Research Poster Session for the 2011 Annual Conference. This poster session would provide an opportunity for LIS faculty, librarians, and students to showcase their research. The proposal was submitted and accepted. A call for proposals was sent out and the Committee is waiting for proposals to be submitted.

The Research Agenda submitted was not accepted. A request was made to modify it based on examples submitted. A conference call was conducted to get members on board and to discuss the need to consolidate the research questions into 3-5 research topics and provide a short explanation of each topic area. The research topics are still in need of consolidation.

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

Research

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Outreach

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : The Committee will continue to work on the Research Agenda and notify individuals who will participate in the Research Poster Session at the Annual Conference.

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. : 4

Member Participation : Committee members were contacted by phone to see if there are any problems preventing them from participating in the Committee's responsibilities.

Additional Concerns : N/A

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

Name of Group : Teen Services Evaluation Task Force

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Chair's Name : Sarah Flowers

Board Liaison : Sarah Flowers

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To develop an assessment tool for library administrators and teen librarians to use in order to evaluate an individual institution's overall level of success in providing teen services.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : 1. The tool was put out for a six-week comment period, from October 1 to November 15. A total of ten comments were received. A few specific changes were requested; these were incorporated as appropriate. Of the ten commenters, 8 found the tool very valuable and 2 found it valuable for the profession of YA librarianship. Of the ten, 4 found it very valuable and six found it valuable for themselves in their daily life.

2. The task force prepared five cover sheets to go with the tool, each addressed to a different audience: the general public, YA librarians, library administrators, library trustees, and library school faculty.

3. Sarah Flowers and Linda Braun will make a presentation at the ASCLA virtual conference in January about the YALSA's portfolio of tools, including the competencies and the evaluation tool.

4. Sarah Flowers and Mary Hastler have proposed a PLA 2012 conference program focused on using the competencies and the evaluation tool.

5. The task force now presents the tool and the cover sheets to the Board for approval.

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

Advocacy

Marketing

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : If the Board approves the document(s), the task force's work is done. However, as noted above, some presentations are planned.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Information about the tool will be included on the blog and in YALS.

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

Member Participation : No problems.

Additional Concerns : N/A

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

FRANCISCA GOLDSMITH

Name of Group : Amazing Audios for Young Adults

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Chair's Name : Jamie Mayo

Board Liaison : Francisca Goldsmith

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : We have nominated 61 titles for consideration for the list. I am in the process of assigning those titles that do not yet have enough listeners to qualify for consideration to each member and will have that done by Wednesday. I will also have the updated list of nominations done by then and sent to Stevie for posting.

I requested that people let me know what they felt were the top contenders from the things they have already listened to and seperated all titles into a 2-tiered system, with the top contenders being in the first tier. I will be making sure that those titles are qualified first in case there is not enough time to get them all listened to.

In addition to getting a strong list of nominations for this year's list, it has been my goal to get the number of leftover titles published in 2010 to a minimum for next year's committee. It was a bit of a hassle this year and we had 6 returning members. Next year only has 3 so it will be even more difficult. Because we have so many nominations and the time allotment per day is about the max anyone could be expected to do, I asked that people defer any further potential candidates for nomination to next year's committee so that they will have a good idea of what to start with when that session begins.

I've been working with next year's chair to hopefully give her a stronger foundation to start with and will continue to be available to her if she wishes to check in with me about anything. In addition, I plan to write up some of my thoughts from my experience as chair that might be helpful in structuring her year next year. There isn't a whole lot of practical information available, so I figure that will be useful--not formal guidelines, just experiential things that knowing sooner might have had me being a bit more efficient or making a different choice here and there.

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

Advocacy

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Other (Please explain)

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Workplan:

Listen, listen, listen.

Asking committee members to report on titles in a timely manner so that I can help to get as many titles as possible on our list qualified for nomination.

Put together an agenda

Meet at Mid-winter and pick the titles for the list

Transition: Go over the documents available with the new chair Put together a document of things I've learned through doing this process that might be useful for consideration for next year's chair as she goes through the process suggesting to this year's committee that they hold on to titles that came after this year's deadline to forward to next year's committee members Keeping track of all 2010 titles that were not listened to this year or that received a maybe or suggestion for consideration for next year.

Turning over a title tracking excel sheet of all 2010 titles and the votes they received this year as well as any other documents that might be helpful to the new chair including copies of letters to publishers, tracking forms, etc.

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

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

Member Participation : No concerns. Most people made it through most of their assigned titles to decide whether or not they merited nominations or not. People communicated adequately with me, answering questions I had and keeping me updated on their progress. Reporting on titles was done basically as I requested it be format wise and in an acceptable timeframe.

Additional Concerns : none

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

Name of Group : ALSC/Booklist/YALSA 2011 Odyssey Award Committee

E-mail address : smccarville@grpl.org

Chair's Name : Sarah McCarville

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? : After evaluating 2,686 hours on 430 audiobooks, the committee submitted two formal sets of nominations, October 1 and December 1, 2010. As Chair, I've now prepared a critical listening assignment list in anticipation of deliberations at Midwinter.

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

Advocacy

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Outreach

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : I've already been in contact with Liz Hannegan, the 2012 Odyssey Award Committee Chair, to help with a smooth transition. I'll share producer lists, sample emails and schedules, as well as materials for the new committee to read in order to do their jobs well.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Press release will be produced with the titles of the 2011 Odyssey Award winner and any possible honor titles.

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 : 2012 Printz Committee

E-mail address : erinhelmrich@gmail.com

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 planning and implementation of the Printz Award Program & Reception. Committee size: 9, four to be elected, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested. Term: 18 months, commencing February 1st and ending the following year on June 30th.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Our committee does not officially form until Feb. 2011, however we have been in touch informally via email discussing tips and tricks for handling the reading load, keeping track of what's been read, nominated etc. The committee will be meeting at Midwinter in San Diego on Sunday for about 2 hours. We'll lay out our plan of action for the committee at that time.

