

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
Via Conference Call  
March 8, 2013

**Topic:** Quarterly Chair Reports

**Background:** Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work their group has accomplished since mid-November. 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

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### Missing Reports (as of 2/27/13)

- **2013 Awards & Booklist Marketing Taskforce**, Shauntee Burns - [sburns@nypl.org](mailto:sburns@nypl.org)
- **Division and Membership Promotion**, position was vacant until last week

**Group: Outstanding Books for the College Bound**

**Chair's Name:** Jennifer Rothschild

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**Board Liaison:** unknown

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To support lifelong learning by preparing a revised and updated edition of the annotated Outstanding Books for the College Bound booklist to guide students of all ages planning to continue their education beyond high school.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our term officially started on February 1st, although many of us met at Midwinter. In addition to introductions we have talked about what we want our list to be and are currently looking at keeping or revising the current categories. We also decided to break into sub-committees, with each small group focusing on one category.

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? In the next three months, I expect our work will be in full force as we make sure that books on the list have been read and we explore other books to add to the list.

Towards the end of the three months, I expect us to start debating books--both titles currently on the list and ones we wish to add.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I would like to do blog posts to alert the membership that OBCB is being revised this year, as we are not an every-year booklist.

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: We are still waiting on several items from YALSA. We do not currently have a group on ALA Connect, a list-serv email address, nor do I know who our board liaison is. The OBCB page isn't current as there's no place to users to suggest a title. Our policies and procedures page is also out-of-date.

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

No

## LINDA BRAUN

**Group: 2013 BFYA**

**Chair's Name: Ted Schelvan**

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**Board Liaison: Linda Braun**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The BFYA function statement can be found on the YALSA website. It is redundant that I am required to put it in this box as well. [ala.org/yalsa/bfya](http://ala.org/yalsa/bfya)

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We met at Mid-Winter and finalized our list of 102 titles for this year.

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.: Program

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The new chair will be in charge of this. She and I have had several conversations and I have shared with her many documents. I have also told her she can contact me at any time and I will help her out.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The final 2013 list.

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: Our books were over 2 hours late getting to our room at Mid-Winter. Nichole wasn't in the convention center when I texted her to let her know we were missing our books. Nobody from YALSA checked in with me to make sure we had everything we needed. Nobody from YALSA checked in with the BFYA committee at all during the conference. Nichole only showed up when it was time for books to be boxed back up. I will be sending additional information to Beth, Jack, Shannon and the rest of the board.

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

No

**Group: YALSAblog Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: mk Eagle (Wendy Stephens incoming chair)**

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**Board Liaison: Linda Braun**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The YALSAblog Advisory Board's function is to support the Member Manager to ensure that the blog is relevant, innovative and meeting member needs for information about YALSA and the young adult librarianship profession. The Advisory Board participates in the maintenance of the blog and works within the guidelines for the site as set by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the blog and assists with the collection of content for the site; generates ideas for direction and content; helps obtain, analyze and use member and library community feedback about the site; assists with marketing as needed; and writes for the blog when requested by the manager.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The advisory board continued its work with vetting scheduled posts, monitoring blog comments and contributing to blog projects (like the ongoing Connect, Create, Collaborate posts).

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
- Collaboration

other:

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

Under the leadership of incoming chair and YALSAblog member manager Wendy Stephens, the advisory board will continue the task of standardizing tags and categories, recruiting new bloggers and keeping current bloggers engaged.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Any new projects or updates will be published to the 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.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Group: YALSA Cont. Ed. Board**

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**Board Liaison: Linda Braun**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:  
Continuous Learning

- Identify individuals to create and offer free advocacy webinars
- Identify individuals to create and offer YALSA Academy videos that focus on advocacy
- Identify individuals to create advocacy-focused presentations (including one on how to tell your story) and encourage members to use them at the local and state levels at library workshops and state conferences
- Solicit member & library community feedback to find out their latest CE needs

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

We were struggling to coordinate with YALSA in the event of Eve Gaus leaving and the search for a replacement. We had some discussion of the opportunity to collaborate with state/local library groups. We would like to send out a survey to YALSA members and find out what types of CE they would like to see offered by YALSA. Some of our ideas are summarized below:

School Library partnership

- School library book clubs

One of my coworkers has had great success with a book club she runs with a school librarian. She works with the librarian to select the books, they show the teens book trailers and then the library acquires the books for the kids.

I could get more information from her.

- Idea to partner with states/region school library associations, how YALSA can bridge to these smaller but active groups?
- Send out a survey to these groups and find out if they know/want to partner with YALSA?

Collection Development -

- Graphic novels

I know YALSA has done a lot about Graphic Novels but a lot of librarians are still struggling. Plus a lot of older publishers are gone and a lot of new publishers have emerged.

- Audio books/E-books and teens

Teen Involvement

- Teen leadership

Librarians from around the country have affected leveraged teen leadership to make programs run more efficiently. Darien's Minecraft moderators, a school librarian in Syracuse has a group of graphics gurus to help with selection & readers advisory for graphic materials.

- What's popular/trends?

Social Media

- How to build a virtual community. We may even be able to get someone like Brian Solis (he's done ted talks on the topic) to do it for cheap since it's to help non-profits if you make the webinar free.

- How are libraries using Facebook? Twitter?
- Does anyone use Moodle?

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?

Continue to brainstorm ideas and hopefully meet with the new CE YALSA program officer to  
discuss ideas.

Survey the YALSA members for what they would like to see in CE.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications  
in the next three months? We will share any progress on developing CE and YALSA academy  
videos.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation  
concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: This committee has  
struggled with coming up with ideas for CE. We sort of are in a vacuum and need to solicit  
feedback from the YALSA members.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

### **Group: Organization and Bylaws Committee**

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**Board Liaison: Linda W. Braun**

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? The  
Committee presented to the Board at Midwinter a proposal for revisions to the bylaws. The  
proposal was approved by the Board and the changes will appear on the ballot this spring. The  
Committee also completed its evaluation of five member groups and presented those to the  
Board at Midwinter.

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.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

The Committee's task list for the spring includes completing the evaluation of five more committees. Members of O&B have signed up for the groups they will work with and in the next few weeks they will start the evaluation process. This time O&B members will ask chairs about the success of their yearly task list as well as their function statements in order to gauge the success of the committee and their work.

O&B is also tasked with evaluating and updating the YALSA Handbook, we will take on that task this spring.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will continue to get the word out on the bylaws proposals on the ballot for the spring and depending on the outcome of the vote publicize the results and what they mean for members and the association.

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: N/A Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: STEM Resources Task Force**

**Chair's Name: Erica Compton**

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**Board Liaison: Linda Braun**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The taskforce will create a variety of resources to help members implement STEM-focused programs and services through their libraries, including a "STEM in libraries" toolkit to be released in conjunction with 2013's (revised timeline) Teen Tech Week; implementing a STEM programming contest for members to highlight best practices; establishing and maintains a STEM page on YALSA's public wiki and encouraging members to contribute to the content there, including a list of recommended reads relating to STEM; as requested by the YALSA blog Manager, identify bloggers to regularly create STEM related posts; as requested by the YALS Editor, identify authors to write STEM related articles.

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

STEM Wiki was finalized and promoted. As of 2/13/2013 the page has been accessed 3,862 times. <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/STEM-toolkit.cfm>

STEM Contest was finalized and submitted to YALSA on 11/20/2013. Have not received word on release of contest as of this date.

STEM Toolkit went through final revisions and was submitted to Beth Yoke at YALSA at the end of December 2012.

We received a request for some final edits on the toolkit from YALSA on

2/8/2013 and will be working with the TF members to address the minor edits and changes. Goal is to submit the final draft to YALSA by the end of February or first week of March.

Blogging - TF members continue to blog periodically. Not as many happened in Dec-Jan. We will meet in late Feb or March to get the schedule in place for blogging and articles.

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.:

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

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

The task force will be meeting before the end of February to address the edits suggested for the STEM Toolkit. We will then submit the toolkit and address any requests made.

We will also schedule blogs and articles during our February meeting.

Plan a virtual meeting for April to address ongoing tasks such as blogging and articles unless we need to meet earlier to address questions or requests regarding the Toolkit, Wiki, or Contest.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Task force members have been submitting blogs on an ongoing basis.

Once we have information on the Contest and/or the Toolkit, members are excited to blog about these two resources to get the word out!

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.: We welcomed a new task force member at the end of last quarter and did our best to bring her up to speed, make her feel welcome, and utilize her skill set to accomplish our set tasks.

