

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

Topic: Status of SUS

Background: 2006 is the 12th year of SUS. At the 2005 Fall Executive Committee Meeting, it was recommended that a taskforce be established to evaluate the program as it exists now and to make recommendations for improvements, including but not limited to, revenue generating products or services relating to the SUS program.

Action Required: Discussion/Decision

Additional Information:

SUS by the numbers: We currently have over 100 trainers in 33 states and 3 different countries. Anecdotal evidence suggests that not all trainers are submitting reports.

Trainings completed by current SUS trainers

	FY 2004	FY 2005	
# Trainings Offered	27 (done by 15 trainers)	27 (done by 18 trainers)	
# participants trained	1,208	896	
cumulative # of participants trained			29,691 (2005)

SUS as part of a comprehensive CE package for YALSA:

- YALSA may want to evaluate how the SUS training program fits in with other YALSA programs, especially its Licensed Institutes. Currently YALSA offers two different full day institutes for \$4,500 each. If these institutes don't meet the needs of an organization the only other training we have to offer them are the SUS trainer workshops, which bring in no revenue for YALSA. Anecdotal evidence suggests that there is a need for YALSA to develop and license a ½ day institute.
- YALSA may also want to evaluate the SUS training program in terms of our current support and connection with the trainers. What messages the trainers are getting out to the participants, especially relating to the association? For some trainers it has been over 10 years since they have had their initial training. It may be desirable to bolster our follow-up training sessions not only to share new information and techniques with them, but also to reenergize them. Questions that we need the answers to:

- Are they representing YALSA well?
- Do they need anything from us?
- Are they recruiting for members?

SUS as a possible revenue generator:

- It is worth investigating whether or not products or publications can be derived from the SUS program, and determining which would be most marketable.

Future SUS Training Programs:

- YALSA may want to consider planning a follow-up training session for existing trainers. It is uncertain when the last one of these was offered.
- YALSA may want to reevaluate what it offers trainers at Annual and Midwinter. Currently, the only regularly scheduled event for them is a dinner which offers no formal training or information for the attendees.
- YALSA last held an SUS train the trainers session at Midwinter 2005. The Board may want to decide when YALSA should hold the next training and determine when it is necessary to establish a taskforce that will plan the event. Possible responsibilities of the taskforce include:
 - Reviewing past evaluations
 - reviewing the budget
 - Updating the curriculum
 - Selecting speakers