

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

Topic: **Morris Taskforce Update**

Background: **At the Board’s meeting at 2004 Annual, a taskforce was appointed to look into the feasibility of creating a new award for a first time YA author and for establishing a symposium for YA literature. Both of these projects would be partially funded through monies from the Morris Endowment.**

Action Required: **Discussion/Decision**

The taskforce completed its work and recommends pursuing both these projects. YALSA’s Executive Committee is proposing the immediate establishment of two taskforces: one to plan the YA Literature Symposium, in 2007 if possible, and one to draw up the procedures and guidelines for the first time YA author award to be offered beginning in 2008.