Jennifer jumped in as best she could and helped us meet our deadlines.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Linda Braun continues to be a wonderful liaison for our task force. She is thoughtful in her feedback, prompt in responding, and supportive. Thank you!

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

Yes

## PRISCILLE DANDO

**Group: MAE Award Jury**

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**Board Liaison: Priscille Dando**

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? We promoted the MAE Award on a wide variety of platforms, and ended up with 11 applications for the award. Then we evaluated the applicants and selected Kristen Pelfrey as the award winner.

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

- Research and Best Practices
- 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? Our jury's work is pretty much wrapped up, as the award winner has now been selected. I need to check in with the YALSA staff to see what still needs to be done in terms of notifying the other applicants and putting out information about the winner.

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

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

Yes

**Group: School/Public Library Cooperation**

**Chair's Name: Julie Bartel**

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**Board Liaison: Priscille Dando**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To design and conduct a project of mutual interest and benefit to the three participating ALA Divisions, working from a platform identified by the AASL/ALSC/YALSA Presidents-Elect.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee drafted a "request for submissions" message and began distributing it to various groups in order to collect additional programs/ideas to include in our bibliography and publications. The committee also continued gathering resources and brainstorming additional ways to reach a wider audience. About half the committee met at Midwinter during YALSA's Work Groups session and had a very productive discussion.

Post-Midwinter the group has broken up into workgroups to better focus on the various tasks described in our charge. The committee also decided to submit a proposal for an ALA Annual Conversation Starter session.

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.:



- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other: Once complete the work of the committee has the potential to support all the areas of YALSA's strategic plan.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? This committee is charged with creating a bibliography of resources around the theme of "Summer Slide." Our other task is to publish at least two articles on Summer Slide in blogs or journals. The committee is working towards completing both tasks.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We hope to include our request for submissions call in future email blasts from YALSA.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Some members have not participated in discussions or checked in on tasks assigned, and I've followed up with direct emails and a phone call.

Additional Concerns or Comments: This committee is working very hard, and most members are fully engaged in completing our tasks. However, more than usual (in my experience, anyway) members are quite concerned—and spend a lot of time discussing—the purpose and structure of the committee itself, rather than working towards the specific charge for this year. Members do not feel that the structure of the committee supports the tasks assigned, and they are discouraged by the lack of coordination between divisions. For example, it is possible to research, write, and publish a blog article within the yearly theme time frame, but it is almost impossible to research, write, and publish a journal article within that time. In addition, the committee feels that the format selected for the main task (a bibliography of resources added to the ALA Wiki) means that, in the words of one member (and not to put too fine a point on it) the committee is "simply doing work for the sake of work, none of which will reach its intended audience nor prove helpful to division members or others who could benefit from it." As the chair, I work hard to keep the group focused and motivated, and I feel like I've been fairly successful at keeping us on track, but it's difficult to argue with some of their conclusions. The committee continues to be somewhat productive and to work towards our goals, but it is certainly not living up to the potential promised by such a powerful combination of talent and experience across all three divisions.

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

Yes

**Group: Teen Tech Week**

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**Board Liaison: Priscille Dando**

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 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? We put together all requested publications and graphic submissions.

Committee members are posting to the Ning forums and blog posts, and participating in an upcoming Twitter promotional event as we get closer to Teen Tech Week 2013.

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.:

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We're working out a blog-post schedule to generate interest in TTW as the start of it approaches, and are participating in a Twitter tweet-up to stir up buzz and share programming ideas and suggestions.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Yalsa blog posts about programming ideas, TTW stories, etc.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: A member of my committee has not been responding to emails. I've been reaching out to her via other methods to try and confirm her continued interest in the group. I'll let YALSA know as things develop.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Group: Virtual Selection Committee Manual Task Force**

**Chair's Name: Valerie Davis**

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**Board Liaison: Priscille Dando Committee**

Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To develop a virtual selection committee manual that features best practices and resources to facilitate virtual selection committee work, and that will be ready for use by the Edwards and PPYA chairs appointed to the 2014 committees, which begin work Feb. 1, 2013.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The manual went through its final revisions and was accepted at the Midwinter conference.

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: Creation of a manual that will allow greater participation from members that may not be able to attend conferences.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The taskforce has completed its work.

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: The taskforce has completed its goal but if any further action is needed we would be more than willing to help out as needed.

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

Yes

## VICKI EMERY

**Group: 2014 Excellence in Nonfiction Award**

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**Board Liaison: Vicki Emery**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To annually select the best non-fiction title published for young adults between November 1 of the preceding year and October 31 of the current year, available in English in the United States and, if desired, to also select honor titles.

The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning, honor and nominated titles announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting in January. The winners and honor books and authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA conference, and the Committee will have the opportunity for input into the planning and implementation of the event. Committee size: 9, four to be elected, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested. Term: 2/1/13 through 1/31/14.

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

\*Met with three of the committee members at Midwinter for introductions and discussion about procedures \*Communicated with publishing company contacts to introduce the 2014 committee and invite book submissions \*Scheduled meetings for ALA Annual 2013 \*Populated ALA Connect space with committee documents and tools

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.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

\*Read, evaluate, and nominate potential titles \*Conduct preliminary online discussion about potential nominations within the context of the award criteria

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? \*Invite field nominations - have talked with Gretchen Kolderup about a tentative Hub posting for mid-March 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: There was some initial confusion among committee members about the procedure for nominating titles. As a result, I realized that I need to change my communication style to convey procedure-related information more carefully.

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

Yes

**Group: Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults**

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**Board Liaison: Vicki 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?

PPYA committee members continued to research, nominate, read, and evaluate titles until the Midwinter Conference. Members also solicited input from teen readers in school and public library settings to gauge the popularity and potential popularity of nominated titles. Members also gathered use statistics on nominated titles from the Libraries in which they work.

Prior to the Midwinter Conference, members conducted an informal straw poll of nominated titles that was used to focus our voting and discussion at Conference. PPYA met several times during Conference to discuss, vote, and decide on the final list of titles for PPYA 2013.

Meetings were led by outgoing chair Jennifer Korn and subcommittee chairs Kate Toebbe, Lisa Goldstein, Mary Anne Nichols, and Franklin Escobedo. Committee members also rewrote annotations and edited final documents. Incoming chair Lisa Goldstein led a discussion and vote for PPYA 2014 topics and planned initial work with continuing members. Jennifer Korn and Brenda Kilmer visited with publisher representatives at the Exhibit Hall to personally thank them for their support of PPYA this year.

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.:
- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Outgoing chair Jennifer Korn will update the list of previous years' titles and will contact publishers to notify them of this year's selected titles and to thank them for their support over the year. Lisa Goldstein will transition the committee to a virtual format, set forth expectations for the year, select subcommittee chairs, and begin work developing the PPYA 2014 lists.

The 2014 topics are GLBTQ, Comedy, and Military/ War.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Lisa Goldstein and Franklin Escobedo volunteered to write articles for The Hub that will promote the PPYA

2013 lists. Jennifer Korn and Lisa Goldstein are exploring the possibility of writing an article for YALS or VOYA to promote the I'm New Here Myself List, since it is such a timely topic. Lisa Goldstein is also exploring the possibility of writing an article that discusses the importance of popular fiction in library collections, thereby promoting PPYA.

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.: All committee members actively contributed to the work of the committee.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Chairing PPYA 2013 and serving on PPYA for the past four years has been a great experience. I will miss it, but I look forward to seeing it develop as a virtual committee over the next two years and under the leadership of Lisa Goldstein and future chairs. Thank you to the YALSA officers and board for providing me with this great opportunity!

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

Yes

## SARAH FLOWERS

**Group: 365 Days of YA Task Force**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To create a teen services resource aimed at librarian generalists and paraprofessionals by crowd sourcing 365 tried & true, easy to implement ideas for delivering services, programs and activities for and with teens that conform to YALSA's guidelines and that promote or incorporate YALSA resources, as appropriate.

Then vet them, compile them, and work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to create an online calendar which features them and to promote them widely.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have solicited ideas from co-workers over several listservs and social media outlets. We are at about 240 ideas. The challenge now is the many duplicate submissions.

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.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are nearly the home stretch. We will continue soliciting ideas as well as combing Pinterest etc. By mid-March we will begin to calendar them, which hopefully will spur more ideas based on time of year etc.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We should try to do another call for ideas in the online newsletter.

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 have had trouble meeting together virtually in real time, but so far everyone is participating.

Additional Concerns or Comments: 365 is a huge number, but I still love this idea and will be directing additional energy to finishing the list.

