

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Antonio
January 20-25, 2006**

Topic: **Developing Certification Programs**

Background: **One way to generate revenue while providing library workers with critical continuing education opportunities is through a certification program. The ALA-APA was established in 2001 so that ALA and its units could offer certification of individuals in specializations beyond the initial professional degree. The first certification initiative, the Certified Public Library Administrator Program, launched in 2005. It is a joint effort between ALA units including: PLA, LAMA, ASCLA and APA. Since YALSA is now offering courses, a certification program is worth exploring.**

Action Required: **Discussion/Decision**

Jenifer Grady, Director of ALA-APA, will meet with the Board at 4 PM on Sunday to talk about certification programs.