

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
via Conference Call
June 3, 2014**

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Background: Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work their group has accomplished since mid-February. During the conference call, each Board Liaison will have the opportunity to summarize and share any concerns their member groups may have and field questions from Board members. Board members are encouraged to reflect on the reports and discuss how the work of the groups is supporting the strategic plan, as well as look for and discuss common threads or issues between the reports and how the Board might address them.

Action Required: Discussion

Missing Reports (as of 5/27/14)

- 2014 Michael Printz; chair - Jennifer Lawson
- Advocacy Support Taskforce; chair - Sarah Kepple
- Division and Membership Promotion; chair- Krista McKenzie
- Professional Values and Career Development Taskforce; chair – Lalitha Nataraj
- Programming Guidelines Development Taskforce; chair – Chris Shoemaker
- Literacies ; chair Elizabeth Hanisian
- State Conferences Road Trip Taskforce; chair – Ritchie Momon & Elizabeth Hanisian
- Writing Award Jury; chair Cathryn Mercier
- YALSA Editorial Advisory Board; chair – Angela Leeper

Vicki Emery

Group: Administrator Resources Task Force

Chair's Name: Sara Ryan

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Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Coordinate the development of new content, including case studies that illustrate the value of teen services, aimed at library administrators and work with staff to disseminate the content. Use existing data to create new resources aimed at an administrator audience which illustrate the value of teen services, including tip sheets, position papers, infographics, canned presentations, articles and blog posts. Identify and prioritize communication channels for distribution of messages and materials.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We asked our Board liaison Vicki to consult with the Board to clarify the audience for our resources and got some good feedback.

A majority of TF members participated in a Google Hangout that resulted in deciding to work on these products:

-- Tip sheet on persuasive language -- e.g. how to go from "four teens played Minecraft" to "four teens engaged in peer-supported learning activities and demonstrated proficiency in non-traditional ways" -- and yes, we intend to use the list of Benefits to Teens When Library Services Are Reimagined from the Futures report as a resource for the language

-- Guide to balancing in-library time and outreach; prioritizing based on community needs -- the idea is that this guide would be a tool for administrators to advise their frontline teen services staff

-- Build on the great work of Sarah Flowers by compiling metrics that make it easier for administrators to measure & assess competencies at the individual staff and library wide level, using the resources she cites in Evaluating Teen Services & Programs as a starting point. Ideally this would eventually become an online toolkit somewhat similar in format to the one the EDGE initiative

offers: <http://www.libraryedge.org/toolkit>

Nicole Gibby Munguia reached out to ask if TF members would be able to present a YALSA webinar in November, and we agreed.

We also agreed that we need to go through both the Future of Library Services For & With Teens report and the Advocacy Benchmarks to pull out sections (like the Benefits to Teens list) to repackage for administrators.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Once we've finished creating the resources I described above, we'll most likely use programs, publications and collaboration to share them.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Continue work on creating the resources described above as well as assessing existing YALSA products for repackaging.

If the Board has concerns about any of the resources we're working on, or suggestions about other products that would be useful for us to develop, we'd love to know.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I don't think we'll have anything to share in the next three months, but we will eventually!

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

The task force is made up of very busy administrators, so it's consistently challenging to schedule times for us to virtually meet. But when we do, we're productive!

Group: Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Sharon Rawlins

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Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best non-fiction for young adults (ages 12-18) during a Nov. 1 – Oct. 31 publishing year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The Admin Assistant set up a shared space on Google Docs and as the committee receives nonfiction books to consider the members are sharing their thoughts about the books there. Letitia also set up a private listserv on ALA Connect that we are using as well. I am posting recommendations that are received through the nomination form from non-committee members on ALA Connect too. So far, we have received 7 recommendations and out of those 7, 1 has been seconded by committee members. We have received about 30 books from publishers so far. Several have sent lists of books with their pub dates, most with fall pub dates. A separate Google Doc was set up just for nominated books too.

I asked the committee to nominate up to 3 books by May 15. So far, there have been 5 books nominated.

Another committee member also went through a list of starred books that have been published since Nov. 1, 2013 to make sure we hadn't missed any that had been published before the committee started meeting and sent it to us as an EXCEL document so we can all add to it and keep a running list. Only two were from 2013 and they were too young.

All the committee members, with one exception, met on Google + Hangouts on April 15 for an informal meeting. We discussed what criteria we should use when considering the nonfiction books as it applied to some of the books we have received and talked about some of the books we had all read. It was nice being able to actually see each other, especially for those who weren't able to attend ALA Midwinter.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other: By collaboration, I mean we are working together to select the best nonfiction books published in the current year (Nov. 1 - Oct. 31) What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will be meeting at ALA Annual on Saturday and Sunday from 1-5:30 pm to discuss the nominated books. I received a straw poll form that the 2014 Committee used last year and will use that with this year's committee too.

We will continue to read the books being sent and actively search out those that we might not automatically receive; keep the committee up to date on what books may have been recommended via YALSA's online nomination form. I will encourage the members to get input from teens about what new nonfiction books they recommends the teens read over the summer. Since many teachers and media specialists have summer workshops, I am also going to ask them

for recommendations for possible nonfiction books to consider. With the emphasis on the Common Core, the teachers and librarians are more aware of the need for nonfiction books and have received more information about what's being published.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

I will continue to make YALSA members aware that they can submit recommended nominations via the online form and that they should encourage the teens they work with to do so as well. I will make a concentrated effort to get the word out to teachers and school librarians through YALSA channels too.

I will make sure to mention it on the YALSA blog, and in the Hub, as well as through YALSA's social media outlets.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: I am a little worried that we are missing books that have come out recently that haven't been sent to us. I was in a public library and noticed several books that they had that the committee hadn't received - one the publisher said they would but we still haven't gotten. Since DK has started publishing teen nonfiction, I have been waiting for one book that's already been published from them that we haven't received yet either. I will follow up with the publishers to make sure we are being sent some of these books and also emphasize to the committee that they need to be on the lookout too for books we might not be receiving. I know we also have to rely on our own libraries for some books because it's not a guarantee that we will be sent books from publishers.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Jeanette Johnson

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Board Liaison: Vicki M. Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare one to five annotated list(s) of approximately twenty-five recommended paperback titles, selected from popular genres, themes or topics.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The committee is working on four Themed lists: Book to Movie: Ripped From the Pages, Mysteries: Murder, Mayhem, and Other Adventures, Lock Up: Teens Behind Bars, and Narrative Non-Fiction: Inspired by Actual Events. We have been reading to nominate as well as reading nominated titles. We have between 24 and 38 titles nominated for each category with a total of 120 nominated titles altogether. We have had 6 field nominations. As of May 1st nominations are currently closed.

We are having discussions every week this month on ALA Connect. One for each of the categories. We have had two chats to date. Everyone is excited about what they are reading. In Lock up, they are going to focus on nominating books with Latino, Asian & Pacific Islander

characters and books for the younger teens. In Narrative Non-fiction they are going to look for books involving sports, Asian and Native American characters.

We had a submission in the YALSA e-news describing our categories for this year and encouraged members to nominate titles. We have updated the PPYA main page with our current information and submitted updated nomination lists each month to be posted.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Program
- Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will use this closed period to finish reading the currently nominated titles. Our committee will continue to use the discussion threads on ALA Connect to evaluate each nominated book title we read. We will use this time to gather statistics, and talk with teens to determine the popularity of nominated titles. We will have a straw poll in June to assess the currently nominated titles and discuss the titles which have mixed results. Nominations open again on July 1st. We will set up another round of chats for discussion of the new materials via ALA Connect in August.

The committee uses a Google Document titled 2014-15 Nomination list and it is updated with each nomination and available to all members at all times. We will continue to send updated information to the publishers. We will submit an updated nomination list to be published on our PPYA site at the end of July and August when nominations open again.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will have a submission in "The Hub" highlighting "Lock Up: Teens Behind Bars" as our first look at our categories individually. The other categories will also each have a write up to encourage nominations. We will work with Allison Tran to schedule these for July, September, and November.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: Debbie Fisher has replaced Nicola McDonald who resigned before the committee got started. She has done a wonderful job and is a great addition to this committee. Sandy Craft is a great Administrative Assistant and is an asset to this team.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Maureen Hartman

Group: Best Fiction for Young Adults Committee

Chair's Name: Michael Cart

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Board Liaison: Maureen Louise Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the year's publications significant fiction books (excluding graphic novels) published for young adults; to annotate the selected titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Committee has been fully engaged with reading and discussing (via ALA Connect) titles read and being considered for nomination. To date (5/13/14) a total of twenty-three titles have been nominated. I have asked the Committee to be prudent in the number of titles they nominate with a view to having a more manageable number of nominations than in the past. So far we are on track to achieving that goal.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Publication

other: The ongoing list of Nominated titles is published monthly at the YALSA website.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue reading, evaluating, discussing and nominating. We are also preparing for our meetings at Annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Nothing is planned at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No concerns at this time. All of the Committee members have been participating fully.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Continuing Education Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Karen Keys

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Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To provide feedback to YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education on: 1) appropriate and timely topics for continuing education offerings and 2) identifying qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions. To assist the Program Officer for CE as requested with promoting CE opportunities and recognizing the contribution of facilitators, presenters, etc What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The board has been working on identifying topics for continuing education. They include: teens and job skills, outreach, leadership roles for YA librarians that don't want to be directors, helping non-youth services staff members better serve teens, fandoms and teen culture.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The group would like to compile a list of CE resources. Perhaps to be listed here?