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

Yes

**Group: YALS Editorial Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: Laura Pearle**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To serve as advisor to the editor of YALS on the content of the journal by assisting with soliciting a diverse group of contributors, identifying timely topics for articles and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor.

To assist with the search process for a new editor, when appropriate What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Contributed articles to the Fall Issue of YALS (with help from Linda Braun); Whitney Winn took the lead. Started to plan content for the Winter Issue (Michelle Bayuk is coordinating).

Had two ALA Connect chats to discuss the change to our charge, additional content and other issues. We have discussed what sorts of content to focus on and what we could do to be more relevant to potential members as well as to be generally tantalizing.

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
- Outreach

other:

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

To continue to work with Linda Braun on gathering content for the Winter Issue; begin work on Spring Issue (with Jen Brannan).

We will continue to use ALA Connect for our chats, so as to provide an archive for future EABs.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will promote new blog posts (and highlight the new issue) on the newsletter and through the YALSA twitter account.

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 have yet to have a chat with everyone participating; the reasons for absence however were excusable. Because there is a transcript, they are able to see what we did and contribute later.

There are supposed to be 6 members, and Whitney Winn has recently withdrawn.

A replacement would be helpful!

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Laura Pearle and Michele Bayuk attended ALA Midwinter, where Laura addressed YALSA 201 attendees about publishing (it might be helpful for her to do so at YALSA 101, to grab newbies interested in "dipping their toes into publishing") ; Laura was just named Chair of the Writing Excellence Award Task Force. Several of us are attending ALA Annual and we will try to get together then.

As a group, we feel it would be helpful if there were a tab on the YALSA website leading to the YALS page (as there are for the blog and the Hub). I know this has been mentioned before, but with new content going up every week we ask the Board to revisit this.

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

Yes

**Group: 2013 Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Award**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best non-fiction title published for young adults between November 1 of the preceding year and October 31 of the current year, available in English in the United States and, if desired, to also select honor titles. The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning, honor and nominated titles announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting in January. The winners and honor books and authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA conference, and the Committee will have the opportunity for input into the planning and implementation of the event.

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? We conducted a conference call and straw polls in November to determine our finalists. We voted on a vetted list of the remaining nominations. We wrote annotations for the finalists and vetted nominations. We met at Midwinter in Seattle to determine the winner of the award, and honored him and our finalists at a reception hosted by YALSA and Best Buy.

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
- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our work is complete at this point.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We are collaborating with the Hub coordinator Gretchen Kolderup to write a blog post about our vetted nomination list.

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: Member Recognition Committee**

**Chair's Name: Krista Taracuk**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The YALSA Volunteer of the Year Awards acknowledge the contributions of YALSA members who have demonstrated outstanding service to the mission, goals and work of YALSA during a given service year. Awards are given out for:

- Chair: leadership of an advisory board, jury, committee or task force
- Appointed Member: contributions within an advisory board, jury, committee or task force
- Group: work conducted as a whole by an advisory board, jury, committee or task force

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group met virtually and voted on the applications received.

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 will consider revisions to the application form plus consider additional communication options for the 2014 year.

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



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?

No

**Group: 2013 Michael L. Printz Award**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers**

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 selected *In Darkness*, by Nick Lake, as the winner of the 2013 Printz Award. Four honor books were also selected: *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*, by Benjamin Saenz, *Code Name Verity*, by Elizabeth Wein, *Dodger*, by Terry Pratchett and *The White Bicycle*, by Beverley Brenna.

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.:

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will work with Nichole Gilbert, YALSA, and the award and honor-winning publishers to insure that the 2013 Printz Award Presentation runs smoothly, What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? One of the committee members, Francisca Goldsmith, has already written an excellent post, shared by The Hub and the YALSA blog, on the differing processes involved in selecting award winners and creating selected lists. An article on teaching teens creative thinking skills through literary book discussion will be submitted to The Hub in the next month.

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:

We are all very happy to see the award and selected lists freely available once again and hope they remain this way.

I know it's a matter of funding, but it would be very helpful to have the Booklist consultant available for all of the discussion.

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

Yes

## SANDRA HUGHES HASSELL

**Group: Frances Henne Research Award Jury**

**Chair's Name: Janet Hilbun**

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**Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes Hassell**

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? We individually evaluated each of the applications and posted our evaluations on Survey Monkey. Nicole Gilbert tallied the evaluations and Rachel Magee was chosen to receive the award.

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.:

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We really have nothing to do as a new committee will be appointed before 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. Nicole Gilbert said that she would handle the announcement.

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 had a magnificent committee who did their assigned tasks

Additional Concerns or Comments: I would love for the evaluation form to go beyond YALSA strategic plan and look at validity, originality, and design of the research.

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

Yes

**Group: Mid-Winter Paper Planning Presentation Committee**

**Chair's Name: Denise Agosto E-Mail: dea22@drexel.edu**

**Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell**

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. Group size: 5-7 with a minimum of 3 Past Presidents, including Chair. All members are virtual. Term: one year commencing February 1st and ending Jan. 31st of the following year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Carol Tilley presented her paper at Mid-Winter. It was quite a success; more than 100 people attended the presentation!

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.: Program

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We're done. I've sent all of my organizing documents to next year's chair.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Carol Tilley has agreed to write up her paper for publication in the Journal of Research on Young Adults and Libraries. She gave me a March 1 target submission date. I will email her March 1 to confirm that she has turned in the manuscript.

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: Research Committee**

**Chair's Name: Don Latham**

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**Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell**

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?

1. Sponsored a session entitled "Research on Teens and Libraries" at Midwinter (Friday afternoon), featuring a presentation that had been given at the ALISE conference just prior to Midwinter. The topic was "Information

Vaccine: Graphic Novels as an HIV/AIDS Prevention Tool for Young Adults," presented by School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina faculty, Karen Gavigan, Assistant Professor, and Kendra Albright, Associate Professor. Research Committee member Rebecca Morris served as the coordinator of this session.

2. Continued working on updates to the Research Bibliography, based on the four priority areas of the Research Agenda. One has been completed; the other three will be completed by March 1.

3. As committee chair, I am also serving on the advisory board for the YALSA Forum. In that capacity, I helped craft questions for the small-group breakout sessions during the Forum.

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

- Other (Please explain below)

other: The updated bibliography, when completed, will be published on the YALSA website.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our major task is to complete the updates to the bibliography and get the final version posted on the YALSA website.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will submit a notice to the e-newsletter once the bibliography is available.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

I mentioned this in my last report--but I'd like to expand on it here. The committee submitted a proposal for the upcoming Annual meeting. We proposed a poster session to be scheduled for a one-to-two-hour block, where both academics and practitioners could share information about research projects (completed and works-in-progress). In spite of the fact that a similar session held at the 2011 Annual Conference was quite successful, the proposal was not accepted. No reasons were given as to why the proposal was rejected.

I feel that a YALSA poster session, sponsored by the Research Committee and featuring 12-15 research projects, should be a regular feature of the Annual meeting. The RC shouldn't have to submit a proposal every year; this should just be included in the program, with the understanding that it's the RC's responsibility to coordinate it. Poster sessions are widely used and highly respected means of presenting research at many academic conferences. They offer a quick, informal, and friendly way to learn a lot about different projects in a relatively short period of time. Since the presenters stand with their posters, attendees have an opportunity to interact with the researchers in a way they probably wouldn't during a regular session, such as a panel session.

I think YALSA leadership has done a terrific job overall of promoting research over the last few years (e.g., the new journal, the Literature Symposium, the Research Agenda, the YALSA

Forum), so I have no doubt that there's support for research activities and for opportunities to showcase them. So I was surprised and quite disappointed the proposed poster session was denied.

One issue may have been that no specific poster topics were included in the proposal. Again, that's a peculiarity of research in general and poster sessions in particular. While some research projects unfold over several years, many (particularly among practitioners and doctoral students) are of shorter duration. As a result, many researchers can't be specific about exactly what they might present a year and a half from now. That's not really a problem, though. Two years ago, once we knew the poster session had been accepted, the RC put out a call for proposals. We received a number, the committee reviewed them, and we notified the presenters. We had 8-10 excellent posters on a variety of YA-related research topics.

Again, I'd like to see the poster session made a regular feature of the Annual conference. It's a great opportunity for YALSA members to showcase their research and to interact with one another on research-related issues--rather than being "talked at" for 90 minutes.

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

No

**Group: Research Journal Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: Frances Jacobson Harris**

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**Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell**

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?

