ALSC Online Board Meeting – June 17, 2020
FINAL Minutes as of August 26, 2020

Attendees
Board Members: Cecilia McGowan, Africa Hands, Amber Creger, Amy Sears, April Mazza, Elisa Gall, Jamie Naidoo, Julie Dietzel-Glair, Kirby McCurtis, Linda Ernst, Maggie Jacobs, Sue McCleaf Nespeca, Sujei Lugo
Staff Members: Aimee Strittmatter, Alena Rivers, Angela Hubbard, Anne Michaud, Elizabeth Serrano, Jordan Dubin, Laura Schulte-Cooper, Sarah Polen
Guests: Amy Koester, Ariana Hussain, Gretchen Caserotti, Lucia Gonzalez, Meredith Steiner, Robbin Friedman, Soraya Silverman-Montano

Proceedings
• Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Cecilia McGowan
• Board agreed to hold the meeting in an informal manner
• Agenda approved
• Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.
  
  MOTION: move to accept the agenda and operate informally, motion passed.

Discussion
Odyssey Evaluation
The Board discussed the Odyssey Evaluation Working Group report. Rob Bittner was in attendance to answer questions and discuss the recommendations as outlined in their report, follow up document and manual suggestions. It was noted that YALSA will be meeting on June 27 and will discuss this information at that time. Each individual recommendation was discussed by the Board, and an outline of the discussion including questions or considerations of each recommendation will be shared with the working group and YALSA. The ALSC Board would like to hear clarification from the working group and YALSA’s considerations after their upcoming meeting.

  ACTION: Anne will share notes and questions from the full discussion with Cecilia, the task force and YALSA.

Budget
Gretchen Caserotti was in attendance to discuss the updated and revised budget for fiscal year 2021. The presented documents include adjustments that address impacts to ALSC’s budget as a result of meeting and conference cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic and adjustments to the sale of ALA’s headquarters building. Reductions include staff furloughs, promotion and exhibits, travel budget and lodging and meals and other administrative costs as well as changes to expected dues and seals sales revenues. Fiscal Officer Amber
Creger responded to questions with information from the BARC meeting. The board was told that the ALA Executive Board did not approve the FY21 budget as presented and they want a revised budget by September that will reflect losses with the change to upcoming face to face events.

MOTION: move to accept the fiscal year 2021 budget and the recommendations of the ALSC Budget committee, motion passed.

Belpré MOU
The Board discussed the updated Belpré MOU and the edits that were made, this document was already shared with REFORMA and YALSA leadership will be considering it later this month. Minor revisions including some adjustment to language, terminology and acronyms were suggested and will be shared with YALSA and REFORMA.

MOTION: move accept the Belpre MOU as presented with revisions, motion passed.

Consent Agenda
MOTION: move to accept the consent agenda, motion passed

ALSC Board Member Transition
The transition of incoming board members and outgoing board members would typically happen during the in person meeting. As the meeting is being held virtually this year the transition of the board will occur on July 1, 2020 which is the official term start date for all incoming members and the transfer of roles between Vice President, President and Past President. Appreciation was expressed to outgoing members Jamie Campbell Naidoo, Julie Dietzel-Blair, Linda Ernst, Sue McLeaf Nespeca and Amy Sears for their years of service on the ALSC Board. Incoming members Lucia Gonzalez, Kimberly Patton, Ariana Hussain, Soraya Silverman-Montano and Meredith Steiner were welcomed to the ALSC Board.

Old Business
Newbery 100th Task Force Report
The Board continued their conversation of the Newbery 100th Anniversary Celebration Task Force Report after hearing input from the Budget committee. The discussion also continued around recommendation 5 and prioritization of all approved recommendations. Kirby will be appointing a Newbery 100 implementation task force soon to continue the approved work.

ACTION: Kirby will contact Anne to confirm information that needs to be included in the new task force’s charge.

Executive Session:
Twin Cities PBS Proposal
The Board revisited a partnership proposal and additional information from Twin Cities PBS. No additional information or action will be taken at this time.

Executive Session – Closed session for Executive Director’s Performance Review

MOTION: move to adjourn, motion passed.