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/professionaltools>

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None at this time. Perhaps the board could contribute blog posts to the YALSA blog?

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Future of Teens & Libraries Taskforce

Chair's Name: Adrienne Strock

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Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Support the roll-out of The Future of Library Services for and with Teens report by prioritizing and overseeing implementation of the following activities. Secure article placements in various publications related to youth and/or libraries.

Encourage further discussion via regular Twitter chats and programs at ALA conferences.

Identify potential conferences to target beyond the YALSA/ALA community, and work with staff to coordinate a YALSA presence there. Oversee the creation of supplementary resources such as rubrics for GSLIS faculty and students, canned presentation materials, and one-sheet materials for specific audiences as well as for topics (i.e. what does the report mean for teen spaces, staffing, etc).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As a new taskforce, this group is just getting started. We will present at ALA Annual on June 29 at 10:30am. Adrienne, the taskforce's chair, was in a Google Hangout with Maureen Hartman and Linda Braun to discuss past presentations and work on an initial strategy for the presentation. The group has been discussing strengths for moving forward via email in regards to tasks in the rollout plan, and the Chair has begun a brainstorm of ideas based on the rollout plan, which she has shared with the taskforce. We will have our first Google Hangout on June 2 where we will discuss the rollout plan and action items for prioritizing our work and moving forward with developing plans and content.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will present at ALA Annual on June 29 at 10:30am.

We will develop a timeline and action plan for rollout to create supplemental materials, articles and other written content, and presentations.

We will also begin to develop a plan for conferences, Twitter chats and takeovers, ways to collaborate with other divisions, and trainings.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Ideas include: sharing observations about implementation challenges and strategies to overcome them and highlighting and reinforcing various sections of the report. Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: As a new taskforce, we're just getting started which is why our effectiveness is ranked 5.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: National Guidelines Oversight Committee

Chair's Name: Mary Arnold

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Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee YALSA's portfolio of national guidelines, including performing such tasks as: working with staff to disseminate and promote the guidelines; regularly evaluating the existing guidelines and making recommendations to YALSA's Board for updating or revising guidelines and/or the need to create supplementary materials or tools; assisting staff with establishing and maintaining liaisons with appropriate decision makers and stakeholders, both inside and outside the library profession, that monitor and evaluate the performance of teen services programs and librarians What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

SLIS faculty contacts provided for YALSA staff and Board; recommendations for contacts to create/update white papers on website; gathered templates for task #3, create a handbook for the committee and shared with group via email

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Provide Board with an outline for committee handbook and begin populating the index fields for policies and procedures; obtain feedback from Board liaison on next steps for promoting the guidelines to stakeholders beyond SLIS What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Possibly utilize YALSA blog/wiki to discuss one or more of the guidelines with colleagues in the field to increase YALSA visibility and impact; if directed by Board, contact possible authors for updates/new documents for YALSA website Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

As a virtual committee, it has proven difficult to get timely feedback electronically from busy members, even with a deadline or request to confirm receipt of information. There has been virtually no activity on ALA Connect following the compilation of SLIS contacts and initial letters of introduction.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Chair has been informed that she should not continue professional activity at this time, so we will need a replacement chair following annual 2014.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Pamela Spencer Holley

Group: ALSC/Booklist/YALSA Odyssey Award

Chair's Name: Dawn M. Rutherford

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Board Liaison: Pam Holley

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States, and to also select honor titles. Committee size: 9

members: 4 members appointed by ALSC; 4 appointed by YALSA; a chair whose appointment alternates between ALSC and YALSA, with a non-voting consultant from the staff Booklist.

Term: Members serve a 16 month term commencing February 1st and ending June 30th the following year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As of today, 86 eligible titles have been submitted to the committee, and each assigned to two readers. 26 have been removed from consideration, 6 have passed the first round and been assigned to the full committee, and 3 titles have been assigned to third listeners. Between May 19th and Annual, we will focus solely on titles that have passed the first round, with hopes of having an animated discussion in those meetings.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I'm encouraging the group to both increase their listening pace, and to be more critical listeners. I'm hoping that after Annual they will feel empowered to listen to their guts in addition to the recordings, and stop spending time on average titles, so we can concentrate more on the excellent ones.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Nothing at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: One member is recording far less information than the rest of the group. I spoke with her over the phone and walked her through some of the online recording process, and then didn't see any evidence of

participation from her for the next week, so I had our board liaison contact ALSC, and their representative spoke with her. She claimed to be confident she could do the work and keep up, but I still have concerns, as this person alone has 20 titles that she has not marked as listened to, and has not made any note of having downloaded titles.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Midwinter Marketing & Local Arrangements Taskforce

Chair's Name: Heather Love Beverley

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Board Liaison: Pam Spencer Holley

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA's presence at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA events and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Taskforce members aren't expected to attend Annual, but are expected to attend Midwinter. Taskforce size: 5 - 7, including one member designated as Midwinter Youth Participation Coordinator. Term: 1 year, commencing after Midwinter and ending after Midwinter.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? During these past three months, the committee has begun acquainted with each other online via email. We have just recently been given access to YALSA's Mid-Winter wiki and have begun discussion as to what content related to local arrangements needs updating on the wiki, and what new content we would like to add.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To update and add to YALSA's Mid-Winter wiki in preparation for the upcoming conference in Chicago. We will continue discussion via email and will arrange an online discussion in ALA Connect as needed. We are also prepared to tackle other tasks as assigned.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? There are no immediate plans to share news or information with YALSA publications within the next three months, but as Mid-Winter approaches, it is feasible that small articles could be shared regarding Chicago.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There have been no participation concerns at this time.

Everyone has responded to all email communication in a timely and effective manner.

Additional Concerns or Comments: We are looking forward to continue working on this committee and doing more preparation a Mid-Winter approaches.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Group: Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

Chair's Name: Jennifer Fairchild

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Board Liaison: Pam Holley

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare an annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We have nominated 57 fiction and nonfiction titles to be discussed at our annual meeting in Las Vegas.

Committee members have been collecting teen feedback on nominated titles as well.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will continue to discuss titles online until we meet in June to discuss them in person. Committee members will be able to nominate titles until the end of May. After the agreed upon date, we will take a break from nominating to ensure that everyone has enough time to concentrate on reading the nominated titles.

We will also continue to collect teen feedback on nominated titles until our meeting at Annual in Las Vegas.

After the June meeting, committee members will begin reading and nominating more titles for the list and seeking teen feedback.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

Each month I have provided an updated list of nominations to be added to the YALSA website. Committee members have been encouraged to share this link and information about the committee with their networks as well as encourage others to nominate titles. I have shared this information with my professional network to let colleagues know what the committee does and encourage engagement with the website as well as nominations.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I have no concerns at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The committee members seem to be very enthusiastic about nominating and discussing titles, and asking questions.

Everyone is looking forward to Annual where we can meet and discuss titles in person.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Carrie Kausch

Group: Annual Conference Marketing and Local Arrangements Committee

Chair's Name: Jennifer Jost

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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA's presence at the ALA Annual Conference. To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA programs and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Annual Conference.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

- Committee members continued working on populating the wiki
- Submitted 8 Blog posts- New Downtown, Working the exhibit floor, Tips for taking what you learn home, Lucky Vegas, Vegas on the big and little screen, Vegas in YA lit, celebrity chefs/restaurants, preparing/travel tips
- Submitted 3 E-News items: BFYA teen feedback session, Printz reception, Edwards brunch
- Youth Participation Coordinator (Natalia) recruited participants for the BFYA Teen Participation Session and created a participation packet to distribute to chaperones, teens and parents. There are currently 59 teens that have been accepted, (7 from Prescott, AZ, 25 from local public high schools, 15 from a local private school and 12 from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.)
- Youth Participation Coordinator is working with Nichole to recruit teens for the Printz program and reception.
- Natalia and Jen visited the convention center with other LVCCLD staff members to "scout out" locations for scheduled meeting rooms and where to have teens/groups meet.
- Committee member Stefanie Bailey located a site for the YALSA Happy Hour- The Peppermill Fireside Lounge, Saturday, June 28, 5 to 7 pm.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- All committee members will continue working on populating the Las Vegas Information section of the YALSA wiki.
- All committee members will submit regular posts for the YALSA blog (at

least one per month) and YALSA E-News as outlined in the committee's calendar.

- Committee chair will be present to assist Nichole at all YALSA programs at the annual conference, with other committee members possibly filling in if/when possible.
- Youth Participation Coordinator (Natalia) will chaperone her group of teens from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District and help coordinate the other groups attending the BFYA teen feedback session.
- Natalia and Stefanie will be also present at the Printz program and reception.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

Messages related to Annual-

Blog Posts

- Local Favorites
- Vegas Shows
- Happy Hours (including YALSA's happy hour)
- Free/cheap stuff to do
- 24 hour eats
- New attractions
- Other Vegas info TBD (Shopping? Adventure? Fitness?)

E-News

- YALSA Happy Hour
- Check the wiki (programs)
- Check the wiki (Vegas info)

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Great Graphic Novels for Teens

Chair's Name: Marcus Lowry

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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Over the last few months, our main accomplishments have been reading and nominating titles for consideration. We currently have 34 official nominations and 3 field nominations. The official nominations list has been updated monthly at the YALSA website. Publishers have been contacted as well as outreach to graphics fans at area conventions in the twin cities.