We continue to struggle with low submission rates for JRLYA. The committee held a conference call on January 14, 2013. Members discussed a possible meeting between the Editor and Carol Tilley (co-editor of SLR) about the "growing" process of SLR and about their new website design; ways to promote the journal and make it more visible (e.g., permanent icon in the sidebar of the YALSA newsletter, targeting blogs, the American Libraries Direct email, blurbs or ads international journals, etc.); a redesign of the JRLYA website; personal contacts with editors of other LIS journals (specifically, to refer to us when they receive manuscripts more suited to JRLYA); and a call to paper presenters at the Midwinter 2012 Trends in YA session to submit their papers to JRLYA. Committee member Denise Agosto agreed to solicit these submissions.

Two of three of the (publishable) YA Literature Symposium papers were received, both needing some significant revision. Other than these, no new submissions have been received since the last quarterly report.

At the Midwinter 2013 meeting, the Editor and the Chair of the Advisory Board met with new YALSA staffer Jaclyn Finneke, and also with Linda Braun (editor of YALS) and Beth Yoke. Serious discussion was held regarding the viability of the journal. In the spirit of the leadership discussion on being nimble and making change when it's needed, we should not feel "stuck" with the current model. We decided to give it more time, certainly to wait until after a website redesign and further marketing efforts. As an example, the annual award for best paper could be used more aggressively in soliciting manuscripts.

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
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

The two YA Trends papers will (hopefully) be revised and published.

Jackie will look at options for redesigning the website, including the option of having a single platform for both journals (YALS and JRLYA).

Jackie will add some kind of permanent link to the journal within the newsletter, and work on making it easier to find the journal on the YALSA website.

Committee members will continue to beat the bushes for quality submissions.

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

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

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

## **PAM SPENCER HOLLEY**

**Group: Financial Advancement Committee**

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**Board Liaison: Penny Johnson/Pam Spencer Holly**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the friends of YALSA program, including fundraising efforts and donor recognition.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In November we took part in the National Day of Giving and used it as a way to transition into a month long push (through the end of the year) to reach our fundraising goals. We wrote blog posts, emailed the list servs, posted on Facebook and sent individual letters to past donors who had not donated in 2012. Through that we raised over \$2,500.

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

- Advocacy and Activism

- 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 are looking into advocacy campaigns to inform YALSA members about the benefits of being a Friend of YALSA. After talking more with Pam Spencer Holly we will begin planning a silent auction for the Annual meeting in Chicago.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Our advocacy campaign will be spread through the use of social media, YALSA blogs and listservs. These are all organizations we have worked with before and are familiar with how to post to those forums.

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

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**Group:** Midwinter Marketing & Local Arrangements Taskforce

**Chair's Name:** Dawn Rutherford

**Board Liaison:** Penny Johnson/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

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

Completed updates to Midwinter Wiki to provide useful, fun and up to date information on Seattle and YALSA events.

Completed entries for the YALSA blog promoting Midwinter activities.

Planned three successful events: YALSA Happy Hour (which was possibly too successful, as many members were turned away at the door of the establishment); YALSA Karaoke Night; YALSA Movie Night - with a viewing of Fat Kid Rules the World with giveaways.

Created an application form, promoted teen participation, vetted application, and organized teen participation for BFYA.

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.:

- Program
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? This group has fulfilled its responsibilities. The chair will work with the YALSA offices to create resources for Local Arrangements chairs to share forward in order to ease the work of the task forces and improve quality of their outcomes.

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

Additional Concerns or Comments: No concerns, but I wanted to note the especially fine work of two committee members. Jackie Parker did an exceptional job taking responsibility and organizing the teen participation elements of the committee. I strongly feel the YALSA office should consider adapting her teen group application form for use with future task forces.

Also, Jennifer Fairchild went above and beyond in her work to get local businesses to come up with fun door prize donations for the Happy Hour. I've written snail mail thank you notes to all committee members, but felt these two deserved an extra shout out, and consideration for future committee appointments.

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

Yes

### **Group: Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers**

**Chair's Name: Becky Jackman**

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**Board Liaison: Penny Johnson/Pam Spencer Holley**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To prepare an annual 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 read and discussed the 217 nominated titles. From those nominations we selected 65 titles and 3 series to be included on the 2013 Selection List.

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? Derek Ivie, the new chair, plans to communicate with the committee members by email. He will get them started reading titles and working with teen groups for feedback.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We submitted our 2013 Selection List and Top Ten List. We talked to Gretchen about doing something similar to what was done last year after the selection lists were released.

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.: We had one member get sick in Seattle. She was unable to attend the last 2 days of committee meetings. We notified Nichole and proceeded with our discussions and voting as normal.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

## CANDICE MACK

**Name of Group: 2013 Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Committee**

**Chair's Name: Amber Creger**

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**Board Liaison: Candice Mack**

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. 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?

Prior to mid-winter our committee wasn't as focused on really promoting annual, we took that time to brainstorm ideas and create a work flow for the next five months leading up to annual.

- Committee members are working on updating the Chicago local wiki space.
- Monthly entries for the YALSA blog were assigned to committee members for the next November & December.

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?

Publication

Collaboration

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

We have developed a detailed blog, e-news, and wiki schedule for committee members to follow. Starting February our committee will have regular blogs discussing exciting YALSA programs and promoting the awesomeness that is Chicago.

- Members will meet monthly via ALA Connect chat to update work plan, report on progress made, relate problems they are encountering, discuss future business and brainstorm ideas for wiki content, blog posts, E-news, and whatever other social medias the board would like us to use.
- The committee will work via email and ALA connect.
- A January through June posting schedule will be used to keep the committee informed and on task as to who is signed up to post when and where.

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

The Conference Marketing committee will update the YALSA wiki, contribute to the E-news, and post one blog entry a month on the YALSA blog. We are looking to hi-light different neighborhoods city for those YALSA members who want to explore more than Chicago's downtown.

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

1 Accomplished Exceedingly Well

2

3

4

5 Not Accomplished

Member Participation:

All members are participating as expected.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Group: 2013 Summer Reading Taskforce**

**Chair's Name: Betsy Fraser**

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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? We received the applications for the two Dollar General Grants in mid-January. Taskforce members were able to review the applications and select the 2013 winners.

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 (Please explain below)

other: I greatly appreciated advice and help from the 2012 chair, Charli Osborne, who sent me the survey used by last year's Taskforce.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will work on compiling and/or creating resources for librarians to use in tandem with the Collaborative Summer Library Program.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Compiled resources may be added to pertinent YALSA sites (i.e. the HUB, YALSA wiki, or the new Teen Summer Reading online site).

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: A committees member let me know that she would be unable to fill out the surveys (or participate) until February 28th but would like to continue with the Taskforce. She was able to let me know that she agreed with our decision.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Given that I have now been the chair of the Taskforce for a month, I am very pleased that we have fulfilled our principal task.

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

Yes

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Group: Proposed Advocacy Benchmarks Task Force Chair's Name: Robyn E. Vittek Board

Liaison: Candice Mack 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. 20th, 2012, for the Board to review at their January meeting. Following feedback from the Board, make revisions to the benchmarks and submit them by April 1 for the Executive Committee to review at their April meeting. Based on feedback from the Executive Committee, create and submit a final draft by December May 24th in preparation for the YALSA Board meeting in June 2013. Taskforce size: 5 - 7 virtual members, including the chair. Term of appointment: now through June 30, 2013.

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

Per a discussion with Jack, Beth and Candice on 12/18/12, made sure the committee's goals and next steps to achieve those goals were made crystal clear. Currently researching ALA committees/groups and other national groups for similar resources to what we are attempting to create, as well as a definition for advocacy. Only active participation from one other member since the beginning of the year - next task is to talk to other members of group to see if they are still attempting to help via the assignments set them.

Definition of Advocacy- originally submitted in Oct 2012: Advocacy-to champion library services to teens at multiple levels; within our libraries, within our communities, with funding partners at various levels of government and private funding opportunities. This was dismissed.

AASL defines advocacy as "On-going process of building partnerships so that others will act for and with you, turning passive support into educated action for the library program. It begins with a vision and a plan for the library program that is then matched to the agenda and priorities of stakeholders." -may adapt with permission.

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? Continue working on creating an acceptable definition for advocacy and researching other agencies. Collect and compile best practices.

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.: 4

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: YALSA Writing Award Jury**

**Chair's Name: Gail Zachariah**

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**Board Liaison: Candice Mack**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Between December and January review the submissions forwarded to the jury by the editors and blog managers of each publication and select one winner per publication, based on criteria outlined in the writing award's policies and procedures. Work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to issue a press release announcing the winners by Feb. 1st.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Submissions were received. A SurveyMonkey questionnaire was created to use as a scoring rubric. The names of the winners were submitted to the YALSA office. Beth Yoke informed the winners. Beth and I agreed that Jaclyn Finneke would write and distribute the press release to announce the winners. At ALA midwinter, I went to the YALSA 201 program and shared the Writing Award with interested members.