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

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : The committee will be meeting during the Midwinter meeting in San Diego in January. Those members able or already planning to attend will be there. At that time the committee will determine how to handle to the reading, discussion etc. A few committee members have gotten a couple galleys but for the most part most of us haven't gotten much sent to us.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The committee won't be sharing any information to YALSA pubs in the next few months.

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

Member Participation : There were none.

Additional Concerns : none.

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

Name of Group : YA Literature Symposium Planning Task Force

E-mail address : teenreadersadvisor@gmail.com

Chair's Name : Heather Booth

Board Liaison : Francisca Goldsmith

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To plan and implement YALSA's Young Adult Literature Symposium, consider the idea of the symposium as a venue for presenting scholarly papers on topics relating to young adult literature (papers could then be gathered and published by YALSA), explore the option of including vendors as a means of generating revenue, and work with the YALSA office as necessary. This event should feature, but not be limited to, authors who have recently won YALSA awards, be at least one full day long, be funded in part by monies from the Morris endowment, be a biennial event held separately from the ALA Annual Conference or Midwinter Meeting.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : The Symposium was held as planned in November. Before the Symposium, the Task Force was mainly focused on trying to build interest and help to spread the word about the event. We all became more active on the Ning. Kristin Brand Heathcock posted her interviews with presenters on the Blog, linking back to the Ning. Just before the Symposium, I recruited attendees to blog about the event, working with mk Eagle and Linda Braun to get the new bloggers the information they needed to share their experiences. I created a Google Map which included the sites directly associated with the Symposium as well as those mentioned in the local information section of the Ning. I liveblogged one session at the Symposium. Jennifer Lawson and I were the only task force members able to attend, and each of us introduced the presenters at one session. Since the Symposium, I have received several questions from attendees, which I have either answered or directed to the appropriate people. We have created a gift basket for the Midwinter Not-So-Silent Auction, and hope that will keep the 2012 Symposium in people's minds.

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

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : NA

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The papers presented at the Symposium are being published in the new research journal.

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

Member Participation : The task force really pulled together as the symposium approached! It was unfortunate that only two of us on the task force were able to attend the symposium. I know more would have liked to attend, but financial and personal issues prevented it.

Additional Concerns : I would like to suggest "Transformation" as a potential theme for 2012's Symposium. The idea of transformation was alluded to in several presentations in 2010 -- the book that changes a reader, whether or not books *can* change readers, and whether they should (in the eyes of a would-be censor), how books for teens in various formats have changed over time, or how books and readers change with re-reading. This theme would also lend itself to highlighting speculative fiction, which may have been underrepresented in the most recent symposium.

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

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? : * Donations for Not So Silent Auction have been requested, and received.

* Plans for bid sheet, program, and logistics of NSS Auction have been discussed and are being developed.

- * Schedule for blogging re: various donations was set up and committee members have been blogging about items and author visits on their specific days.
- * Volunteers for NSS Auction have been identified.

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? : * Between January and June the committee will review YALSA's offerings at CafePress and see if there are other ways we can promote the site.

* Need to brainstorm what the next possible large fundraiser can be as you can't do an auction every year.

* Give \$10 in '10 was successful and we need to find another "gimmick" to entice folks to join FOY.

* Perhaps this committee could work with Letitia on the writing of the FOY Newsletter. She could request articles from members.

* As far as the transition goes, a lot of how it will occur depends on who the next chair will be. It could be done face-to-face or via e-mail.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We could do a nice write-up of the NSS Auction, complete with photos.

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

Member Participation : This is a great committee. Everyone is willing to step forward and assume responsibility for their share of the work.

Additional Concerns : It would be nice if the chair could hand-pick his/her members to ensure everyone on the committee cares about raising funds for YALSA. In addition, having a specific event to plan makes for more fun.

One comment that's come through from a few committee chairs is how nice it's been to organize a basket for the NSS Auction as it's helped the committee members to bond. And these committees have come up with some very creative baskets!

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 committee completed tasks based on the following Strategic Goals

Strategy 1-B:

Create and disseminate blog posts and podcasts

Implement District Days & provide resources and info to members to help them at the local level.

Strategy 2-A

Create and post advocacy focused content for the YALSA blog

Before the mid-term elections, we featured posts everyday on the topic of legislation and advocacy to make members more aware of what the issues are and how to become advocates for their libraries.

In the last few months since Annual, I have been working with my committee members to inform them about the legislative issues pertinent to young adults and libraries and directing them to resources so that they could learn more about legislation and advocacy, including the toolkits, 28 Days of Advocacy Project, and the Advocacy Wiki.

We have also been using ALA Connect as a discussion forum to discuss ideas for hand-outs on how libraries can connect with their legislators and what kinds of programming can be possible.

In addition, we have several threads going to brainstorm ideas for speakers for our Annual program. I have been in contact with Beth and Mary who both gave me information on the possible interest of the new ALA President being involved in the program, as well as some of the volunteers from DoSomething.org. Also, we are exploring ideas for virtual involvement in the panel in case panelists cannot afford to travel.

Lastly, we have continued to discuss questions for the presentation panel focused on the topic of teen advocates and advocacy.

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

Advocacy

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

Outreach

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : For the upcoming year, we want to continue and retain finalized panelists for our program, a powerpoint and handout of tips on recruiting teen advocates, and panelist questions.

In addition, we are also working on creating a blogging schedule where at least 2 members post to the blog every month.

Furthermore, we will be working on/talking about possible programs for 2012, which is an election year and the need for advocacy and legislation support.

And in accordance with the Board's Task List for the committee, we will be continuing to:

" Immediately after Midwinter 2011, work with the YALSA Board to update YALSA's legislative agenda for 2011

Â· Create and work with Stephanie Kuenn, YALSA's Communications Specialist, to distribute resources to encourage members to participate in National Library Legislative Day & its virtual component on May 9, 2011

Â· Plan and implement the approved program for the 2011 Annual Conference, working with Nichole Gilbert, YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, on logistics

Â· Plan and implement a second round of District Days for August – Sept. 2011, working with work with Stephanie Kuenn, YALSA's Communications Specialist, to promote it

Ensure the information about National Library Legislative Day and other legislation related information is up to date and accurate on YALSA's wiki "

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : In the next couple of months, we will continue to share information

on the YALSA blog to get people educated on the major legislative issues affecting young adults and libraries and how we can be better advocates.