Committee members were encouraged to look at evaluation tools to consider what makes a graphic great.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

For the next few weeks, the committee will focus on reading titles in preparation for Annual. At Annual, we'll discuss our nominations to date.

Once Annual is over, we'll again focus on discovering more titles.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

We'll continue to share our list of nominations and solicit field nominations from the YALSA and graphic novel communities.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: One member, Bonnie Svitavsky wasn't checking in, but we realized her email service was treating the messages as spam, and once that was resolved, she was a more active member.

Additional Concerns or Comments: So far so good- looking forward to Annual!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Legislation

Chair's Name: Jennifer Korn

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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To inform librarians and library workers who serve young adults of pending legislation which affects young adults and library service to that population; to provide librarians and library workers with tools and resources to help them educate elected officials and lobby for strong library services to teens; to liaise with the ALA Legislation Committee; and to provide support to the YALSA Board with developing an annual legislative agenda.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The Legislation Committee took a divide and conquer approach to update the Tweet your Senator and Tweet your Representative maps with the results from recent elections. We also updated the tweet for National Library Legislation Day with the tweet produced by ALA's Washington Office. We ran into some technical difficulties first when Google would not let

anyone log in to edit and second when we discovered some of the existing HTML was corrupted and so the links no longer worked. Committee member Allyson Evans shared the correct HTML for the new tweet, making it easy for members to cut and paste that portion of the update. Members Carla Land and Annie Schutte identified and found a solution for issues with missing and incorrectly formatted photos of Congress members.

The committee also promoted NLLD14 and the Tweet your Senator and Representative Maps to YALSA's membership to encourage participation.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

The Legislation committee will begin planning for District Days by:

1. Updating the District Days wiki.
2. Writing posts for YALSA's newsletter and the blog to help members plan for and participate in District Days.
3. Soliciting District Days and advocacy success stories from YALSA members to highlight on the wiki and blog.
4. Committee Chair Jennifer Korn will attend the ALA Legislation Council meeting at ALA Annual and share any relevant information with the Legislation Committee, YALSA Board, and YALSA members.
5. Committee members who are able to attend ALA Annual will participate in the Joint Youth Legislation meeting with members of AASL and ALSC.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

As mentioned above, the Legislation Committee will encourage participation in District Days by promoting the resources YALSA provides for this event through YALSA e-news and the blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A Additional Concerns or Comments: Thank you for the shout out in YALSA's E-news! I am very proud of my highly productive committee members.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: MAE Award Jury

Chair's Name: Laurie Amster-Burton

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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To promote the MAE Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to annually select a recipient, when a suitable winner is indicated.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the previous quarter, the winner was chosen and since then announced by YALSA. The committee has not "met" since then. Our board liaison, Carrie Kausch, suggested a blog post about the winner of the award.

I am arranging to interview the award winner and plan to publish a blog post to coincide with summer reading programs beginning; several of the recent applicants highlighted their public library summer reading programs.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: No actions were taken in this quarter.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I will interview the 2014 MAE Award winner for publication on the YALSA blog.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? See previous question.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: none Additional Concerns or Comments: none Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Joy Kim

Group: Great Books Giveaway Award Jury

Chair's Name: Victoria Russo

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Judge applications for the YALSA Great Book Giveaway Award.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The winners of the 2014 award were notified by the YALSA office and received their books. One library sent photos of her students excitedly unpacking books and making new library signs. The YALSA office released a press release naming the 2014 award winners.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will document our work on this year's award for next year's jury.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We may again share the winners' names and libraries to publicize our award.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: The Hub Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Allison Tran

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Hub Advisory Board participates in the development and maintenance of the Hub and follows the guidelines for the site as set out by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the site and assists with the collection of content for the site, generates ideas for content, works on getting teen and librarian input and feedback, facilitates marketing and PR as needed, and writes for the site as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

- Continued the 2014 Hub Reading Challenge, which currently has around 250 participants. Hub Advisory Board members publish a weekly check-in post which includes a round-up of mentions of the #hubchallenge on Twitter and other social media platforms.
- Coordinated and hosted a spine poetry photo challenge in which readers were asked to submit photos of book spine poems created from the eligible titles for the Hub Reading Challenge. This photo challenge attracted 11 entries and included a prize for the winner- a signed copy of "Every Day"

by David Levithan, generously donated by YALSA (compared to our first photo challenge last year, which attracted 5 entries).

- Continued our effort to increase The Hub's coverage of diversity in YA lit with a posts celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage month and a collaborative group post to participate in the #WeNeedDiverseBooks campaign.
- Continued our effort to tie in more coverage of nonprint media with book-to-movie review posts and more posts matching up favorite TV characters with YA lit.
- Highlighted partner and affiliate selected lists such as the Amelia Bloomer list.
- Worked with interim YALSAblog manager Sarah Flowers and Awards Nomination Committee chair, Pam Spencer Holley, to publish interviews with the 2014 candidates for YALSA's award committees. The interviews were cross posted to both The Hub and the YALSAblog.
- Developed a plan involving efforts by all Hub Advisory Board members to ensure that the 2014 Hub Reading Challenge wraps up smoothly.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- Wrap up the Hub Reading Challenge, evaluate it, and make recommendations for next year's challenge.
- Coordinate the posting of Reader Responses written by Reading Challenge finishers reflecting on one of the titles they particularly enjoyed.
- With the Advisory Board, develop a more concrete strategy for increasing The Hub's reach on social media.
- Cover YA lit-related events and organize a Hub bloggers get-together at the ALA Annual conference in Las Vegas.
- Work closely with the newly appointed YALSAblog manager to find ways to amplify our reach and improve our content by cross-posting, linking, and complementing one another's posts.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Calls for bloggers via the YALSA E-News Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The Hub Advisory Board has been working well together to keep The Hub running smoothly and growing at a steady rate. Due to hectic schedules during the past few months, we did not have a chance to schedule a real-time chat, but I hope to rectify that over the next few months. We have been working effectively via email.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Makerspace Resources Task Force

Chair's Name: Erica Compton

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The taskforce will create a variety of resources to help members learn about the maker movement and how libraries can be a part of it in order to increase their value in their community. Activities include: creating a "Making in Libraries" toolkit to be released in conjunction with 2014 's Teen Tech Week; implementing a maker programming contest during summer 2014 for members to highlight best practices; maintaining the maker page on YALSA's public wiki on an ongoing basis and encouraging members to contribute to the content there; as requested by the YALSAblog Manager, identify bloggers to regularly create maker related posts; as requested by the YALS Editor, identify authors to write maker related articles. Taskforce size: 5-7 virtual members, including the chair. Term of appointment: September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The task force completed the toolkit in a timely manner and it was launched just ahead of Teen Tech Week. The team has also submitted several blogs for publication.

The final item that we worked on was the maker programming contest. The first draft of the contest was submitted to Beth Yoke on 5/2 for review. We are ready to make final edits and get that task completed as soon as we hear back.

In addition, several task force members have added information to the existing wiki to help keep it current and fresh.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will continue to submit blogs as appropriate.

Promote the toolkit both locally, regionally, and nationally.

Finalize the maker programming contest.

Add content to wiki as appropriate

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

Announcement of the contest for summer

As chair, I would like to report on presentations I have scheduled in May. I will be presenting at MakerCon and Bay Area Maker Faire. I will also be presenting at the IMLS meeting in San Francisco on "libraries as learning spaces."

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We continue to struggle to engage one group member in particular. She/he has not attended any meeting, call, hangout. She/he has not submitted any work to the task force. I have reached on in several ways including a scheduled call. She/he stated she/he was still interested in participating, but subsequently has not. I think this is fine - the other task force members are great. But I wanted you to be at least aware of the continued struggle.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Strategic Planning Committee

Chair's Name: Joy Kim

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with the YALSA Board throughout the strategic planning process and in between planning cycles, including but not limited to: connecting with members to ensure an inclusive planning process, monitoring the

implementation strategy for the current strategic plan, communicating the goals of the plan to the general membership and to official member groups, gathering information for the board to use to measure progress during implementation and encouraging members and member groups to take an active role in helping YALSA achieve its goals.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

- In March, the committee implemented the information gathering process that we developed in the fall; we submitted a report with our ideas and recommendations to Shannon Peterson in early April

- In March, I also had a call with Shannon to discuss beginning a new round of strategic planning. We wrote a proposal that was included on the agenda for Spring Exec.

- In late April, I had a call with Shannon and Beth to about developing a timeline and plans for a new round of strategic planning. The committee had a Google Hangout on May 9 to discuss the different parts of this timeline, including ideas for gathering member input and planning for the open member session on the schedule at Annual (“Deciding What’s Next for YALSA,” Monday @ 10:30 am).

- We’re currently working on various follow-up items from that virtual meeting.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- Finalize and submit strategic planning timeline to Beth by May 27 for inclusion in Annual board docs.

- Create surveys (member, nonmember, lapsed member) survey for 2014 in June, to be opened in July.

- Hold open member session on Monday, June 30th, at 10:30 am at Annual Conference in Las Vegas . Analyze results and write summary report for the board in the first half of July.