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.:

Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I need to make sure that the press release was sent. I want to include an announcement of the winners in the next YALSA E-News. I want to write thank you notes to the jury members.

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

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Elizabeth Figa was unable to complete the committee assignment and evaluate the submissions. I spoke to Candice, Beth, and Jack who advise me to proceed without her.

Additional Concerns or Comments: At one point there was also confusion on how many nominations each publication makes. In the end, the editor of JRLYA only submitted two nominations because that is all that she felt qualified.

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

Yes

## JACK MARTIN

**Group: Capacity Building Task Force**

**Chair's Name: Mary Hastler**

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**Board Liaison: Jack Martin**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with staff, the Board, Fiscal Officer, financial Advancement committee and other YALSA groups as appropriate in order to facilitate the implementation of the Capacity Building goal in the Strategic Plan.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Beginning in December and through Midwinter Meeting, discussions were held on clarifying the direction, goals, and desired outcomes for the Task Force. Task Force member, Chris Shoemaker, led a discussion on capacity building during the YALSA Board Training at Midwinter.

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 (Please explain below)

other: Training.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Review and incorporate into the Task Force's workplan recommendations from Fall Executive Meeting. Evaluate possible resources for YALSA that would positively impact staff and member leader efficiency or directly benefit members. Assess list of current YALSA capacity building activities and recommend new partnership opportunities, further enhancement of existing partnerships, and other activities.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The Task Force will maintain a list of possible news and information related to capacity building that may be of interest with YALSA publications.

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: 2013 Governance Nominating**

**Chair's Name: Sarah Debraski**

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**Board Liaison: Jack Martin**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To recruit, vet and select candidates for the YALSA Board of Directors for the YALSA slate for the 2013 election. 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 communicate regularly with the Award Nominating Committee and share information about potential candidates to ensure there is no overlap. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum at the 2013 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle and candidate interviews for posting on the YALSAblog  
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

In this past quarter the committee planned for the Coffee with Candidates event at MW. Only two of our committee could be there, but we planned via email and turned to Jack Martin and Shannon Peterson for help in facilitating the event. All of the candidates were there and we utilized a more interactive method of letting the candidates mingle with people. I'm told the event was successful.

Wendy Stephens, YALSA blog manager, is organizing podcasts with the candidates.

As chair I also talked to and shared information with the incoming chair.

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.: Program

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? At this point I believe there is not much more for us to do (beyond encouraging people to vote, of course!) 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: President's Program Planning**

**Chair's Name: Carrie Kausch**

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**Board Liaison: Jack Martin**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: 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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? After receiving only 5 initial submissions for the Excellence in Library Services for Young Adults award, our committee began to search for other programs to consider. We gathered over 60 programs. We conducted an initial review to weed out programs that definitely do not meet the award criteria. We narrowed that list down to approximately 30. The YALSA office received an additional 5 applications, so we also have 10 applications to consider. We now begin the process of thoroughly considering each program.

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

- Research and Best Practices
- 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 assess each program to decide on the top 25. We will invite each to present at Annual in the President's Program and put that program together.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The selected winners of the award, and information about the

President's Program 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 member concerns. We have a great committee.



Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time.

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

Yes

**Group: YALSA Executive Committee**

**Chair's Name: Jack Martin**

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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? YALSA's Executive Committee has been pretty busy. We worked all last fall to prepare the Board for the Mid-Winter meeting. We send out learning opportunities via Board Source and Board Source's booklet, The Source, to help all of the Board think strategically about YALSA's mission and Strategic Plan. We worked with the Executive Director to bring a moderator to the Midwinter Board Training session to lead a discussion on staying mission focused and capacity building. The Committee also brainstormed possible candidates for the 2014 Governance election slate with the chair of the Governance Nominating Committee.

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
  - Capacity Building and Organizational Development
- Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Collaboration
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Board Meetings

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue the Board's conversation around the 5th goal of our Strategic Plan, Capacity Building. Also to plan for the Executive Committee's meeting via conference call this Spring.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? All the exciting governance happenings 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: n/a Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**RENEE MCGRATH**



**Group: Alex Awards**

**Chair's Name: Rachel McDonald**

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**Board Liaison: Renee McGrath**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications ten books written for adults which have special appeal for young adults, ages 12 through 18.

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

We discussed all 63 official nominations at Midwinter. We chose our 2013 winners and 22 books for the vetted list.

- § Total Books Requested: 248
- § Total Books Reviewed: 287 (including unsolicited titles)
- § Total Eligible Nominations: 93 (field nominations need a second)
- § Eligible Field Nominations: 47
- § Committee Nominations: 63

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
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I am working with incoming chair Danielle Dreger-Babbitt to facilitate a smooth transition to the 2014 Alex Awards committee. What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Possibly an article about the Alex Award winners on The Hub or an article about the program at Annual on the 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.: Unfortunately, we did not have full readership of many titles at Midwinter, due to a last-minute influx of nominations (14 in the last week of December, 5 of which came through on 12/31/12). Only 1 of these titles ended up making the top ten, and 4 made the vetted list. Several committee members admitted to nominating titles that should have had a second reader to discuss with prior to nomination. At the Leadership Development Meeting at ALA Midwinter, I spoke at length with Danielle (incoming chair) and Renee (board liaison) regarding the issue, and we brainstormed ideas to avoid this issue on future committees. If it continues to be an issue, I definitely would encourage the chair to file a Request for Board Action.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I would like to see a committee member feedback form for chairs to fill out at the end of their tenure, so that YALSA can better keep track of issues like punctuality, low readership, and other things that affect the work of the entire committee.

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

Yes

**Group: Books for Teens Jury**

**Chair's Name: Amanda L. S. Murphy**

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**Board Liaison: Renee 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?

Several members have posted to local, regional, state and national listservs, advertising the availability of funds. We have also sent tweets, which have been retweeted by several others, and posted to various Facebook accounts.

Additionally, I have written a short article for the February YALSA E-news.

Despite these efforts, we have yet to obtain any applications. Jury members question if the issue may be due to the possibility of those who are most interested in the award not being YALSA members.

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.:

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to promote Books for Teens using a variety of resources.

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

- and gaining some applications - we will continue to share information about Books for Teens through the appropriate publications.

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**

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**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? I came on board as chair in late November. I had a conference call with staff liaison Jackie Finneke and Board liaison Renee McGrath to determine what action (none) the previous chair had taken. I contacted all the members of the advisory board to inform them that I was the new chair and to introduce myself to them. In our ALA Connect space, we have begun dividing up the tasks from the 2012-13 task list. Members have stepped up to volunteer to take on the various tasks, and I hope I will have some progress to report in May.

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

- 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.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to work on the 2012-13 task list and post results to the ALA Connect space.

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.: none; all the advisory board members seem eager to get to work.

Additional Concerns or Comments: none

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

Yes

**Group: Strategic Planning Committee**

**Chair's Name: Renee McGrath**

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**Board Liaison: N/A**

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 of 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? At the last midwinter meeting the Board voted to have us develop an evaluation tool for the strategic plan that was put in place starting in 2012. I have contacted the committee to start researching various evaluation tools and also sent out a few articles for them to read about evaluating strategic plans. I have also contacted Beth & Jack to start working with them to make sure we develop something that will be useful to the Board.

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? I am hoping to have a virtual meeting with the members of the committee to start the work that the Board charged us with at midwinter. Now that an entire year has passed, we can start evaluating the work that occurred in 2012 to see how successful we have been in implementing the strategic plan.

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.: 4

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

## SHANNON PETERSON

**Group: 2014 Award Nominating**

**Chair's Name: Pam Spencer Holley**

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**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 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 YALSA blog Member Manager to interview candidates. Committee size: 5 virtual members, including one member from a preceding term. Term: 16 months, commencing January 1, 2013, and ending after election results are announced in May of 2014.

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

We are a committee just beginning its work, but the following has occurred:

1. ALA Connect has been set up as has Google Docs [but it needs tweaking to give members read status].
2. All committee members have received a copy of the Award Nominating Handbook and the info distributed at Midwinter about running for an award committee.
3. All committee members have received copies of various Award/Selection committee rosters with assignments to contact specific chairs to receive their suggestions of potential award committee candidates.

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.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? After contacting the chairs of previous award/selection committees and setting up a list of possible candidates, other names will be added based on YALSA members who submit the award volunteer form. Discussion via ALA Connect will occur.

