

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Las Vegas
June 27 – July 1, 2014**

Topic: Filling Board Vacancy due to Election Results

Background: Candice Mack’s term on the Board as a Director-at-Large runs through June 2015. Since she was elected in-coming President-Elect, it is necessary to appoint an individual to finish out her at-large term. Article VIII, Section 15 of the YALSA Bylaws states that vacancies other than those provided for in these Bylaws shall be filled by the Board of Directors by appointment until the next annual election, at which time a minimum of one candidate shall be nominated to fill each unexpired term.

Action Required: Action

Options for filling the vacancy:

1. Do nothing and to leave the position vacant through the end of June 2015, which is when Candice’s term expired. There would still be a quorum for voting; however, there would be an even number of voting members on the board, which does open up the possibility for tie votes.
2. Appoint a seasoned board member who would be interested in and able to fill the spot. Since at-large board members aren’t allowed to serve consecutive terms (per the bylaws), eligible candidates would be from the 2012 - 2013 board or earlier, or would have served in an ex-officio capacity.
3. Appoint someone from the 2014 slate, as those individuals have already indicated their current willingness to serve. Candidates have the following commitments:
 - Linda Braun – elected Fiscal Officer
 - mk Eagle – recent personal and professional demands have left her with less time for volunteering
 - Betsy Fraser – indicated an interest in selection committee work instead of serving on the board
 - Carrie Kausch – elected Secretary
 - Joy Kim – serving another term as Strategic Planning Chair
 - Gretchen Kolderup – elected as an at-large member
 - Jennifer Korn – elected as an at-large member
 - Rachel McDonald -- elected as an at-large member
 - April Witteveen – will be chairing Printz

Proposal

Appoint Carla Land to finish out Candice's term

Rationale

- As a recent Board Fellow, she can immediately step in and be productive and not have a learning curve to deal with.
- Carla does not have any committee or other major commitments that would take away from time she'd need for board work.

Recommended Board Action

The Board directs the President to appoint Carla Land to finish out Candice Mack's term, which runs through June 2015.

Additional Resources

- YALSA Bylaws: <http://ow.ly/sblCl> (.pdf)