- Onboard new task force members in July, as they’ll need to hit the ground running for this active planning year. Per bylaws change approved in spring elections, Strategic Planning will go from a standing committee to a task force as of July 1, 2014.

- Publicize and promote new round of strategic planning through YALSA E-News and blog posts (schedule to be determined).

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

- Promotion of “Deciding What’s Next for YALSA” session in E-News and YALSA Blog.

- Promotion of summer strategic planning surveys in E-News and YALSA Blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The committee has been operating with a vacancy since February, so we are short-handed. In addition, one member has not been responding to group emails or contributing to our virtual work this month. I am following up individually with this person, but have not yet been successful in connecting with them. I will be glad to have a full roster again starting in July.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Jennifer Korn

Group: Midwinter Paper Presentation Committee

Chair's Name: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Plan and implement an annual research-focused paper presentation to be given at the Midwinter Meeting on a topic of general interest to those who work with young adults in libraries, including: working with YALSA's Web Services Manager to promote the call for papers, vetting the applicants and working with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events to plan the presentation at Midwinter.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The committee developed the call for papers and worked with YALSA's Web Services Manager to promote the call for papers. The committee members were also asked by the chair to promote the call for papers through listservs to which they belong (i.e. AASL Forum, ALISE Youth Sig, LRRT, etc.) and social media such as twitter. The chair also asked the members of the JRLYA advisory board to help promote the call.

As of May 7th, we had received no submissions.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

The committee will review the submissions (assuming we receive any), select the winning paper, notify the recipient, and work with YALSA staff to make arrangements for the presentation at ALA midwinter and to promote the event.

If we don't receive any papers by the June 1 deadline, we will need guidance from the board on whether to extend the deadline or forgo the event this year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The name of the winner; the title of the paper; the day/place/time of the presentation at midwinter Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: I have copied our Board liaison on all of the emails with YALSA staff and ALA connect messages with the committee related to the committee's work as a way of touching base with her.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Research Committee

Chair's Name: Rebecca Morris

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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of the field of young adult library services, and to regularly compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, update YALSA's Research Agenda as needed and to liaise with ALA's Committee on Research & Statistics.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have a May 15 deadline for our work for the last 3 months: the environmental scan write-up, related to the Harris Poll. Each group member has written a section of this report, and we are sharing feedback via Google Docs. This document will be ready to share with the YALSA Board by the end of May.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

The group will submit this collaborative document to the YALSA Board. The group has signed up for research- and ALA conference-related posts to write for the YALSA Blog. (Will submit to Rebecca or directly to Wendy Stephens).

The group will consider updates to the YALSA Research Wiki. (This last item is a new task.)

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? YALSA Blog posts, as noted above.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We had some difficulties with progress and momentum. I contacted our Board Liaison and we constructed a plan for April and May, and this helped us to move forward.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: JRLYA Research Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Carol Tilley

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Board Liaison: Jenifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: YALSA's Research Journal Advisory Board oversees the peer reviewing process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines that were approved by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Editor of the journal by assisting with the solicitation of contributors and articles as well as generating ideas for topical articles or themes, when requested from the Member Editor

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Discussed and approved a call for papers / special issue as a memorial for Eliza Dresang.

Publication of 5 articles in April

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Continue working at the direction of the editor.

Publicize call for Dresang issue and submissions generally.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? CFP for Dresang issue Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Teen Read Week Evaluation Task Force

Chair's Name: Natalie Couch

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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Analyze existing survey and other data as well as work with staff, the Board, current and past Teen Read Week Committees, and other YALSA groups as appropriate in order to evaluate the overall impact of Teen Read Week in order to determine 1) whether or not it succeeds in fulfilling its stated goals, 2) the degree to which it meets member needs, 3) to what extent the program benefits the organization, and 4) what opportunities, if any, exist to improve the program.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The task force completed their final report at the end of December 2013. There have been no more requests for information from YALSA, so the committee has not worked on anything in the past three months.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Program

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee has no plans, but would be happy to complete any tasks assigned if YALSA needs more information.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? N/A Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you

Candice Mack

Group: 2015 Morris Award Committee

Chair's Name: Robin Fogle Kurz

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select and annotate from the previous year's publications a short list of five of the best young adult books written by a first time author, then to select one winner from among the five.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The committee met twice: February 23 (via Google Hangouts) and April 13 (via ALA Connect). Both meetings were used for covering the basics as well as how book discussions will proceed beginning with the June 1 meeting. Amanda (admin assistant) and I, with input from field and official nominations, began building the list of eligible debut titles and requesting titles from publishers. Committee members have been reading and taking notes on various eligible titles and posting those notes in ALA Connect.

At this point, we have spent time reviewing the procedures and policies for the award, along with expectations for members of the committee. We have a growing list of eligible titles across the calendar year and are continuing to research eligibility as titles appear and are submitted. I have reiterated with the committee members that they are responsible for finding copies of nominated titles, even if titles are not provided by publishers.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Over the few months, the committee has two scheduled meetings: June 1 and ALA Annual. At both of these meetings, we will be discussing officially nominated titles (4 at the June 1 meeting and at least 3 in Las Vegas). After our discussion at Annual, we will conduct our first straw poll. At that point, we will also set twice-monthly meetings through November. Amanda and I will continue building the eligible title list and requesting copies from publishers.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We worked with our board liaison on plans to write a short piece on

the history of the award and use it to solicit field nominations. I hope to start the writing of this piece in mid-May. We will also be working on more calls for field nominations through YALSA publications. We have promoted the award through various social media outlets and listservs. Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Response time on emails has improved. After an initial lag in having members sign up to read titles that were already published, I created a color-coded system to better identify those titles and this has increased the number of them that are being read. If necessary, after another nudge during the June 1st meeting, I will begin assigning specific titles to any committee members who haven't kept pace with an average of 2 titles per week. At this point, I do not anticipate having to do this. Additional Concerns or Comments: A few members have yet to nominate any titles for the Award, although they are reading widely among the eligible titles. I will email them individually to see if there are any specific reasons why they haven't felt compelled to nominate anything and/or may be hesitant to do so.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: 2014 Literature Symposium Marketing Task Force

Chair's Name: Valerie Davis

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Board Liaison: Candace Mack Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist YALSA staff with the planning, marketing and implementation of YALSA's Young Adult Literature Symposium, including the creation and maintenance of an online social networking site (via Ning) that will be the primary marketing tool for the event, vetting symposium papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications and more. Members will regularly add content to the social networking site in order to build excitement for and share information about the event. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the last 3 months the committee has; invited everyone, who submitted a paper proposal but was not selected for the original section to a poster session was added and collected acceptances. Updating the Ning site with local information. The committee has been promoting the conference and the stipend on multiple listservs. We have pushed many notifications to the librarians all over Texas as well hoping for some State buzz.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to promote the symposium through listservs and posts. We will keep updating the Ning adding more local information to make it useful to members, and be available for any tasks that are needed. Committee members are beginning to write about some of the proposals. One write up on the Horror presentation is ready to be submitted to the hub.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Committee members will be doing write ups for the Hub and the Symposium Blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No concerns, we have a fabulous and involved committee.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Summer Reading Taskforce

Chair's Name: Shelley Mastalerz

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Compile and/or create resources focused specifically on assisting librarians and library workers plan, implement and evaluate summer reading programs and activities that are designed for underserved teen populations, including but not limited to teens who do not speak English as a first language, and to disseminate them via places such as: YALS, the YALSAblog and YALSA's wiki as they are developed.

To assist YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education in the planning and development of a summer reading YALSA Forum in ALA Connect and one or more summer reading Tweet-ups on Twitter. If grant funds are received, to vet the applicants for the summer reading mini grants and choose 20 winners by Feb. 11th, 2013, according to eligibility requirements and responses to questions on the application form.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past three months the group has responded to two inquiries about the grants - a few of those who applied wanted feedback for when they apply to future grants. The taskforce responded in a timely fashion, and we all worked together on responding back. I have also replied to a number of inquiries about joining the taskforce - I have related to those interested members what the taskforce's objectives are and some of the activities that we have completed in the year. A number of the taskforce members have signed up for the Summer Reading & Learning Ning and have taken the initiative to post.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The group's work plan for the upcoming months is quite similar to the last report. The group has responded to the call for action and some members have signed up for the Summer Reading & Learning Ning so steps are being taken to reach that goal.