Information about applying to be a candidate will be disseminated via YALSA E-news, the Hub, and the YALSA blog.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Information about the process of applying to be a candidate for an award committee will be shared with the three YALSA communication tools listed above.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: So far, no participation concerns...those may pop up in the next report.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Group: 2014 Governance Nominating Committee**

**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 YALSA Board of Directors for the YALSA slate for the 2014 election.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Four of the five committee members attended ALA Midwinter, and all of us spoke to potential 2014 candidates. We have begun compiling a list of potential candidates on our ALA Connect space. I wrote an article for the December e-news to encourage members to run for office, and I wrote an article for the spring issue of YALS as well. At the Midwinter Board meeting, the Board passed a motion stating that the winner of the 2014 Secretary position will serve a two-year term, so that the positions of YALSA Councilor, Secretary, and Fiscal Officer will be on the ballot in separate years in the future.

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.: Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to talk to potential candidates whose names have been put forward by other members.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Publish a post on the YALSAblog to encourage nominations. Article will appear in the Spring issue of YALS.

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.: none  
Additional Concerns or Comments: none  
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

## CHRIS SHOEMAKER

**Group: Great Books Giveaway Jury**

**Chair's Name: Megan Garrett**

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**Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker**

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? Our group received the applications for the YALSA Great Book Giveaway in December 2012. We judged the applications, and submitted our selections to YALSA in January 2013. The group selected a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.

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

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
  - Capacity Building and Organizational 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? Our group's work is complete for this year. YALSA will contact the winners and announce the results this month, February 2013.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? YALSA will announce the winners of the 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.: None - every member of the jury participated and communicated effectively.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I've been a member of this jury in the past, and once again it was very difficult to judge these applications for the award because there are so many libraries in need. It's a great experience to see how different libraries work and manage in a tough economy, and several of our jury members this year expressed similar thoughts!

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

Yes

**Group: The Hub Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: Gretchen Kolderup**

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**Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker**

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?

- \* Completed the successful, well-received Morris/Nonfiction Reading Challenge
- \* Launched the 2013 Hub Reading Challenge, the successor to last year's Best of the Best challenge. We listened to feedback from last year's participants and made the challenge run over a long period and are including the Stonewall Book Award and the Schneider Family Book Award in addition to YALSA's 2013 Best of the Best.
- \* Wrote an article about reading challenges for YALS and had a non-Advisory Board blogger write a post about her reading challenge experience for the YALSAblog
- \* Made a concerted effort to increase our coverage of diversity in YA lit with posts focused on the depiction of characters of color on book covers, LGBTQ titles on best-of-the-best lists, and specific types of disability and their representation in YA lit.
- \* Covered the YA Lit Symposium and ALA Midwinter, including live blogging events jointly with the YALSAblog
- \* Began highlighting YALSA's selected lists and awards post-Midwinter (ongoing through February)
- \* Featured each Morris and Nonfiction finalist with feature posts between the publication of the shortlists and the announcements of the YMAS
- \* Recruited six teens as occasional (but regular) contributors to the blog and increased our guest posting by teens recruited by our regular bloggers to provide the teen perspective to our readers
- \* Selected nominees for the YALSA Writing Award

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?

- \* Continue to run a successful Hub Reading Challenge, adding in bonus opportunities for conversation and discussion over what we did last year
- \* Continue to identify ways to strengthen our coverage of diversity in YA lit
- \* Continue to recruit new bloggers as necessary, including new teen bloggers
- \* Brainstorm and develop at least one new project (e.g., monthly theme, contest, ongoing post feature, something to highlight a specific award or list, blogger training or chat session) with the Advisory Board
- \* Work closely with the new YALSAblog manager to find ways to amplify our reach and improve our content by cross-posting, linking, and complementing one another's posts

- \* Work with other YALSA publication managers/editors to find ways to support each other
- \* Work with Fabulous Films committee as necessary per YALSA Board's instruction What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

\* Possible calls for bloggers via The Hub and the YALSA E-News

\* Advertise 2013 Hub Reading Challenge via YALSA E-News and listservs Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Once again, the Advisory Board is hard to rouse to action as a group. Individual members will occasionally spearhead excellent projects with they're not busy with other things in their lives, but it's difficult to get feedback from everyone or to plan things as a group, even with specific tasks and deadlines assigned to people. We just had one member resign; perhaps with the appointment of a replacement, we'll be able to do more.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Despite my continued ineffectiveness as chair of the Hub Advisory Board, the wider pool of bloggers continues to turn out great content, and The Hub continues to grow in name recognition and reputation for quality writing across a variety of topics as well as for our reading challenges.

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

Yes

**Group: 2014 Michael L. Printz Award Committee**

**Chair's Name: Jennifer Lawson Board Liaison:**

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**Chris Shoemaker**

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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our committee met at Midwinter and discussed our charge, confidentiality and how we would communicate and review titles. Mara, our Administrative Assistant, also walked the exhibit hall and introduced ourselves to publishers. Since returning home we've contacted publishers with committee addresses and an invitation to submit. We've received our first shipment and committee members have started reading these plus arcs.

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.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue reading and viewing submissions and discuss.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will submit requests for submissions to YALSA publications. I will also ask committee members if they have ideas for articles and/or posts.



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.: None so far. Everyone seems to be doing great.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Group: Teen Read Week**

**Chair's Name: RoseMary Honnold**

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**Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker**

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 YA librarians, 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.

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? The TRW Committee produced the first draft of the Teen Read Week 2013 manual.

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.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will work on any revisions needed for the manual and start working on material for the TRW wiki.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will be planning summer articles to promote Teen Read Week for YALS and the newsletter.

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: No concerns. Everyone is participating as able. Illness caused some absence this winter, but everyone is well again and working on our projects.

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

No

**SARAH SOGIGIAN**

**Group: YALSA Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults**

**Chair's Name: Dawn Rutherford**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To promote the use of audiobooks among the young adult population; and to annually prepare an annotated list of 25 to 30 recommended audiobook titles selected from the two previous years that represent the wide scope of interests and concerns of listeners aged 12-18.

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

The 2013 committee successfully completed their list as charged.

I met with the previous chair, Gretchen, at Midwinter and discussed the running of the committee and received many helpful documents and instructions from her. I also had the opportunity to observe the committee at work, which was most informative.

Since Midwinter, the 2014 committee has had introductions online, tested our listserv, and reviewed last year's discussions (before I delete them). The mailing list for publishers has been crosschecked, and the first letter to publishers has been sent.

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? To listen to a ton of audiobooks and begin discussions on ALA Connect.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I don't believe I will have much to work with yet, but could do a blog post asking for nominations if desired.

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.

Additional Concerns or Comments: We are very excited to get started. I am well pleased so far. Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: 2014 Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee**

**Chair's Name: Cheryl Karp Ward**

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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? Term began February 1, 2013. Letter of greeting was sent to committee which was followed by introductions among the members. Roster was sent out for accuracy and information needing correcting was

sent to Letitia Smith. Ongoing communication with Sarah Sogigian, Board liaison, for clarification of questions and to address concerns. Arrangement made to 'test' Google hangout as a possible tool for virtual committee.

Committee encouraged to set up a Gmail account for this purpose.

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? Once I receive the MAE Handbook and the virtual committee manual, I will have a better idea of how to run this virtual committee in relationship to timelines, procedures for nominating, etc.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Information about working on a Virtual awards selection committee.

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: As members responded to any emails in a timely manner.

Group is enthusiastic and ready to go.

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

Yes

**Group: Fabulous Films**

**Chair's Name: Jessica Lorentz Smith**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select films especially significant to young adults from those currently available for purchase; to annually prepare one annotated list based on a chosen theme of at least ten and no more than twenty-five recommended titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Since we are really still in week 3 of this committee we have created the list serve with accurate emails, done introductions, talked about meeting times at annual and started discussing theme ideas.

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We plan to finalize a theme for nominations by Monday, February 18 and begin nominations.

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.

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: Fabulous Films for Young Adults**

**Chair's Name: Andrea Sowers**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To annually select films especially significant to young adults from those currently available for purchase; to annually prepare one annotated list based on a chosen theme of at least ten and no more than twenty-five recommended titles What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? During the past 3 months we got out final nominations and continued to work on watching the films. At midwinter, we voted on the top 25/final list. We also came up with some read-a-likes for the HUB.

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
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The new chair took over as of Feb 1st.

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: State Association Outreach Task Force**

**Chair's Name: Elizabeth Hanisian**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To create a survey for state association leaders to find out what their needs are, work with YALSA's Manager of Communications to post online and promote it, and then submit the results and an analysis to the YALSA board by Midwinter 2013. After receiving further direction from the Board, plan and implement strategies to provide effective outreach to the state associations.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? A survey was created and distributed to one (1) representative (youth/teen services) from each state association. We received the and analyzed the results and are making recommendations to the board, based on our findings.

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

- Research and Best Practices
- 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? After our report is reviewed by the YALSA board, we will proceed based on the provided recommendations.

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.: 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

## GAIL TOBIN

**Group: 2012 Awards and Booklist Marketing Task Force**

**Chair's Name: Melissa McBride**

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**Board Liaison: Gail Tobin**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The mission of the task force is to help YALSA raise awareness of its lists and awards, and to coordinate the implementation of a sustained, year-round effort beginning with the announcement of the Nonfiction & Morris Award finalists in Dec. 2011 and running through Dec. 2012. The task force will: 1) assist YALSA's Web Services Manager with promoting the 2012 lists and awards to the library community and general public via the media through articles, blog posts, and other means; 2) create and disseminate resources to help librarians and educators use the lists and awards in their libraries and classrooms, including readers' advisory guides, book group discussion guides, booktalking resources, lesson plan materials and more; and 3) encourage teen interest in the lists and award winners through contests, promotions, collaboration with YALSA's blog, The Hub, and other means.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We continued our tweet campaign. Jennifer Larson had an excellent post to The HUB and we recommended that a Mock Printz Manual be created.

Things were quiet since the 2013 Taskforce was gearing up to promote the recently announced awards.

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
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? n/a, our term ended on 1/31/13.

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: Morris Award 2013**

**Chair's Name: Joy Kim**

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**Board Liaison: Gail Tobin**

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? Nominations closed on November 30. We selected our shortlist of 5 titles, which was announced the first week of December. At Midwinter, we selected our winner (SERAPHINA, by Rachel Hartman) and celebrated our winner and finalists at the Morris/Nonfiction event.

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.:

- Program
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our committee's work is done! I will support incoming chair Dorcas Wong as needed as she gets started with next year's committee.

I've also done the usual committee wrap-up work such as thank you notes to publishers.

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.: No major concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Now that the Morris Committee has been active for 5 years, I think it may be a good time to review some aspects of its procedures. One concern I'd like to highlight is the extremely short turnaround time between the close of nominations (Nov. 30) and the shortlist announcement (officially second Monday in December, though ours was announced early, less than a week after the close of nominations). The shortlist does help promote and raise awareness of the award, but

this schedule forces the committee to make some important decisions very quickly! My committee did a great job of working within this compressed timeline, but there was a general consensus that we would have liked more time to make the shortlist decision. Moving the shortlist announcement back a week or two would be a big help. I wouldn't want to move the nomination deadline back, because there would be a real risk of missing December publications.

I know that virtual participation is an ongoing conversation in YALSA, so I'd like to note how much we appreciated having face-to-face time at Midwinter. We did accomplish a great deal of work virtually via ALA Connect, but we also valued the in-person component of our committee work. Also, it may be helpful to note that while virtual committee work may increase access to committee service for members who can't travel to conferences, it also presents barriers to members who face physical challenges involving computer use. I would hate to see those members forgotten or unwittingly blocked from committee participation.

On the YALSA website login issue, I'd like to add my voice to the chorus of concerned members. There have been so many times this year when I've heard someone say, "I tried to find a booklist from YALSA for X topic, but I couldn't get past the login, so I used something else." Our awards and booklists are meaningful to their honorees because they are widely used and recognized; much of the cachet of being recognized by YALSA comes from the fact that our awards and selection lists do drive library collection development and readers advisory. By limiting access to our booklists and awards, we make them less widely used and undermine their value, and that's really the last thing we want to do with our members' hard work. I think this is especially a concern for the Morris Award, which is relatively new and still building name recognition. I'm glad to see the login barrier is currently down, and I hope it stays down.

Finally, I'd like to express concerns about the timing of the Morris/Nonfiction Event. While our turnout at Midwinter was great, I strongly believe it would better serve our membership and better celebrate our debut authors to have the event at Annual. Because Midwinter is a business meeting, many attendees have commitments that prevent them from attending events like Morris/Nonfiction. This was actually the first year I was able to attend; I've always had committee meeting conflicts at that time. In addition, our publisher partners continue to express concerns about bringing authors to the Midwinter event. This year, only one Morris finalist was able to attend in person. Moving the award celebration to Annual would also allow us to adjust the timing of the shortlist announcement without impacting the time needed for publishers to make travel arrangements for authors. I fully understand there are logistical challenges to moving the event to Annual. But perhaps it would be appropriate to do a review of the schedule all YALSA's award celebrations. In other words, the question shouldn't be, "How can we fit Morris/Nonfiction into our existing schedule?" but "What's the best schedule as a whole for celebrating all of YALSA's awards at Annual?"

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

Yes

**Group: 2013 Odyssey Committee**

**Chair's Name: Teri S. Lesesne**

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**Board Liaison: Gail Tobin**

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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We selected the Odyssey winner and three audiobooks.

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.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other: Since this committee is a joint undertaking with ALSC, there is much collaboration.

Additionally, we have dedicated ourselves to providing publicity for the award and the committee.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee work is done. What remains is for me to work with the audio publishers in planning a program for Chicago to celebrate the Odyssey winner and honor audiobooks.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I have already written (and Linda Braun has accepted) an article for YALS about audiobooks and, in particular, about the Odyssey Committee.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Several committee members fell behind on assignments. I took on some of the duties myself.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

1. ALL appointees need to have audio experience. We had 3 members this year with no previous experience. This committee is not the place to learn how to evaluate audiobooks given the more than 500 submissions. I, therefore, teamed inexperienced members with committee members who had experience.

2. Digital downloads are going to be an issue that needs to be discussed/addressed. In addition to have committee members who could not download successfully, publishers need to find a way of providing downloads in reasonable chunks. Sometimes we received more than 20 titles at a time.

It is tough to get all these downloaded within the time frame permitted.

3. I hope that YALSA will consider using a Google form for submission so that the chair does not have to enter more than 500 forms into a central spreadsheet.



4. I hope that YALSA will consider using Drop box or Google Drive for forms that need to be completed, especially at conference. I was handed a USB drive I could not use as I had a tablet and not a laptop with me at conference.

Were you able to touch base with

**Group: WrestleMania Reading Challenge Jury**

**Chair's Name: Jane Gov**

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**Board Liaison: Gail Tobin**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To plan and provide resources for the 2012-2013 Reading Challenge by updating and expanding the existing toolkit; judging teen contest entries in January 2013; creating trivia questions for the required reads by March 1, 2013, and other activities as requested by the Board.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have read entries and selected eighteen winners across six regions. We have each been assigned to create fifteen trivia questions for the assigned reading material (Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper, The Chronicles of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsburg, and This Dark Endeavor by Kenneth Oppel); I am just waiting for one more submission from one of the jury members and we will be done with trivia.

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? My next step is to create a few e-blasts for the participants to keep them reading and hopefully have plans to participate next year. I have drafts of three e-blasts ready to go.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Suggest a publication that focuses on reaching out to overlooked groups-- groups that are usually thought to be non-readers, like this wrestling fans group.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Some jury members are hard to reach over email. Thrice, I have not received responses within a week and resorted to calling them. It was difficult to maintain deadlines so close before and after Midwinter and because of that, our selection of winners has been delayed past the initial deadline in January.

Additional Concerns or Comments: This jury's function statement and deadlines are outdated over various sources: website, toolkit, online pdfs, and documents initially sent to me; I understand that this is because funding for this program was received very late, and therefore, all other statements and dates have been postponed.

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

Yes

## SARAJO WENTLING

**Group: Margaret A. Edwards Award 2013**

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**Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling**

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? Before December, we narrowed our shortlist down to 2 authors and concentrated on their work in preparation for Midwinter. At Midwinter, we discussed these books before finally contacting Tamora Pierce and giving her the award for her 2 early series, Protector of the Small and The Song of the Lioness.

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are done! Now we can just do what needs to be done for the luncheon!

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.

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.: None at all. This was an outstanding committee!

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Group: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood/YALSA Service to Young Adults Achievement Award**

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**Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To work with the YALSA's Web Services Manager to promote the award and to solicit applicants, then to use established criteria to select one winner for YALSA's Greenwood

Publishing Group's Service to Young Adults Achievement Award. The winner must be selected between December 2011 and the end of January 2012. The work of the jury will

officially end when a final report is submitted to the Board by February 15, 2012. Jury size: 3-5 virtual members, including the chair, and with one member continuing from the previous jury.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We reviewed and selected a winner for this year's award 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? We have completed our service. We are available to help the next jury as needed and I can supply our evaluation tools if they would like to use the same method.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? press release, perhaps some promotion on the web, blog or social media 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: Teens' Top Ten Committee**

**Chair's Name: Elizabeth Hanisain**

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**Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To facilitate the exchange of information and galley groups 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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? New galley groups were selected and the first round of book nominations from the new groups have come in. Committee members Sara Ray and Clara Hendricks have been regularly updating the spreadsheets tracking both nominations sent to us from the galley groups and galley groups being sent by publishers. They have done an excellent job keeping those up-to-date. Joelle Peterson has begun contacting publisher's to make sure we have the most up-to-date contact information. From now on, Joelle will reach out to publishers on a quarterly basis to get this information. New galley groups were selected and the first round of book nominations from the new groups have come in. The committee is now keeping track of reviews sent to publishers. When the galley

groups send in the nominations, they will also include information on whether a review was sent the publisher or not.

Quarterly, a committee member will make the galley groups aware of books that have not yet been reviewed. Committee Member Kristen Thorp continues to think of new ways to promote Teens' Top Ten.

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?

We will continue to update the nominations and galley spreadsheets.

Nominations will close on March 15th. We will vet nominations for eligibility and determine the top 75 titles with the most nominations to create a survey for the galley groups to vote on their top 25.

When the vote ends, we will write annotations for the top 25 titles for the announcement in April.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The Top 25 books for Teens' Top Ten.

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: Youth Engagement**

**Chair's Name: Faythe Arredondo**

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**Board Liaison: Sarajo S. Wentling**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To strengthen teen engagement in the mission and work of YALSA by working with the YALSA board to identify and then implement projects in conjunction with Teen Advisory Groups. As necessary, coordinate efforts with appropriate YALSA groups, such as the Youth Participation Coordinator and The Hub Blog Manager.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Since this committee started in November, we have been discussing our individual teen advisory groups/boards and what behaviors we all see from them and meetings. We have also been discussing ways in which to entice our teens to become more involved in YALSA programming. The one thing we have all agreed on is that our teens like to take ownership of programs and seem to want to participate if they can dictate what is happening.

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
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Right now we are using our own TAG/TABs as research for immediate feedback.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have not been charged with any tasks by the YALSA board, so we are currently trying to find ways to get our teens more involved in activities. We are currently discussing holding friendly competitions between our TAG/TAB to see if maybe that will spark more involvement by appealing to their sense of pride (and hope they take ownership).

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

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

No

## CHRISTIAN ZABRISKIE

**Group: BWI Grant Jury**

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**Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie**

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 What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee received 25 qualifying grant proposals. The committee was told that there were over 40 applications received overall, 25 of which were eligible for consideration. This was a definite increase from the previous year, and the committee would recommend that next year's committee continue marketing efforts to make librarians aware of the grant. The diversity of applicants and libraries was wide, and the committee was pleased with the quality of the applications. One recipient was selected and was notified by YALSA.

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's work is completed but the group developed a few suggestions for further BWI Grant Jury work that will be shared with next year's group.

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.: None 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**

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**Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

CHARGE:

To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers.

PURPOSE OF LIST:

The list presents graphic novels published in the past 16 months that are recommended reading for teens aged twelve to eighteen. It is a general list of graphic novels, both fiction and nonfiction, selected for proven or potential appeal to the personal reading tastes of teens.

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

I followed up with publishers who had not sent us titles- many did send us titles in the final weeks. I organized a mailing tree to make sure everyone had a chance to read some of the harder to find titles.

I sent out a straw poll to find out where the committee stood on titles before we met at Midwinter. Our admin, Katie, had to step down and I found a replacement Brooke Young to take notes at our Midwinter meetings.

Our committee read all of the nominated titles and prepared our list of recommended graphic novels for teen reads. We had 98 official nominations and 55 titles on the final list.

Our list and press release was published on the Yalsa website and will be published in Booklist. Several publishers and creators have blogged about the list as have various comics websites.

I met with and have been emailing with incoming chair Tessa Barber to help make the transition between committees smooth.

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.:

- Program

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

Tessa has been getting the new committee set up and orienting new members so that work can begin on the 2014 list. She will continue publicizing list titles through posts on the Hub, and through reminders for field nominations on the E-News and on the listservs.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Tessa will continue publicizing list titles through posts on the Hub, and through reminders for field nominations on the E-News and on the 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.: The group as a whole was amazing and did great work. A few concerns about participation were forwarded to the board liaison.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Group: Legislative Committee**

**Chair's Name: Lizz Zitron**

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**Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: o 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?

Carla Land attended Midwinter and attended the Joint Legislative Committee meeting on our behalf.

This has been a slow period for us. We continue to post monthly to the YALSA blog highlighting advocacy efforts. WE are trying to get work complete for NLLD and District Days. Unfortunately YALSA lost our social media person and so we do not have access to vital documents such as the Tweet Your Senator map nor did we have someone to create a Tweet Your Rep map. We've been in contact with the new person, Jaclyn, and hope to have this resolved soon.

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.:

- Publication

- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are waiting for Jaclyn to grant us access to the Tweet Your Senator Map and to create a Tweet Your Representative Map. We plan to host a blog-in for NLLD and to create plans for District Days.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Tweet Your Senator and Rep maps!

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: It's been challenging to get the map shared and the new one created. I imagine it's because the person who can help us with this is new to her position.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Group: National Guidelines Oversight Committee**

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**Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie**

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 updates or revisions and/or the need to create supplementary materials or tools; assist 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? After staff created the account, used ALA Connect to communicate and share ideas. At NCTE/ALAN conference in November, chair spoke with Executive Secretary and ALAN newsletter editor about sharing links to the guidelines for classroom teachers and librarian members; other suggested stakeholders include YMCA/YWCA; national sororities and fraternities that promote positive youth development by sponsoring teen adjunct organizations; Children's Book Council; PLA; Association of American Publishers "Get Caught Reading"

initiative; writing groups that sponsor creative opportunities (PEN), through local YALSA members, work with local Parks & Recreation departments for creative teen programs. Possibility of YALSA offering libraries recognition/awards for outstanding teen spaces that use the guidelines as a model.

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

- Advocacy and Activism

- 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? Using ALA Connect group, focus on assisting staff in disseminating guidelines and establishing and maintaining liaisons with Board approved stakeholders; with Board approval, utilize YALSA and ALA listservs, social media and blogs to brainstorm supplementary tools or materials to enhance knowledge of and utilization of guidelines, particularly for evaluation tools, possibly to connect with ALA Office for Accreditation to use the LIS Evaluation tool; does Board want to connect with RUSA to look at possible updates of Reference Guidelines What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? request Board input on any limits to independent action from an Oversight committee Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Christian has been helpful in support and encouragement for the sometimes challenging effort of maintaining communication and interaction in a virtual environment. Letitia has also been very responsive in navigating ALA Connect.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Group: Web Advisory Committee**

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**Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To regularly evaluate the YALSA website and to assist the YALSA staff with creating and maintaining content for members and nonmembers; to liaise with YALSA committees in the use of the website in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Web Advisory Committee; and to develop and recommend policies for the YALSA website to the YALSA Board.

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

We continued work on the wiki renovations and reverted the wiki when spammed.

Much of the group conversation continued to center around the email requirement for accessing booklists; most of the members of the WAC were unaware of the dedicated URLs they could use to link to booklists, suggesting that the membership is similarly oblivious to that. The booklists have been open recently, but no one seems certain if this is a permanent change or one related to the Youth Media Awards. I have asked our liaison, Christian, to look into this. I really believe that removing that issue from the table would enable us to be more effective.

We have also had some discussions about the slowness of response time, which will hopefully be mitigated as the blogs and wikis shift to in-house servers.

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?

I have a called planned with Jackie to discuss the wiki later this month. We are eager to see if the shift to an in-house server really mitigates the spam and response time problems, and if not, then think we might even reconsider having wikis at all. I learned at the ALA WAC meeting that several other divisions have been sunseting their wikis and shifting the content to open, collaborative documents in ALA Connect.

Depending on the "answer" to whether the book lists are no open, we would like to do a statistical analysis of traffic to the blog before and after the email requirement.

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

If the booklists remain open, that would be a good topic for discussion, particularly what we learned from harvesting that information and how it affected engagement with the website.

Also, shifting to ALA Connect from the wiki would require some publicity.

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 think we have the roster actually reflecting the members who want to work on the web presence. I have been keeping an eye on the edits to the wiki, however, and I am not sure they are working there.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes