YALSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FALL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 22-23 – CHICAGO, IL

The mission of YALSA is to advocate, promote and strengthen service to young adults as part of the continuum of total library service, and to support those who provide service to this population.

Executive Committee I  
Fri., Oct. 22, 8:45-12:00 –Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, Steamboat

Executive Committee II  
Sat. Oct. 23, 8:45 – 5:00 –Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, Steamboat

Present: Kimberly Patton, Linda Braun, Sarah Flowers, Mary Hastler, Nick Buron, Francisca Goldsmith, Beth Yoke.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Call to Order

K. Patton called the Executive Committee meeting to order on October 22, 2010, at 8:56 am.

Information Forum Fri., Oct. 22

- Beth Yoke updated all on ALSC’s scope of attention discussion.

Information Forum Sat., Oct. 23

- Kim updated all on her brief talk with ALSC’s President on Friday
- YALSA staff were thanked for the tour of their office
- Beth learned Friday that PLA’s Board has approved a dues increase
- Kim noted that AASL’s President shared a brief explanation of why they selected the same date as the YA Lit Symposium for their own 2010 fall forum

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda approved as published.

Mega Issue

Item #1. What is YALSA’s role in leading the profession? Kim

The group discussed ways that YALSA might better promote its guidelines and other similar resources with key audiences such as graduate schools of library science and state library agencies.

Action Items

Item #2. Debrief from Friday Joint ALA Meeting Kim

Executive Committee members exchanged information about each of their small group sessions.
Item #3. **Debrief from August Board Meeting** Kim
The group discussed ways that chair reports might be more effectively discussed as well as the role Board Liaisons play in supporting chairs.

Item #4. **Committee Appointments** Sarah
Sarah Flowers reported that the selection appointments are on schedule. ALA appointments aren’t getting underway quite yet; Sarah is already working on these and several YALSA members have turned in the ALA volunteer form for consideration.

Item #5. **Board Post Annual ‘10 Survey Results** Kim
The group debated the pros and cons of a more thorough assessment effort at the Board level and concurred that self assessments can be a valuable tool for Board member development. The group will present this idea to the full Board for the Midwinter Meeting.

Item #6. **Board Development Chats** Kim
The group discussed the purpose and value of the chats and came to the consensus that they should continue, but with more focused topics that relate directly to YALSA.

Item #7. **Midwinter Board Preparation & Orientation** Kim
The group discussed priorities for Board development at the Midwinter Meeting and decided to hold a December 30th conference call with the Board to help Board members prepare for Midwinter. The group also outlined goals and topics to focus on for the Board Planning session.

Item #8. **Midwinter Chair Preparation & Orientation** Kim
The group discussed training needs for chairs, especially in light of the transition of process committees to all virtual groups. The group decided to: 1) hold a conference call for all chairs prior to Midwinter, 2) focus Leadership Development on selection and award committee chairs and 3) hold a virtual training session for all process committee, taskforce, jury and advisory board chairs in January after Midwinter.

Item #9. **Action Plan Updates** Kim
- IMLS grant rewriting is on schedule for its Dec 15 due date.
- Update the item on pp13-14 in regard to web space for research journal is now underway.
- Article swaps with relevant divisions may be a good next step toward advocacy goal.
- The iPhone app development can move forward using Dollar General funding.
- Best of the Best branding for awards is underway.

**Discussion Items**
Item #10. **Board Member Exit Interview Findings** Linda  
The group discussed common threads in the exit interviews and how the Executive Committee might use the information to better recruit and prepare future Board members.

Item #11. **FY10 Second Close Figures** Mary & Beth  
The group discussed the strengths and weaknesses in the FY10 budget and explored ways to generate more revenue for FY11.

Item #12. **Board Role with Sponsorships Update** Stephanie  
The group reviewed the report by the ad-hoc committee chair and discussed feedback to share with her. The President will pass the information on to the chair.

Item #13. **Recruiting Candidates Update** Sarah  
The group discussed the report from the ad-hoc committee chair and reviewed additional documents that were provided on site. The chair will use the Executive Committee’s feedback to finalize a report for the Board for Midwinter.

Item #14. **BFYA Evaluation** Kim  
The group discussed possible methods for implementing an evaluation and came to the consensus that establishing a taskforce is the best approach. This document will be refined and expanded for presentation to the Board for Midwinter and the President will update the membership on the status of the evaluation via her monthly President’s Report.

Item #15. **Nominating Committee** Linda  
The group discussed the proposal as put forth in the document and gave Linda Braun some feedback on refining it so it can be submitted to the Board for consideration for Midwinter.

Item #16. **Youth Council Caucus** Nick  
The group discussed the role of the Youth Council Caucus and brainstormed ways that it might be revitalized.

Item #17. **ALA Annual Program Planning Process** Beth & Nichole  
Based on Executive Committee feedback, Beth will refine the document and submit it to the full Board for consideration for Midwinter.

Item #18. **Readers’ Choice Update** Beth & Nichole  
Staff used the template created by O&B for selection committees to create draft policies and procedures. Beth will use Executive Committee feedback to refine the document and present to the Board for approval in October or November.

Item #19. **2010 – 2011 Committee Task List Progress** Kim
The group discussed the status of various committees’ progress toward accomplishing their 2010 – 2011 tasks.

**Item #20. Research Agenda** Sarah
No document was submitted for the Executive Committee to consider. The group discussed how best to move forward with developing a research agenda.

**Item #21. Past President’s Lecture Planning** Linda
Linda will use the Executive Committee’s feedback to develop guidelines for future committees.

**Item #22. Teen Space Guidelines Update** Dawn
The group reviewed the report by the taskforce chair and discussed feedback to share with her. The President will pass the information on to the chair.

**Item #23. Member Recognition Proposal** Stephanie
The Executive Committee will share this item as an action item for the Board for voting before Midwinter.

**Item #24. Board Role in Planned Giving** Mary & Beth
This topic will be added to the Discussion Items for the Board’s Midwinter meeting.

**Item #25. Petition Candidates for ALA Council** Kim
The group discussed possible ways to recruit more YALSA members to run for Council.

**New Business**

**Item #36. IMLS Grant Proposal Partner Request** Beth
The group concurred to recommend to the Board that this partner request move forward.

**Adjournment**

The Executive Committee’s Fall 2010 meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm on October 23, 2010.