However, we still need to discuss the idea of a Tweet-Up and work on the Wiki.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The taskforce had done a wonderful job of responding to those

interested in joining the taskforce, and replying with feedback to those who applied for the Summer Reading & Learning Grants.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: TTW Evaluation Task Force

Chair's Name: Denise Agosto

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Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Analyze existing survey and other data as well as work with staff, the Board, current and past Teen Tech Week Committees, and other YALSA groups as appropriate in order to evaluate the overall impact of Teen Tech Week in order to determine 1) whether or not it succeeds in fulfilling its stated goals, 2) the degree to which it meets member needs, 3) to what extent the program benefits the organization, and 4) what opportunities, if any, exist to improve the program. Taskforce size: 5-7 virtual members, including at least one current or past Teen Tech Week Committee member and at least one current Board member. Term: March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We finished writing an article for YALS presenting the results of our TTW evaluation survey. It will be published in the next issue of YALS.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have completed our evaluation and recommendations for TTW improvements.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? See above.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: - Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Jack Martin

Renee McGrath

Group: 2015 Alex Awards Committee

Chair's Name: Paige Battle

E-Mail: paigebattle@gmail.com

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select and provide annotations for ten books from the previous year's publications written for adults which have special appeal for young adults, ages 12 through 18, and to compile and annotate a list of official nominees.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Our committee has gotten off to a great start with all members active in requesting, reading and reviewing titles:

* Total Books Requested: 208

* Total Books Reviewed: 52

* Total Eligible Nominations: 18 (field nominations need a second reader)

* Eligible Field Nominations: 2

* Committee Nominations: 16

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program

- Other (Please explain below)

other: Because many librarians and teachers are unaware of the Alex Awards'

vetted list of official nominations, I, along with two of my student library assistants from Grant High School, presented sessions on "Readers' Advisory Training for Teen Librarians" at the 2014 NW Regional NCTE Conference (held in Portland, OR - March 1-2) and the OLA Conference 2014 (held in Salem, OR

- April 16-18). These sessions focused exclusively on titles from the 2010 - 2014 Alex Awards' vetted list of official nominations.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to request, review, and nominate titles for the 2015 Alex Awards. We will meet at ALA Annual in Las Vegas to further discuss our charge and nominated titles.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will coordinate with Allison Tran, YALSA's The Hub blog member manager, to see about writing posts about the Alex Awards program at Annual, as well as a post about field nominations for the 2015 Alex Awards.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There was a slight issue with a committee member reviewing and nominating a title that had been requested for first consideration by another member. The member did not realize that they were actually the second requester. I asked the committee to put the nomination on hold until the original requester had time to read, review and decide on nomination.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Of the 113 requested titles we have received thus far, only 52 reviews have been submitted. I have sent emails checking in with members about workload. Moving forward, I will encourage members to work on submitting reviews for received titles before making additional requests.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Group: Books for Teens Jury

Chair's Name: Nicole Scherer

E-Mail: nscherer@fplct.org

Board Liaison: Renee C. McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Work with YALSA's Web Services Manager and Web Advisory Committee to help promote the Books for Teens project and inform members of the opportunity to receive funds. Vet applications for the Books for Teens project with the goal of selecting the winners, as funds become available.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Members have begun promoting the application process across social media (Twitter and Facebook), through state library listservs and presentations at unconferences and roundtables for youth librarians.

As of today, we haven't received any applications, but have heard from several librarians that they would be interested if they could apply despite lack of membership in YALSA. We have communicated the many, many benefits of joining and hopefully we will see new memberships from some of these librarians and/or their institutions..

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue to promote the grant through social media and direct, informal communications by our members at conferences, meetings, roundtables and other opportunities as they arise.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We plan to share information about Books for Teens through the appropriate publications, including writing a short article for YALSA e-news.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: n/a Additional Concerns or Comments: n/a Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Financial Advance Committee

Chair's Name: Renee McGrath

E-Mail: renee@nassaulibrary.org

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including promotion, fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board year-round to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both members and nonmembers, to

support the \$16,000 worth of scholarships and stipends YALSA gives out annually. Periodically review YALSA's Fundraising Toolkit and make updates, as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Worked with Nichole about any fundraising efforts she would like to plan for annual. Retweeted as many tweets as I possibly could from @yalsa about fundraising or membership. We've batted around a few ideas and settled on the coffee klatch raffle and promoting the store items. Kept in touch with Fiscal Officer about our plans.

Sent out Thank you notes to donors when notified.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We are going to be building excitement for the fundraising efforts at annual which will consist of selling raffle tickets at the Coffee Klatch to win signed copies of books and lapel pins. We will be promoting the items that will be available for sale in the store too.

Also, will keep in touch with Nichole about anything we can do at the Lit Symposium What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

I am writing an article for next week's e-newsletter about FAC's fundraising at Annual.

We will post to FOY listserv as well. Committee is planning on tweeting to build up the excitement for the coffee klatch signed book raffles as well as the items in the store.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Publications Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Sarah Flowers

E-Mail: sarahflowers@charter.net

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the development of a publications program in the areas of young adult services and materials; identify topics to be covered and potential authors; to regularly review all YALSA publications in all formats and make recommendations to the YALSA Web Services Manager regarding those needing revision or elimination.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As chair, I read the draft manuscript of a book submitted for publication by YALSA. I submitted a list of suggested changes to the draft to Jackie Finneke, for her to share with the author/editor.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Follow up with Jackie and ALA Publications about scheduling regular meetings between ALA Publications and the divisions. What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? none Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Student Member Engagement Task Force

Chair's Name: Mary Anne Nichols

E-Mail: mnichol1@kent.edu

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Work with YALSA staff to:

- 1) Inventory YALSA's online presence to identify content of specific interest to LIS students and promote this content via the student listserv, YALSA E-news, and other communication channels. Determine missing content and make recommendations for creating it;
- 2) Identify what LIS students learn in library school and where the gaps are that YALSA might address;
- 3) Compile a list of resume building resources, sample resumes, resume writing tips, FAQs, job search tips, etc. and post on YALSA's wiki;
- 4) Recommend additional special programming or resources YALSA might provide for LIS students by evaluating existing and conducting new surveys as needed to determine student needs;
- 5) Determine what additional ways beyond the mentoring program that YALSA can provide access to leadership development and experienced members.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The group has completed its first goal of an inventory of YALSA's online presence as well as ALA's presence. After looking at this information, the group would like to recommend that YALSA consider adding a student's page on the website, similar to what ALSC offers.

We felt that student members could best be reached via Twitter. We are ready to begin tweeting out some of our finds to promote the content that we found that we feel is valuable to student members. Our next task of finding job search resources will be helpful in the tweeting. The group will all take turns tweeting from our own personal Twitter accounts. We also discussed other ways of promoting the information we found such as a blog post or eNews.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? After our chat in April, we decided to put on hold our plans to work on the objective to identify gaps between LIS and YALSA. Instead, we will begin the third objective - compiling a list of resume building resources, sample resumes, resume writing tips, FAQs, job search tips, etc. to post on YALSA's wiki. We will also begin tweeting our finds or "hidden gems" as we like to call them that arose from the inventory (task 1). We will use the @yalsa twitter handle so they can be retweeted and tweet from our personal twitter accounts using the #yalsahiddengems4lis.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We are hoping to promote the information that we think is useful to student members by writing some blog posts or eNews articles and promote on Twitter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how

you addressed them.: I still have slow response times from some members. I try to schedule chats every month or every other month to keep momentum. When we do hold a chat the members seem excited and have good ideas. Setting them into motion is not as successful. I am still trying to get them in the groove. My April work schedule was very demanding and caused me to pause my direction of the group, but hopefully we are back on track. We have one member who has not participated in any chat or email discussion.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Krista McKenzie

Group: Printz Award Committee

Chair's Name: Diane Colson

E-Mail: dmcolson2@gmail.com

Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books. The Committee will also have the opportunity for input into the oversight and planning of the Printz Awards Program.

Committee size: 9, four to be elected, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee has read and reported on 134 books in the first three months of our term. Nominations have been made!

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Collaboration

other: Our committee works together to read and analyze the books eligible for the 2015 Printz Award.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to read and discuss. We'll be meeting face to face for the first time at ALA in Las Vegas.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I have been trying to prepare interactive posts for the Hub that feature some aspect of the Printz Awards.

The last one flopped technologically, but my plan is to continue working at it.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

About half of the committee is on high octane, reading and commenting several times a month.

Others are slower. I send out emails each week, listing the books that I've received in the mail and asking everyone to select one or two. I've also send emails directly to the less active members, checking to make sure everything is okay. I've sent group emails that basically say, "Hey, this is our big year! We all need to be reading A LOT!"

There is one member who is particularly unresponsive. I just wonder, why take up a space on the Printz Committee unless you planned to be active. I may need to speak with this member personally at Annual.

Additional Concerns or Comments: It's getting harder to tell when a book is "self published."

Some of our field nominations are published by on-demand presses that offer services like editing and marketing for a fee. They may have produced successful books. Are books from on-demand publishers eligible?

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Teen Read Week Committee

Chair's Name: Courtney Lewis

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Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to encourage their teens to read for the fun of it. Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Read Week web site such as professional resources for librarians and library workers, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Read Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library, education and literature fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? These last three months are usually the quietest of our committee, and 2014 was no different. We did respond to the YALSA administration's request for possible contest ideas to engage teens during TRW, particularly as it related to the specific theme of "Turn Dreams Into Reality." To be honest, we struggled with this as the social media we thought were commonly used by the target age demographic are very visual (like Instagram) and representing following passions or dreams, particularly in a way that could be effectively judged, is difficult. I'm not sure how much help we were in the long run!

