

**Board of Directors Meeting
via conference call
September 9, 2014**

Topic: Standing Board Committees

Background: In order to effectively implement YALSA’s Strategic Plan, the Board voted in the fall of 2013 to establish standing board committees—one for each strategic plan goal. Board members may want to discuss the progress for getting these committees launched and what, if any, strategies might be implemented to ensure that board members and committees have what they need to be successful.

Action Required: Discussion

Topics to address:

- Clarity of role – do all committees and committee members have a clear understanding of what needs to be done?
- Work plans – what timelines, plans, tasks, etc. have been created so far?
- Resources needed – what do board members feel is needed in order to be able to be successful on these groups?
- Processes—what systems need to be put in place to ensure the committees have adequate support and oversight?
- Successes & challenges – what have groups accomplished so far and/or what hurdles have groups faced? How might those be addressed?
- Committee/Jury/Advisory Board/Taskforce Oversight—does the standing board committee have the information and tools they need to guide and support the strategic work of appointed member groups? If not, what is needed?
- Other?

Additional Resources

- The Engagement Pyramid, <http://groundwire.org/blog/groundwire-engagement-pyramid>
- Three Tips for Board Engagement, www.forimpact.org/2008/04/3_tips_for_board_engagement.php
- YALSA Strategic Plan, www.ala.org/yalsa/aboutyalsa/strategicplan