In addition, we will be posting new handouts and presentation/panel resources from our Annual Program onto the corresponding YALSA wiki's, as well as information about National Library Legislative Day and the second round of District Days.

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

Member Participation : There are no concerns. Everyone on the committee has been responsive in the ALAConnect discussions and emails. All committee members have taken turns posting on the YALSA Blog and contributed ideas to the various discussion threads.

Additional Concerns : None

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 : jsages@sno-isle.org

Chair's Name : Judy Sages

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? : This is a virtual committee. During the year, committee members were charged with informing colleagues about this grant. YALSA publicized the grant online and in print.

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? : Group will select the two winners in December, 2010.

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 identified.

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

Member Participation : All committee members are ready to make the selections.

Additional Concerns : None

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 : Jack Martin

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To annually prepare one to five annotated list(s) of approximately twenty-five recommended paperback titles, selected from popular reading/genre themes or topics.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : The completions of the nominations for this years list.

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

Advocacy

Marketing

Research

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : 1. To take a preliminary vote of our top ten and top twenty paperbacks for each list.

2. To make our final selections at the Midwinter Meeting in San Diego.
3. To create the lists for PPYA 2012.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We will be submitting our final picks for the 2011 PPYA lists.

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

Member Participation : This morning Sally McSpadden informed me that she was resigning from PPYA. We're trying to find out if she will be attending MidWinter and resign after the term ends or if she is leaving now.

Otherwise everyone has been participating.

Additional Concerns : NA

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

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? : We had a major email discussion about series. We had to clarify the difference between sequels and series nominations. We also decided that the YALSA QP form needed to be updated to reflect the series/sequel issue.

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

Advocacy

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Our group will meet to discuss the titles and develop a 2011 Quick Picks list as well as the top ten books.

For the transition, I will send all docs to Heather Greunthal, next year's chair. Heather and I will also meet during midwinter to share thoughts/questions about being chair.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We will share our 2011 QP list and Top Ten.

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

Member Participation : I have some concerns regarding one member and spoke with my board liaison about them.

Additional Concerns : none

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 Momon

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. Committee size: 9 plus one consultant from Booklist and one administrative assistant if requested. Term: 2 years, commencing after Midwinter and ending after Midwinter.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Discussed nominated, field nominated, requested, unsolicited and other titles read via email;

Nominated 41 titles to date;

Requested 144 additional titles since ALA Annual;

Tentatively removed 137 discussed titles for consideration;

Fielded 57 ineligible nominations to date;

Received 25 unique field nominations to date;

Planned donation of Alex Winners for YALSA Silent auction;

Scott Rader, the administrative assistant, has done an admirable job of noting requests, soliciting titles, and keeping up with new mailing addresses for members.

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

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Other (Please explain)

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Other: The marketing piece comes into play with the selection of our winners in Jan 2011.

We will close nominations 12/31/10 and discuss nominated titles at Midwinter, selecting 10 winners and creating a vetted list of nominations (annotated).

In June in New Orleans, Chair Beth Gallaway will facilitate an Alex Award Program to celebrate the 2011 winning titles.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Alex Award Winners will be named at the Youth Media Awards in Jan

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

Member Participation : Addressed concerns of members not pulling weight/providing detailed reviews through modelling, email reminders and in some cases, phone conversations.

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 : Divison & 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 groups work in the past three months? : We are finishing our planning of the YALSA 201 program at Midwinter. It will be run in the same Q & A format as last year.

We have begun sending out the Anniversary cards to members. Letitia Smith provides us with the list of names on a monthly basis.

We helped to create a timeline and a list of grading criteria for the "Why I am a YALSA member?" contest.

DMP was tasked with these action items by the YALSA Board.

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

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : We will be responsible for judging the "Why I am a YALSA member?" contest in Jan/February.

We will begin planning/promoting YALSA 101 at Annual in Feb/March.

We will help Letitia Smith recruit volunteers to man the YALSA boot at Annual.

We will also be responsible for helping Letitia to promote the 1st Wednesdays initiative.

The YALSA Board has charged DMP with these tasks.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We recently sent a blurb to YAttitudes regarding the YALSA 201

program at Midwinter. We also plan on posting to the blog to help promote this event. We will do the same for YALSA 101 and to help recruit volunteers for the booth at Annual.

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

Member Participation : Things seem to be going well with our committee. Response time can be slow occasionally, but that is the nature of a virtual committee. Everyone has been fully participating and no one has shirked any responsibility.

Additional Concerns : n/a

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

Name of Group : Editorial Advisory Board

E-mail address : bolan_kimberly@yahoo.com

Chair's Name : Kim Bolan Cullin

Board Liaison : Ritchie Momon

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To serve as advisor to the editors of YALS and YAttitudes on the content of the journal and newsletter by assisting with soliciting contributors and articles and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor(s), and by reviewing scholarly submissions to the publications.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Worked with Sarah Flowers, YALS Editor, to review and provide input on the following potential articles:

1. "Beyond Manga: International Graphic Novels for Young Adults" by Lucia Cedeira Serantes and Amie Wright (June 2010)
2. "Nothing wrong with reading: Creating a classroom library in an alternative school" by Kristine Pytash, Ph.D. This was reviewed initially by the EAB in August and again in October/November after the author submitted modifications based on our original comments.
3. An article teen behaviors, communication between library workers and teens, etc. submitted by Carrie Rogers-Whitehead (August 2010)
4. "Where in the World is Your Librarian? An Experiment in Bibliographic Instruction" by Heather Blicher (October 2010)

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

Marketing

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Continue to collaborate with Sarah Flowers to review potential articles for publication and bring any new ideas to her attention. Work, as needed, with Sarah in planning for an expanded online space for the journal.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : I don't believe our group has anything to share at this time.

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

Member Participation : All members have been providing some level of feedback to me regarding tasks at hand. Some have been participating more than others, as was expected. Overall, the group has been working well together.

Additional Concerns : None at this time.

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

Name of Group : Local Arrangements Committee

E-mail address : bookluvr59@yahoo.com

Chair's Name : Tammy DiBartolo and Angela Germany

Board Liaison : Ritchie Momon

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

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Our committee divided up the tasks of contributing to the wiki and blog by month. Each member has a month in which she contributes items of interest to YALSA members as well as other ALA members who may be planning to attend ALA Annual 2011 in New Orleans. We have done research to find essentially something for everyone.

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

Marketing

Research

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Our plan for the next few months is to continue to look for places to visit in New Orleans that will appeal to all members of the ALA community and adding this information to the wiki. In doing so, we hope that these attractions and events will make ALA 2011 in New Orleans a memorable experience.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We are working hard to find great places to eat, listen to music, learn about history and just enjoy New Orleans.

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

Member Participation : Our committee meets virtually at a pre-set time that works best for all committee members. There have been no problems to report.

Additional Concerns : N/A

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

KIM PATTON

Name of Group : Half Day Preconference Planning Task Force 2011

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.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : -- Created an agenda for the event

-- Delegated a specific stewardship to each task force member

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? :

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : -- Create a presentation on the 40 Assets and the implication for teen library services

-- Ask a representative from the YALSA competencies task force to speak

-- Create an interactive presentation on specific programming, collections, and policy ideas, including discussion on dealing with teen behavior

-- Organize a demonstration on how to use technology to simplify the delivery of teen services

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : -- Regular YALSA blog entries to publicize event

-- Blurb in YAttitudes to publicize event

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

Member Participation : None so far

Additional Concerns : Our committee hopes the cost of attending this preconference event is not prohibitive. We especially want to attract non-YALSA members to this event. We suggest registration costs be equal for YALSA members and non-members.

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

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 : Function: 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 groups work in the past three months? : The committee successfully worked to fill slate positions that were vacated by members who changed their minds and decided not to be on the 2011 slate. Slate of candidates has been announced and candidates have been contacted and instructed on submission of biographical information for the election. Committee is determining role in Coffee with the Candidates program at Midwinter.

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

Marketing

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : The 2011 Nominating Committee will promote participation in the 2011 YALSA elections. As the committee expires, 2011 Chair will make available to the incoming chair any and all information at hand. Incoming Chair is YALSA past president and was advisor for the first half of the Committee term and was very much a part of the work of the 2011 Committee. Transition will be seamless.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Promoting (via blog, newsletter, etc) participation in the 2011 election and urging members to consider running in the 2012 elections.

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

Member Participation : n/a

Additional Concerns : n/a

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

Name of Group : YALSA 2011 President's Program Planning Committee

E-mail address : marnold@cuyahogalibrary.org

Chair's Name : Mary Arnold

Board Liaison : Kim Patton

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : Under the direction of YALSA's President, plan, organize and implement the content for the YALSA President's Program at the 2011 Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA. Work with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences and Events on all logistics. To assist on-site in New Orleans with the implementation of the event.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Working with YALSA staff and Kim, we have approached an advocacy keynote speaker and are awaiting confirmation; we have also suggested a backup keynote speaker. Committee members, in consultation with Kim, have sent out paperwork to YALSA member speakers for a panel on "big" programs and activities involving teens and community (bullying; outreach to teens in the juvenile justice system; literary conferences; community Youth Support consortiums; community resources building teen Leaders 4 Life)

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

Advocacy

Marketing

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : We will continue to confirm the program content/speakers and work with Kim and staff on program title/description for program booklet

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : In spring, we will build up promotion for the Monday program on the YALSA wiki, blog and through YAttitudes online

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

Member Participation : great buy in from a small but mighty group--good communication and follow through from all

Additional Concerns : confirm as soon as possible the keynote speaker and confer with Kim to see whether we should approach additional panel members; decide if we want to include possible poster sessions for additional big ideas/programs from the field.

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

Name of Group : YALSA Thinking Big About Advocacy Task Force

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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 groups work in the past three months? : During the past several months the committee has been working on publicizing the upcoming contest to YALSA members in accordance with a plan established with the YALSA Communication Specialist.

Each committee member has been tasked with the responsibility of promoting the contest to a different geographic region of the country (7-8 states). This is being accomplished on the regional level by contacting each state library or state library association and identifying the person responsible for coordinating youth services.

The committee is asking the youth services coordinators to distribute a message prepared by the committee and approved by the YALSA Communications Specialist via state listservs, association websites, or social media applications.

The committee is also creating a spreadsheet documenting the names and contact information for youth services coordinators in each state to use for future reference.

A news item was prepared for the recent issue of YAttitudes, which provides contest details and deadline information.

The committee is researching and planning a blog campaign to launch in Mid-December to generate weekly interest in the contest through the February 1, 2011 submission deadline.

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

Outreach

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Over the next six to eight weeks the task force will launch 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 will be charged with preparing 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 task force will also post to the YALSA Facebook and Twitter accounts with information and reminders about the contest.

Once the group has set up space for online chat using the Adobe interface, the group will brainstorm any further ideas for publicity, and began discussing criteria for evaluating contest entries. I have proposed using a shared spreadsheet on Google Docs to record scores for each application, and the members are agreeable.

After review and evaluation of the applications, the task force will work under the direction of the YALSA Communication specialist to publicize the contest results and winning advocacy efforts. This might include blog posts, and articles in YAttitudes or YALS.

The task force has also been charged with identifying best practices in advocacy through the contest. If allowed, we could potentially highlight a sampling of practices that might not have been prize winners, but that would be of value to the larger youth services community.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The group plans to publicize the results of the contest and feature the winners and their ideas in various formats. This might include profiles, how-to articles, tip sheets, and lists of best practices by subject area.

Since we are using historical data about advocacy efforts in our blogging campaign, if possible we might incorporate it into an article that would illustrate time lines or milestones in YA Services.

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

Member Participation : The members of the task force have been very receptive to all communications and work assignments, with one exception. One member of the group failed to respond to any attempts at communication for a number of weeks.

Ultimately, I was able to contact this member privately to ascertain whether or not she was willing and able to continue serving on the committee. She informed me that she is currently serving on the YALSA Best Books for Young Adults Committee and between that and her job as a high school librarian, is overwhelmed.

We decided that I would speak with our board liaison and determine whether it would be possible to replace her at this time. After speaking with Kim Patton, our board liaison, we decided to accept a resignation from the task force member.

I have not rated the group higher in terms of effectiveness because they have not been as quick to report and provide status reports on finished assignments, or progress on tasks.

I have requested that each member update their progress on the group's shared spreadsheet, and hope this will keep everyone moving forward in a timely manner.

Additional Concerns : I don't have any additional concerns or comments at this time, except perhaps to note that I am having a problem with the report form itself.

My response to the final question concerning discussions with my board liaison is erased each time I try to save or submit this form. I have ultimately changed my response from YES to NO and left the box blank. It seems to be the only alternative.

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

Name of Group : Research Resources Clearinghouse Taskforce

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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 groups work in the past three months? : Using ALA Connect, the taskforce has discussed using APA citations with annotations as its template. This needs to be confirmed with the Communications Specialist. We are developing categories for resource entries in order to divide up the task of evaluating, compiling and annotating said entries.

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

Research

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : We will continue to evaluate, compile and annotate research related resources, tools, organizations and funding sources, etc. during the next few months. Beginning in March we plan to work with the Communications Specialist to develop the content into a searchable online database to be shared with the YALSA membership.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Nothing in the next few months, as the clearinghouse is still in development.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. : 4

Member Participation : The committee needs to pick up the pace of its communications and work. As chair I need to encourage quicker response time to ALAConnect posts so that decisions can be made more promptly.

Additional Concerns : None

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

SHANNON PETERSON

Name of Group : William C. Morris Award

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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? : The committee reviewed every available eligible title (some self published titles were not readily available and some eligible titles were brought to our attention too late in the year for use to evaluate). As of December 2nd, the committee selected five titles for the Award short list.

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

Advocacy

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : During the next five weeks, the committee members will be re-reading and evaluating the five finalist titles in anticipation of our discussion at Midwinter and subsequent selection of the Morris Award winner.

Because the Morris Award is still quite new, Chairs will find themselves facing a number of challenges. I intend to spend as much time as possible with the incoming Chair at Midwinter to discuss this year's successes and challenges.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The final selection of the Morris Award winning title.

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

Member Participation : none

Additional Concerns : none

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

SARA RYAN

Name of Group : Graphic Novel Selection Committee

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

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 has been reading and nominating titles to prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers. In addition, we have 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.

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? :

Outreach

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : We will continue to read titles nominated for our booklist and complete our straw poll prior to ALA Midwinter. At ALA

Midwinter, we will discuss the nominated titles, deliberate, make our final decisions as to which titles to include on the 2011 booklist and complete the annotations for the booklist titles.

Joy Kim, the incoming Chair of the Graphic Novel Selection Committee will receive a copy of this report, and will be given the committee binder and notes at the conclusion of our meetings at ALA Midwinter. I am also hoping to discuss with her some issues that came up earlier in the year regarding the Graphic Novel Pavilion in the Exhibits Hall, which have since been resolved. (This issue was listed in previous reports and discussed with our Board Liaison Sara Ryan.) I will continue on the Graphic Novel Selection Committee as a member until 2013, so I will also be available address any other transition issues or questions after Midwinter as well!

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 perhaps the winning bid to our awesome Not-So-Silent Auction basket.

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

Member Participation : One concern is that I wish that some members of the committee had nominated more titles for the booklist. While we do have a slew of fantastic titles, two of the committee members only nominated one title each. I sent reminders out in general as to the nomination deadline, and a specific one regarding those who had not nominated any titles at all up to that point (which was October, and our nomination deadline was Nov. 1).

Additional Concerns : I've had a great time serving as Chair of the Graphic Novel Selection Committee and am looking forward to two more years on it as a member!

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

Name of Group : 2011 YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Committee

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Chair's Name : Don Latham

Board Liaison : Sara Ryan

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To annually select the best non-fiction 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 in December, with the winning title announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting in January. The winners and honor books and 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? : The committee continued to review nonfiction titles and discuss them using our discussion board on ALA Connect. Our process was to review books, nominate titles for discussion, discuss those titles, and then select our five finalists. The list of finalists was provided to YALSA and a press release was issued on Dec. 1.

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

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Other (Please explain)

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : The committee will select the winning title and possibly honor books during our meeting at Midwinter. As chair, I will be present for the Media Awards press conference on Monday morning. I will not be able to attend the awards reception on Monday evening. Teri Lesesne, a committee member, will represent the committee on my behalf. Other committee members will likely attend as well.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The winning title and any honor books selected will be shared with YALSA.

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

Member Participation : One committee member will not be able to attend Midwinter. This situation developed very late (in early December) and was immediately communicated to YALSA. The member will not be replaced, but she will also not be able to contribute to the final deliberations nor will she be allowed to vote on the winner and honor books.

Additional Concerns : I have no concerns about the committee itself. It was a great group of people to work with.

I do wonder, though, if we're undermining the potential impact of this award by having the odd eligibility schedule (Nov. 1-Oct. 31) and also by holding an awards reception at Midwinter rather than at Annual.

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

Name of Group : Publications Committee

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Chair's Name : Sasha Matthews

Board Liaison : Sara Ryan

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To develop a publications plan in the areas of young adult services and materials, to identify topics to be covered and potential authors; to oversee and coordinate the YALSA publications plan; to regularly review all YALSA publications in all formats and make recommendations to the YALSA Board regarding those needing revision or elimination.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : These last few months we have been working on reviewing publications in the field to look for authors or contributors for future works.

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

Marketing

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : We will continue to look for opportunities in publishing, reviewing publications, and blogs for authors or topics for future books or pamphlets.

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. : 2

Member Participation : Everyone is participating as requested.

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 Hughes

Board Liaison : Chris Shoemaker

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : Judge applications for the Great Books Giveaway

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Our work begins in December upon receipt of applications for the Great Books Giveaway. Until that time, our committee has been hard at work on our Great Books to Movies Basket to be auctioned off at the YALSA Mid-winter Not-So-Silent Auction. The basket will be mailed to YALSA this Friday via UPS. I have also kept the group up to date on YALSA happenings via "please share this with your group" e-mails. Chris and I have had a Skype chat, and I am attending the Dec 1 ALA Connect chat.

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

Marketing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : We will judge the applications once they are received. My job will be to make sure this is done in a timely manner and within our judging guidelines, and I will answer any questions our members have. I will be sure to stay in touch with our board liaison and continue to pass on pertinent information to the jury members until my term is up.

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. : 1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Member Participation : none- we communicate solely through e-mail, which has worked well

Additional Concerns : none- outstanding group!

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

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? : The committee released a second round of appeals for applicants to the Frances Henne grant. We solicited State Libraries and State Library Associations, Universities offering MLIS programs, various listservs, blogs, and YALSA publications. The outcomes of these actions included

bringing awareness to both the Frances Henne Grant as well as the benefits of YALSA membership.

We also created a Hunger Games/Survival Gift Basket for the Not So Silent Auction at Midwinter.

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

Research

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? : Currently we have received no applications for the 2011 Frances Henne grant. Should we receive any applications, we will deliberate during December and select a winner prior to Midwinter.

After Midwinter, the committee will continue publicizing the grant for the 2012 year, hopefully giving YALSA members the time they need to develop proposals.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : The winner of the grant, should there be one, will be announced on the blog as well as YALS and YAttitudes. It is anticipated that results from the research will be published in the Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults.

The committee will re-launch requests for proposals via YAttitudes , the YALSA blog and outreach emails beginning in March.

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

Member Participation : NA

Additional Concerns : NA

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

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Name of Group : Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee

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 groups work in the past three months? : These past few months were devoted to reading and re-reading our considerable authors and narrowing down our list to 3-4 final candidates. Via online forums, we discussed how we considered who should win the award among our eligible authors and agreed on progressively narrowing down the list. During the months of October and November we discussed and debated nine authors we had agreed to consider at Annual with each member of the committee leading a discussion on a selection of the authors. By the time we were at the middle of November, we had agreed on authors to knock out of consideration and were down to deciding on the final few due to the YALSA Office for our December 1st deadline. We had a final time to discuss, and then we voted, finishing with two candidates to consider for the final award.

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? :

Publication

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : In the next few months we must choose our final winner to be announced at ALA Midwinter in January 2011. We will all be re-reading our final two authors works, and making sure we're considering all eligible titles, and we will have our final vote in person at ALA Midwinter. I expect more discussion will happen online in between this update and Midwinter, but our final discussions will happen in San Diego. We are also working on the idea of proposing a program for an upcoming conference on the legacies of MAE Award winners and their influences on today's teen literature. I am hoping we can make this proposal for the next round of programs for consideration for conference.

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 at ALA Midwinter, we don't have any immediate plans for publications.

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

Member Participation : Although the content of everyone's participation was valuable and insightful, we did have a couple of members who did not participate as much as I would have

liked. Given that we had a deadline in between in person meetings, I expected that everyone would be willing and able to participate online, but two members were only occasionally contributing to discussion. Everyone did weigh in on the final vote, but I would have preferred more in depth discussion of candidates given the importance of who we put forward as our final contenders. I did initiate most discussions over email, and I was able to check in with members in person at the Young Adult Literature Symposium, and finally I did end up having to call one member to push her into participating. My Board Liaison, Christopher, was very helpful in helping me figure out the best way to tackle the lack of participation and volunteering his services as another voice to contact wayward members as needed. As it turns out, I did not need him to step in, but I was glad of the support.

Additional Concerns : One aspect that we found frustrating was trying to host a private discussion forum for discussing our candidates. Some of the members were not as pleased with discussing over email, and so I tried to make the ALA Connect forums work for us (as the closest to a wiki, which one Committee member preferred.) Sadly, I could not get them to set up adequately and the whole committee gave up on using them due to the difficulty in setting them up and trying to use them. I was hopeful that the forum system would be perhaps clunky but easy to use, but I fear it was not. Thus, we did end up discussing mainly over email, which I think ultimately worked, but I'd love to see a more intuitive discussion structure available for committees to use.

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 groups work in the past three months? : The results of our group's work was excellent. In the past few months, the group has evaluated 25 mini grant applications. In addition, the group also generated 20 potential themes for Teen Read Week. We narrowed the field down to the four which were submitted to the YALSA office.

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

Advocacy

Research

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : In the next few months, I plan to work with the committee on renewing the wiki; making sure all content is current. I also plan to complete, along with the committee, the judging of the 2010 Best Teen Read Week as outlined in our duties listed on the Board's Task List.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : 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 were some communication problems but those have been sorted.

Additional Concerns : We have not yet received the entries for the Best Teen Read Week that we are supposed to judge. Is this still one of our tasks?

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

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 groups work in the past three months? : Of our tasks, we have:

-Nearly completed updating the advocacy toolkit. We have not completed the following:
*Updating the case studies: we are waiting for permission or completed interviews with our contacts
*Updating quotes about teen services; we are waiting for responses from our contacts

-Reached out to the YALSA Continuing Education Coordinator. Two of our members are working on this presentation.

-We have not yet begun work on promoting the toolkit.

-We have not yet begun work on our progress report for the Annual Meeting.

***I am attaching our draft toolkit under separate cover.

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

Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Publication

Outreach

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : We will be completing the updated toolkit, completing the canned presentation, and then reaching out to YALSA regarding the promotion of the toolkit.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We will be speaking with YALSA about this after Midwinter. According to our function statement, we will be utilizing YALSA publications, email, and listservs.

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

Member Participation : We have a lot of tasks and I am working hard to juggle them all; understandably, not everyone has been able to meet their deadlines head-on (myself included). No member stands out in terms on non-participation, though some are contributing more than others. I am trying to keep everyone on task.

Additional Concerns : As mentioned above, we have a huge amount of work on our plate. I am concerned about the December 30 deadline for the presentation as we have only two members focusing on this, and there is still some work to be done on the toolkit. I will try to shuffle some responsibilities around to reallocate resources toward the presentation, and keep Stephanie in the loop on our progress.

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

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 groups work in the past three months? : Up to this point the task force has focused on promoting the event to bring in applications for presenters. The three of us talked options over email, and divided up duties for different listservs, State Library Associations, and library schools and library systems in or near New Orleans.

In addition, I worked with Stevie Kuenn to create announcements on the YALSA blog, the YALSA website, in YAttitudes and a notice sent out to other divisions of ALA. We will also try drumming up some interest at the Midwinter Conference.

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

Marketing

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Program

Publication

Outreach

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Promotion to acquire more applications will continue until the deadline of January 31 using the same strategies used thus far (see earlier section). We are open to other strategies if people have suggestions.

Nichole Gilbert just sent us the first batch of applications this past week (ten in all). I've forwarded those on to the other members and we are planning on meeting online to discuss them in detail in two weeks---giving us all time to read through them beforehand.

After that, I plan on dividing the applications into three piles and making one of the three of us the primary contact for each presenter. I'm hoping this will help generate communication between us and the presenters so we'll know exactly what the presenters have in mind, what their needs are to perform their presentation and what we as the task force can do to assist them. I personally will be working closely with Nichole Gilbert to make sure everything comes together nicely.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We will have at least one more call for applications in YAttitudes between now and January 1.

After the presentations are all decided, we will change our promotion strategy from getting presenters to generating interest for people to attend the session. I plan on promoting it through the website, blog, YAttitudes, and podcast as well as emails to listservs and state library associations we in the group are in touch with.

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

Member Participation : Thus far, I've had no issues. We've conducted our communications entirely over email and both task force members have been timely, thorough and thoughtful in their responses.

Additional Concerns : We had some initial difficulty in that what we as the task force had in mind for the event was slightly different than what the YALSA board had in mind. These issues were clarified after the first month, but knowing in more detail what the board wanted from this event at the start would have been very helpful.

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

Name of Group : Teen Spaces Task Force

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Chair's Name : Dawn Rutherford

Board Liaison : Stephanie A. Squicciarini

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : To develop a full set of guidelines for teen spaces in public libraries using the existing draft guidelines as a starting point as well as any existing best practices. Submit the latest draft to the YALSA Executive Committee for discussion and feedback at their October meeting. Following feedback from the Executive Committee, the Task Force will make final revisions to the guidelines and submit them by December 10th in preparation for the YALSA Board meeting at Midwinter 2011.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : Much of the last few months was spent getting a full committee in place, getting feedback from the committee on what in the draft document needed work, waiting to hear back from the Board about our suggestions, scaling back our goals, and assigning individuals compact tasks.

I feel the committee is having trouble embracing the scale of the project and is trying to do too much, and members are daunted by their perceived goals. I've tried to clarify this at a more reasonable scale, but honestly I do not see how this work can be completed in the time given. I will do my best to gather what I can from the committee to be reviewed at Midwinter, but do wish we just sit down and hash it all out ;)

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

Advocacy

Research

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Task force currently tightening up previous draft, bringing in line with competencies guidelines and the teen spaces white paper. Also adding a few areas as suggested by the YALSA Board.

I will be contacting Kim Cullen and get some feedback from her on how the document is coming together and whether any changes are necessary.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Nothing yet. We decided against applying for PLA programming, as it is a long way off and no one was willing to take responsibility for something 2 years away at this point.

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

Member Participation : Only big absences was the newest member left the country immediately after joining, which slowed our start. Everyone is participating at acceptable levels at this point.

Additional Concerns : Nope. Already spoke with her.

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

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Name of Group : YALSA Mentoring Taskforce

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Chair's Name : Alexandra Annen

Board Liaison : Gail Toben

Committee, Jury, or Task Force Function Statement : Gretchen Kolderup Angela Carstensen
Ernie Cox Vicki Emery Penny Johnson

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : All taskforce tasks were completed by the assigned deadline.

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

Continuous Learning

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Other (Please explain)

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : Tasks have been completed

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. : 3

Member Participation : N/A

Additional Concerns : N/A

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

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.

• 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? : -- Finalized the agenda and speakers for the Institute

-- Launched a publicity campaign through the YALSA blog, YALSA and ALA listservs, state listservs and other local means of communication

-- Solicited contributions for the multi-media presentation on teens' experiences in the library

-- Created the case studies that will be used during the afternoon small-group discussions

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

Advocacy

Marketing

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? : -- Continue to publicize the Institute
-- Finalize the multi-media presentation
-- Confirm with the speakers and panelists
-- Pray for enough registrations to avoid cancellation! :-)
-- Create a post-event entry for the YALSA wiki

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : -- Regular YALSA blog entries to publicize event
-- Blurb in YAttitudes to publicize event
-- After the event, a synopsis of the event on the YALSA wiki, as well as video clips of the day.

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

Member Participation : Our task force members have all experienced an extraordinary autumn, with many unforeseen personal, family, and workplace challenges. Our progress on planning for the Institute was slower than we (and YALSA) desired. For awhile I feared morale was slipping. So I made a personal phone call to each task force member. For the first time I heard the voice of my colleagues! What a difference those phone calls made! I realized the impersonal communication methods a virtual committee uses can be a detriment to cohesiveness. In the future I will not rely solely on email and online chats for communicating. I will seek more opportunities to use Skype and personal phone calls.

Additional Concerns : As a committee we fear the viability of an expensive preconference event is questionable. Economic realities make attendance at the Institute difficult, considering its \$200+ price tag and the cost of an extra night in a hotel room. With the increasing number of free or inexpensive webinars available, how can YALSA continue to justify the registration cost for this type of event?

We feel we have a quality program planned, and we hope we have a respectable number of registrants. But we fear far too many Midwinter attendees will bypass the Institute because they simply cannot afford it. What can be done in the future? I would appreciate discussing this further with the board, especially considering I am also the chair of the Annual Half-day Preconference 2011 task force, so I will be facing this same dilemma again in a few months!

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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Chair's Name : Carrie Kausch

Board Liaison : Gail Tobin

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. Submit pre- and post- conference reports to the Board, or additional ones as requested. All members virtual.

What were the outcomes or results of your groups work in the past three months? : - We worked together to update and organize the toolkit. While we were not successful in adding many new programming ideas to the toolkit, I strongly believe that we were able to clarify the document and organize it in a more visually appealing and helpful manner.

- We are currently preparing a donation basket for the Midwinter 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? :

Publication

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : - We should receive the student contest entries this weekend and will immediately work on judging. Winners must be selected by Dec. 31st.

- 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? : I hope to write a blog post about the student entries and another about creating the trivia questions.

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

Member Participation : No concerns

Additional Concerns : No concerns

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

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Name of Group : 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 groups work in the past three months? : Over the past few months the jury has basically been in the process of publicizing the award. The press release advertising the award was completed and issued in mid-September. The award was promoted by jury members on YALSA listservs (YALSA-BK and YAAC) as well as several state and local lists during early October.

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

Advocacy

Marketing

Continuous Learning

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? : Once we have applications in hand we will spend the remaining time before Midwinter going over the candidates and choosing our two winners, notifying them and preparing for the announcement at conference.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : I have no plans as such at the moment, outside of the award announcement and corresponding press release at Midwinter.

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

Member Participation : All members of the committee participated fully in promoting the award and getting the word out. No complaints here!

Additional Concerns : none at this time.

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

Name of Group : Organization & 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 groups work in the past three months? : We have revised the committee evaluation schedule with input from Beth and Kim to group like committees or juries together in the same year as much as possible. This is a 6 year cycle. We need to discuss the evaluation process more but will be ready to move full steam ahead after Midwinter. Many of our other tasks are in progress and will hopefully be completed by Midwinter. 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. We have been in communication with the chair of the Web Advisory Committee to get their charge updated to reflect the group's responsibility for YALSA's social networking presence. Both blog managers have been contacted regarding the respective blog guidelines.

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 the group's workplan for the next three months? : Complete the process of developing the Lit Blog guidelines. Decide upon methodology for evaluating the first round of committees on our schedule and complete evaluations by Annual 2011. Continue process of reviewing the YALSA Handbook and Bylaws (committee members have been assigned to these tasks).

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : Communicating via blog about the committee evaluation schedule. Beth had also suggested we put this on the website as well.

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

Member Participation : No concerns

Additional Concerns : No concerns

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

Name of Group : Teen's Top Ten (formerly, YA Galley)

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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? : We have been collaborating with Nichole Gilbert to implement the 2011 round of Teens' Top Ten (part of our task list). As the new TTT advisors have become very active on the list-serv, we are monitoring their discussions and stepping in with answers and directions as needed. One of the committee members is updating the list of nominations from current TTT groups and working with Nichole Gilbert to share that list monthly (another item on our task list). As a Google spreadsheet, it is visible to all committee members. We are also tracking the galleys (and published copies) of titles that publishers are sending to the TTT groups, planning to analyze the data throughout the term to see the correlation between the nominations and which titles are sent in galley form.

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

Research

Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? :

Collaboration

What is the group's workplan for the next three months? : We will continue to update the list of nominations on a monthly basis (official task). In March, we will vet nominations and prepare

for the galley group vote (official task). We will have another online meeting to discuss how things are going with the new TTT groups and any issues that are arising. It will also allow everyone a chance to share news about progress made with marketing and a journal article for future publication.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? : We are in the early stages of working on an article about the history of YA Galley/Teens' Top Ten which would also give librarians instructions on how to start up a galley/review group. Several committee members are collaborating with former and current galley/TTT advisors.

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

Member Participation : The transition from a committee that meets twice a year in person to one that will be entirely, or mostly virtual, has been a bit rockier than it seemed at first.

After our first online meeting, it seemed that we were rearing to go, and most of the members were able to "attend" the meeting. Since then, however, there have been a few instances where I sent an email to the entire committee, only to hear back from nobody, then send the email again a week or so later, with a reply-by date, and then only heard back from a few. Armed with the YALSA journal article by Linda Braun about virtual committees (Fall 2010, p. 9) and the webinar, I tried to enact several suggestions. Everyone on the committee now has access to several Google documents pertaining the group's work, but no one has looked or added to any of them (we did, however, workout kinks with access).

I must admit that I have been unsure how to address this issue and have so far held back. I have had some phone conversations with my board liaison (Sarajo), but the lack of participation has persisted. Two committee member have been exceptionally responsive and has taken on one of the more time-consuming roles, but I am concerned that I still have a few members that don't have clearly defined roles. I am hoping that our next meeting will really get the ball rolling, as some of the newer members have enthusiasm, it just needs to be funneled into something.

Earlier in my term as chair, I was in touch with my board liaison (Sarajo) and Kim Patton about a committee member who did not fulfill her duties in a major task (evaluating galley group applications). After several emails and phone calls, it went to the next level and she was replaced. Her replacement has been exceptional.

Additional Concerns : Outside of the management concerns, the committee has been running smoothly.

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