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Outreach
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- 1) Promote the Dollar Store TRW Grant, encouraging people to apply using examples of past winners, creative TRW ideas, and tantalizing mini-programs and resources related to the theme (which do not overlap with the content in the TRW manual)
- 2) Review the previous year's process of grant analysis to streamline our committee process
- 3) Anticipate and develop ideas of welcoming new members (and thanking anyone cycling off) while establishing strong group norms among the reconfigured committee What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The next few months will focus heavily on the grant promotion.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: While we certainly had the occasional person who digitally disappeared for a time, they always came back :-)) and other members were always happy to cover obligations.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None. Please note that when I indicate "no" to the below question regarding touching base with our board liaison, it's because there was no need, not because Krista is anything less than terrific!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Group: Website Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Whitney Winn

E-Mail: wwinn@kcls.org

Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To regularly assist the YALSA Web Services Manager with the oversight and maintenance of YALSA's online presence, including but not limited to its wiki and social media channels. To liaise with YALSA member groups, member editors and member blog managers regarding the use of YALSA's website and social media tools in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Web Advisory Committee; and to recommend, develop and update policies for YALSA's web presence to the YALSA Board. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group continued to evaluate the Wiki and prepared a report for the Executive Committee, made content revisions and removed spam from the Wiki, and started submitting web resource tips to the YALSA E-News in April and May.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The group will continue to brainstorm and write web resource tips for the E-News, monitor the Wiki for spam, and prepare for the

transition to new committee membership. Based on the Executive Committee response to the Wiki report, the group may make progress on some of the proposed content changes on the Wiki. What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The group will continue promoting YALSA web resources, especially select Wiki pages, through E-News and social media Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Response and participation from committee members was uneven. Most did not complete assignments on time or did not respond to specific email requests. When the Wiki evaluation assignments were eventually completed, though, they were very helpful. One member voiced concern about continuing her committee membership, but ultimately decided to stay on through the end of her appointment (June 2014).

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Shannon Peterson

Group: Advocacy Benchmarks Task Force

Chair's Name: Linda W. Braun

E-Mail: lbraun@leonline.com

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Identify best practices in library advocacy and use those as a basis to develop a set of benchmarks for advocating for library services for and with teens that provides the library community with a fundamental document which articulates what constitutes an effective advocacy for teen services. Submit a first draft by Dec. 13th, 2013, for the Board to review at their January meeting. Following feedback from the Board, make revisions to the benchmarks and submit them by April 14, 2014 for the Executive Committee to review at their April meeting. Based on feedback from the Executive Committee, create and submit a final draft by May in preparation for the YALSA Board meeting in June 2014.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past three months the Task Force completed their work and submitted the final list of benchmarks and an associated graphic to YALSA.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? As our work is completed we have no more plans for this project.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We could publish information about the benchmarks in various YALSA communications outlets.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A Additional Concerns or Comments

Group: Executive Committee

Chair's Name: Shannon Peterson

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Board Liaison: N/A

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Executive Committee consists of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Fiscal Officer, Secretary, YALSA Division Councilor and Executive Director (ex-officio). The President serves as Chair. While the Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the organization, the role of the Executive Committee, as with all committees, is to help the Board accomplish its work in the most efficient way. Its main purpose is to facilitate decision making in between Board meetings or in the case of a crisis or other urgent circumstances.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The Executive Committee convenes for virtual meetings in both the Spring and Fall, in addition to in-person meetings at Midwinter, Annual, and during ALA Fall Exec in October. Much of our effort and attention over the past few months revolved around preparing for, holding, and following up on our Spring meeting via conference call. Agenda items included the following topics:

- *Board Preparation for Annual
- *Incoming Chair Preparation & Orientation
- *Nominating Committees Update
- *2014-2015 President's Initiative
- *Refinements to Draft FY15 Budget
- *Updating Committee Social Media Policy
- *Broadening Committee Participation
- *Draft Policy of Ethical Behavior
- *Building a Stronger YALSA
- *New Round of Strategic Planning
- *Streamlining Backend of Appointments Proposals and minutes can be found on the YALSA

website at:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/ec/ecmeetings>

The Executive Committee also acted as a search team, along with Communications Manager Jackie Finneke, for the open YALSA Blog Manager position. The group vetted applications, discussed interview responses, and selected a final candidate. Successful candidate Crystle Martin began her one year contract in April.

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2014/04/crystle-martin-appointed-member-manager-yalsablog>

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development

- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Hold virtual discussion as needed and prepare for the Annual conference in Las Vegas.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Updates regarding virtual and in-person discussions that may be relevant to the membership via the YALSA blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Since ALA has recently announced an unexpected change to the content and format of Fall Exec due to their own Strategic Planning process, alternate plans may need to be made for YALSA's Executive Committee schedule in order for adequate time to be spent on our own Strategic Planning process as well as regular discussions. Without ALA support of these changes, YALSA's budget may be impacted.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Governance Nominating 2014

Chair's Name: Sarah Flowers

E-Mail: sarahflowers@charter.net

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the 2014 election of YALSA Officers and Directors. When building the slate, strive to provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum at the 2014 Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Posted interviews with all of the candidates on the YALSA blog.

Submitted reminders to vote on the YALSA blog and YALSA e-news. Shared information with Priscille Dando, chair of the 2015 committee.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? None. Our work is completed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? none
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1:

Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: President's Program Planning Task Force

Chair's Name: Linda W. Braun

E-Mail: lbraun@leonline.com

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The function statement of the Member Group is: To work with the YALSA President and Program Office for Conferences & Events to plan, organize and implement the YALSA President's Program at the next Annual Conference. Committee members aren't expected to attend Midwinter, but are expected to attend Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The Task Force continued to plan for the program including:

* Hosted three Google Hangouts for the learning coaches that will help facilitate small group discussions at the program.

* Confirmed that Crystle Martin will be an opening speaker at the program

* Began plans for a resource that will be produced after the program as a collection of resources and materials - including the video from the program

- that library staff can use when implementing connected learning in their work with teens Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Program
- Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To finish up plans for the program and host the program at Annual. After the program we will complete the resource mentioned above.

We will also continue blogging about connected learning every few weeks.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The YALSAblog continues to be a tool for members of the Task Force to use as a part of the program planning and marketing. Also, there is an article in the summer YALS on connected learning that supports this program.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: The members of this Task Force have been exceptional in their work. Each one took responsibility for leading/co-leading a hangout in the early spring. It was a lot of work to plan and prepare but everyone on the Task Force did a great job. I really want to thank them for all they have done for this program Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Christopher Shoemaker

Group: YALSA Award Nominating Committee

Chair's Name: Teri Lesesne

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Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the 2014 election of YALSA Edwards, Nonfiction and Printz Award Committee Members. When building the slate, strive to seek out the most qualified individuals as well as provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to working with the YALSAblog Member Manager to interview candidates. Committee size: 5 virtual members, including one member from a preceding term. Term: 17 months, commencing January 1, 2014 and ending after election results are announced in May of 2015 What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have solicited nominations from the current Edwards, NF, and Printz committee chairs. We have emailed the leaders of our different groups soliciting some diversity in nominations. We have received nomination forms, Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other: We have involved different constituent groups with YALSA and ALA.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to process nominations. A priority item is to contact all YALSA Board members seeking their suggestions for people to contact.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: n/a Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: 2015 Governance Nominating Committee

Chair's Name: Priscille Dando

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Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the 2015 election of YALSA Officers and Directors. When building the slate, strive to provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
Consulted with YALSA president-elect, executive director, and former nominating committee chair.

Contacted a few potential candidates to gauge interest in joining the 2015 slate.

Analyzed current strengths and gaps on the Board as determined by recent election results and the departure of members after Annual.

Brainstormed characteristics of candidates that will ensure the sustainability of YALSA's charge and progressively complete strategic plan goals.

Outlined plan for outreach to seek potential candidates to include contacting chairs of committees and leveraging connections of Board members and other highly connected YALSA members.

Submitted YALSA eNews call for interested candidates.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:
Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Actively seek recommendations for candidates, verify their interest and encourage nomination forms when appropriate.

Communicate proposed candidates to executive board for feedback.

Build 2015 slate.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Call for interested candidates.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The committee seeks assistance in identifying potential candidates--particularly for president. Determining value added characteristics to continue to strengthen the board is critical for a successful slate, however identifying these candidates is challenging and will require the assistance of Board members and other contacts. Please forward names of potential candidates to the committee chair.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Sarah Sogigian

Group: 2015 Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Colleen Seisser

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

March: Colleen continued to recommend that committee members seek out suggestions of audiobooks for the committee to consider, instead of waiting to see what the publishers send, due to the low number of publisher submissions so far. However, we started seeing the first of the publisher submissions in March. The start of receiving submissions was a bit rocky, as usual, with everyone trying to figure out the process, but as submissions continued to arrive the process has streamlined. As March came to an end, our Administrative Assistant was able to touch base with some publishers to get our committee member suggested titles shipped to all our members so that we could fully consider the titles (these were nominations that were brought to the committee via member suggestions and not publisher submissions).

In March, the publisher Dreamspinner/Harmony Inc. Press got in touch with us to inquire about submitting digital editions of their audiobooks via Audible (a link would be mailed for the specific title to download with a credit to each committee member for a free download). Colleen initiated a lengthy discussion with committee members, Nichole O'Connor, and Sarah Sogigian regarding the use of Audible for submissions. Some objections included: using an outside commercial site for accessing titles, titles may not be available to libraries for purchase or lending, and the relevancy of titles that would be submitted digitally to our committee's charge. After much hard work and discussion, the following was decided as the best course of action if a publisher wanted to submit any title electronically (via Audible or otherwise):

The publisher will--

1. Please provide a statement with each title you submit as to how/when the title will be available for libraries to purchase for their collection, i.e.:
physical CD or electronically via a library vendor.

2. Please send one physical copy to the YALSA office c/o Nichole O'Connor (her mailing address is on the committee's roster we previously sent to you).

It is up to them as to how they would physically send the title (i.e.: on a flash drive, burned onto discs, or a final production on compact discs).

This is so we have a copy for our in-person committee meetings where we discuss the titles and determine our final list. Technology is not always reliable at these meetings, so a physical copy is needed to guarantee that we have it available, no matter what, to play during discussions.

While we have seen other publisher submissions (via shared downloading sites), the publisher Dreamspinner/Harmony Inc. Press was unable to submit titles at this time since they are not available to libraries for purchase to lend.

April: This month we saw an increase in Field Suggestions, most were titles that the Amazing Audiobooks committee considered last year so they were ineligible. However, it was great to get

“average listeners” suggesting titles. This increase in Field Suggestions can be attributed to our first rounds of nominations being published on the YALSA website, and using this update to spread the word to YALSA eNews and listservs for a call for suggestions. Colleen also sent the blurb she wrote for the YALSA eNews to committee members so they could share it locally. Committee members also kept up with keeping an eye out for audiobooks for our committee to consider.

In April and May Randee, Sarah, and Daniel all made suggestions of audiobooks for the committee to consider.

A committee member stepped down at the beginning of April, but was quickly replaced. A lot of work was done on the part of Colleen, our administrative assistant Melanie, the new incoming member Sarah, and the staff at YALSA to get the new member installed and caught up. Luckily, the new member Sarah is an avid listener and brings a great enthusiasm about audiobooks and service to the committee. Some specifics of this process involved: getting the new member’s contact information and entering them into ALA Connect and the ya-media listserv, sharing all the policies and procedures involved with listening and voting on audiobooks, organizing and getting access to assigned titles for the new member, changing data on all our committee documents to reflect the change, and contacting the publishers regarding the change in committee member and mailing address. One way that the workload was lightened a bit was that the member that stepped down graciously shipped most of the audiobooks they had received thus far to the new member. This led to the least disruption possible to what audiobooks had already been assigned.

Our Administrative Assistant, Melanie, attended the Texas Library Association. While there, she was able to make three connections for publishers that were not submitting materials to our committee. This included making a direct contact with the publisher Blackstone resulting in submissions a few weeks later! Another submission came to our committee via the chair of the Odyssey committee, as the title submitted was not appropriate for the Odyssey committee to consider, but was something that we could definitely consider for Amazing Audiobooks.

In April, Listening Library once again invited the committee to brunch at the ALA Annual conference, all members are able to attend at the date and time they inquired about and we are all definitely looking forward to it!

A member was having difficulty receiving updates from ALA Connect. It was determined by YALSA/ALA staff that the problem was on her end. The issue seems to be cleared up.

May: Submissions from publishers are becoming more steady. As of the writing of this report, we have received submissions from the following

publishers:

Listening Library

HighBridge

Blackstone

Recorded Books

Penguin Audio

Simon & Schuster

L.A. Theater Works
Dog Ear Audio
Scholastic Audio

Both Penguin and Scholastic are submitting digital editions via share sites for downloading with a password.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Members will listen to publisher submitted titles and seek out titles for the committee to consider. Colleen will encourage members to continue to look for titles to consider, and also spread the word about field nominations on the various lines of communication available to selection committees by YALSA. Melanie, our administrative assistant, will continue to be in touch with publishers and keep the line of communication open so that we can ensure that they submit titles to our committee for consideration. The committee will meet at the ALA Annual Conference and review the titles that have been nominated thus far, and also address any questions or concerns that may have come up. Colleen also hopes to work on streamlining and building an open communication with publishers when it comes to digital submissions of titles, this will hopefully happen at the ALA Annual Conference at the exhibit hall, but can also happen through email communications. Connections will also hopefully be made at the ALA Annual Conference to encourage new, or seek out additional, publisher submissions for the committee.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

We plan to submit a call for field suggestions for audiobooks for the committee to consider. We also plan to submit the monthly list of our current nominations.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

The first of the monthly check-ins were made by Colleen with each committee member at the end of March. Unfortunately, one of the members was not keeping up with accessing our shared online documents and with their listening assignments. Colleen asked the member what they may need to help keep up, and the member decided that they would rather step down because they were not able to keep up with the workload due changes in their life.

Colleen worked with Chris Shoemaker, Letitia Smith, and Nichole O'Connor to replace the committee member. Our new member, Sarah, has been a great fit!

She has already caught up with her listening to be at the same rate listened as other members, and is proving to be a very avid listener. She is also very enthusiastic about audiobooks and volunteering for YALSA.

Another round of check-ins was done at the end of April. All but two committee members are keeping up well with their participation and listening progress, and unfortunately both members were on the committee last year.

The two members that are falling behind were asked to try to commit to keeping to the two hours a day listening schedule and to catch up with the specific data entry that was needed for each of them. One of the members responded quickly indicating that they were able to enter in another vote and they will prioritize their listening, the other member has not responded at all. A follow-up will be sent within two weeks if no response is still given.

At this early on in the year, Colleen wants to give them the benefit of the doubt, and see if this month's check-in can get them on track. However, if they are still falling behind next month, Colleen will be asking them how she can help get them on track and determine if their workload needs to be lessened until they can catch up.

Additional Concerns or Comments: There are none at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: 2015 Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee

Chair's Name: Sophie Brookover

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select a living author or co-author, as well as a specific body of his or her work, who has made a significant and lasting contribution to literature for young adults. The book or books should be accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The Edwards Award Committee has been working hard & having a great time doing it! We developed our initial long list of authors we wanted to consider for the award, then narrowed it down to 30-odd authors and developed portfolios for each one, documenting noteworthy works and addressing how each author's work meets (or fails to meet) the Award's criteria. We then conducted a straw poll to narrow the list down. We were shooting for a Top 20; the results yielded a solid Top 13. We are now moving into the reading, re-reading and discussion phase of our work, which will continue throughout the summer.

We experimented with meetings using Google Hangouts and Adobe Connect (MPOW has a license to use Adobe Connect for online meetings and webinars). The latter has proven much better for this purpose - the audio quality is better, it's easier to record meetings, and Google Hangouts was always just plain buggy for us.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

As noted above, throughout the summer, we will be reading, re-reading and discussing the eligible works of our Top 13 authors through the lens of the award criteria, using this process to pare down the list to our top choices overall.

I've spoken with Nichole O'Connor to confirm some deadlines. We will be prepared to share our Top 3 or 4 authors with her in early December, ideally, Monday, December 1.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I've exchanged emails with Hub manager Allison Tran with regard to publishing a blog post publicizing the award and soliciting field nominations. I originally planned to do this during the current quarter, but we'll be putting something together for the next quarter instead.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: This has really not been an issue. Everyone is participating fully. In addition to e-mail and shared documents in Google Drive, we have been meeting roughly every three weeks online in real-time to discuss where we are in the process, to address questions & challenges we're facing, and to plan our ongoing work.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

As noted above, we've found that Adobe Connect is a far better tool for real-time virtual meetings than Google Hangouts. This year, we have the advantage of being able to use my organization's Adobe Connect license for this purpose, but this won't necessarily be available to future committees.

If the Edwards Award Committee remains virtual for the foreseeable future, could future committees use the YALSA license for Adobe Connect?

I haven't spoken with our board liaison, Sarah Sogigian, since Midwinter Meeting, but will touch base with her over the summer.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Gail Tobin

Group: Awards & Booklist Marketing Taskforce

Chair's Name: Clair Segal

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Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The mission of the taskforce is to help YALSA raise awareness of its lists and awards, and to coordinate the implementation of a sustained, year-round effort beginning immediately with promoting the nominees for the current year's Teens' Top Ten and the

2014 Readers Choice List, continuing with the announcement of the Nonfiction & Morris Award finalists in Dec. 2014 and running all the way through Dec. 2014.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We've discussed ways to improve and increase awareness of the various awards YALSA gives and their associated committees.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I'll be preparing notes to hand off to the new chair and checking in with my committee to see if they have any advice/requests for the future of the committee.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? N/A Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: BWI Jury

Chair's Name: Joella Peterson

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Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select annually two YALSA members who work in a public library and who work directly with young adults to receive the BWI/YALSA Collection Development Grant.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have finished our work. There have been many people who have emailed me about what the BWI Jury does (for volunteer application purposes) and I have answered those questions.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Emailing and talking to those that might want to be on future BWI Juries.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The new jury will (has?) been selected by YALSA and they will start working on promoting the next round of applications.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? none.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Mentoring Task Force

Chair's Name: Jennifer Fairchild

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Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Review applications submitted for the YALSA 2013 - 2014 mentoring program to determine applicants' eligibility. Using information provided in mentor and protégé applications select and match mentors and protégés from those applicants who are eligible. Submit selections/matches to YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The group discussed ways to promote awareness and participation in the mentoring program. In addition to spreading the word and encouraging participation in the program through our professional networks, an article about the mentoring program was submitted to the E-News. I was consulted in setting deadlines for the application period for the 2014-2015 program.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to encourage participation in the program and discuss other communication methods to YALSA members between now and the application deadline of June 1st.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Perhaps a friendly reminder to apply to the 2014-2015 program before the deadline, especially for mentors, in the E-News or YALSAblog Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I have not been able to reach one group member who expressed interest in writing an article about the mentoring program for the YALSAblog. I have tried emailing and calling the group member (left a message) and have received no response. I have notified my Board Liaison about what the next steps might be.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Sarajo Wentling

Group: Frances Henne Award Jury

Chair's Name: Carol Tilley

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Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Judge applications for the YALSA Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? No additional work Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Ensure effective transition to incoming jury chair and members. Advise YALSA on changes to jury processes pending discussions at next YALSA Board meeting.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? n/a Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Teen's Top Ten

Chair's Name: Kristen Thorp

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Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To facilitate the exchange of information and galley of books published within the current and previous publishing years among the voting teen group members as

well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens' Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote. To assist with the

collection and vetting of applications from libraries who wish to host an official reading group. Committee size: 7 virtual members including at least two members from

the previous year. Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? With the help of Nichole, we surveyed our galley groups to understand their process in the hopes of stream-lining the nomination process. We have also established a connection with The Hub to have our teen reader's voices be heard on a large platform (they were concerned that they were doing a lot of work, but not seeing results of that work.) Lastly we are currently making book trailers for all of the 25 of the nominated titles with the voting link in place, to help publicize the nominations and the voting for the Teens' Top Ten.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices

- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will finish up the trailers and get ready to transition for the next committee group. I will make recommendations based on survey results for possible changes.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The book trailers once we have completed them. Our goal is to have them ready by ALA.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

I have had one member who has been consistently absent. I addressed this issue in one of my first reports and in my last report I mentioned her disappearance again, but that I had so much going on, it was hard to reach out to her and try and constantly engage her.

When the book trailers assignment came up, she didn't get involved again. I emailed her to both accounts and called. She reluctantly signed up for trailers and expressed the complaint that she wasn't feeling involved enough.

I apologized to her and expressed my regret of her not saying something from the beginning. I explained that virtual committees are hard and that if she was feeling this way, I could have tried to come up with something extra for her to do or that she should have volunteered when I asked for people to do so. I tried to remain positive by letting her know the book trailers were an excellent way to be involved now and that in future committee she shouldn't hesitate to speak up and volunteer for extra work.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Really happy with the rest of the group.

They have been great to work with this group over the last two years. I only wish we could have done more. Looking forward to finishing out my time as chair with a bang! Thank you for reading this report. I apologize for it being late.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Group: Youth Engagement Task Force

Chair's Name: Faythe Arredondo

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Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To strengthen the strategic use of teen engagement in the mission and work of YALSA by facilitating and encouraging teen participation in existing YALSA initiatives, including 2013 & 2014 Teen Tech Weeks, 2013 & 2014 Teens' Top Ten, 2013 & 2014 National Library Legislative Days, 2013 & 2014 Celebrate Teen Literature Day, 2013 District Days and 2013 Teen Read Week. Create and disseminate resources for members to use with their teen advisory groups in support of these initiatives.

Committee members will model how the resources can be used with their own Teen Advisory

Groups and promote their activities via the YALSAblog and other means to illustrate to members how teen participation can be tapped to support the work of YALSA.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The past three months we written and forward our articles pertaining to YALSA initiatives to Jackie Finneke. I have also forwarded the committees “master” list of program ideas for YALSA based initiatives to a member of the Web Advisory Committee in hopes they may be added to the YALSA Wiki. Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Program

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The work we are doing has slowed down as we are all in the midst of planning our summer reading programs and at the tail of the end of this committee's run.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? As of this time we hope to have our list of ideas posted to the YALSA Wiki in hopes that it will be able to help YA librarians in their planning of programs.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

April Witteveen

Group: Conference and Travel Scholarships

Chair's Name: Katie LaMantia

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Board Liaison: April Witteveen

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to widely promote the scholarship and to select annually three YALSA members who will receive funds to travel to the ALA Annual Conference. Two selectees will be librarians or library workers (one whose focus is school libraries and the other whose focus is public libraries) who work with or for young adults to receive the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Conference Scholarship, and to annually select one graduate student in the field of library and information science to receive the Dorothy Broderick Conference Scholarship. Promotion of the scholarships takes place from July through June. Judging the applications takes place Dec. and Jan. Term: July 1 through the following June. Jury size: 5 virtual members, including the chair and at least one member from the previous year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee has finished most of its work previous to the quarterly report. Jury members ranked the applicants for the Baker and Taylor grants and the Dorothy Broderick Scholarship. Winners of the grants were notified via email.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our jury work has ended. I plan to be available to the incoming chair of the committee to address any questions or concerns.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Organization and Bylaws Committee

Chair's Name: April Witteveen

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Board Liaison: April Witteveen

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the division, for the achievement of its stated objectives, and to keep them in harmony with ALA Constitution and Bylaws; to study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure; to advise on the organization handbook; and to make recommendations on other appropriate organizational matters.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We completed gathering the results of this year's assigned committee evaluations; we worked with:

**Baker & Taylor Award Jury (conference grant) **Books for Teens Jury **BWI Grant Jury
**Frances Henne Award Jury **Great Book Giveaway Award Jury **MAE Award Jury
**Greenwood Outstanding Achievement Award Jury All chairs responded via a Google Form (new format for collecting info this year); feedback spreadsheet sent to Shannon to see about any next steps.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? At this point the O&B 2013/2014 task list is complete. We will stay tuned to see if any further actions need to be taken with the evaluations.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? As I wrap up my fifth year on the committee, that blog post I keep talking about might actually happen..

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: I would be interested in seeing what task list comes up for this group next year or helping to develop it; not in a micro-manage-y way, but I have some thoughts on what this committee could look at next year.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Selection Committee Processes Evaluation Taskforce

Chair's Name: Pam Spencer Holley

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Board Liaison: April J. Witteveen

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The purpose of the taskforce is to review the current operations and outputs of YALSA selection and award committees, identifying best practices, and advising potential courses of action to improve 1) committee work processes, 2) the committees' work output, and 3) the overall volunteer experience for appointees. Activities include 1) seeking recent chair feedback in order to create an overview of how the committees are functioning; 2) identifying opportunities to standardize committee processes, policies and procedures, where possible; 3) further investigating the recommendations that the board ad-hoc group on selection committees put forward at Midwinter 2014; 4) seeking member feedback on the degree to which the existing lists and awards support their readers' advisory and collection development work in a timely and effective manner and whether there are any gaps or overlap in what YALSA provides; and

4) compiling findings and making recommendations to the board by Midwinter 2015. Task force term: commencing immediately and ending January 31, 2015.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Task force was complete by mid-April. We had our first conference call on May 7 [wow - so many ideas generated]; work assignments [each member has two committees for which they will become the experts] have been doled out as we prepare for the first activity [seeking recent chair feedback], results of which will lead to other activities. To that end, a list of all concerns from the last two years, as cited on Chair volunteer forms, has been collated; list of recent chairs and e-mail addresses [for past five years], and time-line of work through Annual sent to all.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
 - Member Recruitment and Engagement
 - Capacity Building and Organizational Development
- Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? June 4 - due date for compilation of all chair concerns to be uploaded to ALA Connect.

Following that, review of Board TF suggestions. After Annual, will begin laying out info that can be posted into one general P&P for all award and selection committees, as well as specific P&P for each committee [will be ongoing]. Ongoing timelines. Draft letter to chairs will also be

sent after Annual [feel new chairs need one face to face with committee] asking for their take on Policies and Procedures [what works, what doesn't, what they do differently]. although not until there's been a check-in conference call. By August we should have enough data collected that we can begin to formulate a member survey.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Hadn't planned anything yet Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: What a great group of TF members. Members range from one with no selection/award experience [the person who will keep us honest] to people who have served on several committees, including some past chairs, so wide range of background. They are smart and enthusiastic and seem very willing to tackle the work ahead. I'm quite excited.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Teen Tech Week

Chair's Name: Karen Lemmons

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Board Liaison: April Witteveen

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative that gives libraries the opportunities to feature all of their nonprint resources for teens and their families.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Developed content for Teen Tech Week web site, such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoted Teen Tech Week through efforts such as social media, listservs, and other communication tools; submitted 2015 Teen Tech Week Theme Ideas; currently compiling the results and making recommendations from the Teen Tech Week Survey; submitting in TTW grant recipients interviews to the blog Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? to finalize the results from the survey, make recommendations and submit the report to YALSA; to continue to submit TTW grant recipient interviews to the YALSA blog; What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None. Our committee wants to continue submitting TTW grant recipient interviews to the YALSA blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I learned that one

member resigned, although the member did not personally inform me. However, we continued to accomplish the tasks just as enthusiastically as we have done in the past.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Group: Volunteer of the Year Award Jury

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Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Work with YALSA's communications manager to promote and to solicit nominees for the following member awards for outstanding service to YALSA: 1) Chair of the Year 2) Member of the Year and 3) Member Group of the Year. Evaluate each nominee based on the nature and scope of accomplishment(s) and the degree of impact the work conducted has on advancing one or more goals in YALSA's Strategic Plan. Between December and January review the applications. Work with YALSA's communications Manager to issue a press release announcing the winners by Feb. 1st. Term: July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Jury size: 5 virtual members, including the chair.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? None. We chose our winner the week of Midwinter and communicated with the YALSA staff and winner.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: We had submitted our winner's info to the YALSA staff for publication the week of midwinter, not in the last three months.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? None. I can send ideas and notes to the next chair.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There needs to be a Not Applicable box to check for our "group's effectiveness" over the last three months, as we fulfilled our duties and moved on.

Additional Concerns or Comments: If few applicants are nominated in the next couple of years as is the trend, the board may want to review the categories and award.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes