

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Via Conference Call
March 17, 2014

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 share any concerns or updates 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

Chairs were asked to rate their committee's productivity from a scale of one to five, with one being “exceedingly well” and five being “nothing accomplished.”

Missing Reports (as of 3/10/14)

- Capacity Building Taskforce
- Midwinter Marketing & Local Arrangements Taskforce
- 2015 Morris Award Committee

Vicki Emery

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Group: YALS Editorial Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Angela Leeper

Board Liaison: Vicky Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To serve as advisor to the editor of YALS on the content of the print journal and online presence which may include identifying timely topics for print and/or web articles, developing content for the online journal site, 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? Members continue to provide content for the YALS website.

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.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue to provide content to the YALS website.

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

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?

No

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Group: Library Administrator Resources Task Force

Chair's Name: Sara Ryan

Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

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

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

We discussed the communication channels that TF members feel would be most effective for reaching administrators and came up with a good initial list of venues. I've been attempting to move the group toward assessing how some existing

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YALSA resources could be repackaged, but it's been quite challenging to get responses from TF members, and one member recently resigned because he felt that he wasn't a good fit since he hadn't been a public library administrator.

I had some conversations with other YALSA chairs at Midwinter and folks suggested that a Google Hangout could be a good way to get the group motivated and focused. So I've put together a Doodle poll to try to get that scheduled within the next couple of weeks. Below I've pasted the email I sent to the group most recently:

"To frame our conversation for the Hangout: I'd like to suggest that we be selfish!

Being selfish means: think of a real issue you have as an administrator that our taskforce's work could help address.

For instance: I'm personally looking for ways to demonstrate the value of dedicated teen librarian positions, as opposed to the model of youth services librarians serving all ages birth-18. In my system we recently used YALSA's Public Library Evaluation tool to advocate successfully for the creation of two teen librarian positions, which is fantastic! But now that those staff members are in place, we have to be able to show the positive impact of their work, particularly in an environment where demand from the public for early childhood services is consistently stronger than the demand for teen services.

So please be thinking about a teen services administrative issue of your own -- Staffing models? Collections? Social media policy? Spaces? Training needs? Establishing/evaluating community partnerships? Other? -- and we'll discuss it in our Hangout!"

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.: Other (Please explain below)

other: We're still at the point of clarifying exactly what we're going to produce. I anticipate that we'll eventually use publications, outreach, and collaboration to share the resources we create/compile, but we're not there yet. What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

If my "be selfish" strategy works to get the group motivated, I'm thinking it might work well to have each TF member produce and/or highlight a resource that relates to an issue they're facing in their own libraries.

My suspicion is that folks may be daunted by the scope of what we're expected to produce, and I'm hoping that getting to the point where each TF member has a specific task and a deadline for accomplishing it will help us become more productive.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Not sure yet, but I think a blog series might be possible. Maybe we could break down the Future of Library Services for and with Teens report into bite-sized, administrator-friendly chunks? It would be great to have some guidance from the Board about what resources they feel are most critical to create.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

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Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I basically just have general concerns about getting the group to the point where we're actually creating and/or highlighting content, but again, I'm hoping that the Google Hangout will help move us forward.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

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Group: 2014 Excellence in Nonfiction Award

Chair's Name: Jamison Hedin

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?

*Selected five finalist titles and wrote annotations *Collaborated with The Hub member manager to develop annotated read alike lists for each finalist for the Morris/Nonfiction reading challenge *Selected titles for inclusion on the 2014 vetted nomination list and wrote annotations *Met at Midwinter 2014 to vote on the award winner *Participated in the YALSA Morris/Nonfiction Award Reception *Collaborated with YALSA/ALA staff to create publicity materials for 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
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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? I will be writing letters of recognition for my committee members' supervisors and communicating with the new chair as needed. Otherwise, we're all done!

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.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The eligibility period for the award is an ongoing concern that should be addressed by the board and/or staff. The calendar year eligibility period that the 2014 committee was asked to implement was not workable given the early December due date for the finalists. It is not possible to give fair consideration to titles published in November and December. ARCs are not widely available for nonfiction books and where they are available they are often missing images, graphics, and back matter that are pertinent to the award criteria. Based on our experience, I would strongly recommend a return to the November 1 - October

31 eligibility period or a change in the timeline for announcing the finalists. Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes

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Group: 2015 Nonfiction for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Sharon Rawlins

Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best non-fiction for young adults (ages 12-18) during a Nov. 1 - Oct. 31 publishing year. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our committee just started work on February 1, 2014. However, six, plus the Administrative Assistant, out of the nine committee members who went to ALA Midwinter met informally during the conference. We had previously introduced ourselves to each other via email. I also met with the 2014 NF Chair at the conference and she gave me information, insights and recommendations from her experience as chair last year. The day after ALA Midwinter, she also emailed me templates of all the forms she used last year.

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: Our group just started and I'm not sure if these strategies apply to award committees in the same way as they do for other committees, but our committee is tasked with determining the best NF books published which I consider a best practice and our goal to accomplish this is to rely on collaborating with each other to determine this.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? All members' preferred addresses have been verified and the publishers have been notified of the new committee's names and mailing addresses. I emailed Letitia with the members' preferred emails for a separate NF committee listserv. I also requested space on ALA Connect and as soon as I receive confirmation from her that it is open, I will post the list of eligible titles on the listserv through ALA Connect for consideration that the committee members are compiling. We are currently sharing our lists via our work or personal emails. The 2015 nomination form has been updated and I notified Jackie that nominations can be opened up on February 21, 2014. I asked that both I and the Admin Assistant receive any nomination forms submitted. I intend to provide weekly updates with the committee members, and did so yesterday when we received our first title to consider. I am also going to ask in the next few days which platform everyone wants to use to meet virtually between conferences. Last year's chair recommended using Google +

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Hangout. The Admin Assistant will send out a Google poll by next week to determine the best time and the frequency for us to all “meet” virtually. I plan to meet weekly with committee 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 make youth services librarians aware that they can submit field nominations via the online form. I will also ask youth services librarians to encourage their teens in their libraries to nominate too.

I will make sure to mention the link for the form on the YALSA blog, the Hub, as well as through YALSA’s social media outlets.

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

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We've just started but, so far, all members are responding promptly to emails and all who could meet at Midwinter (with exception of one member still meeting on another Award committee) did so.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I contacted the liaison to verify the correct eligibility time frame. The online Chair manual still listed the time frame for eligibility as a calendar year yet the policy online indicated a Nov. 1 – Oct. 31 publishing year. Beth Yoke verified for me that the 2015 committee would be considering the Nov. 1 – Oct. 31 publishing year. The Chair manual needs to be changed to reflect this date. Since the 2014 committee may have received books published in November and December 2013, I am concerned that our 2015 committee may not receive books from these months because publishers may not be aware that the eligibility time frame has changed for our committee and has already sent books published in late 2013 to the previous year’s committee. I did notify publishers again of the eligibility time frame change. But, I will send another reminder to them to let me know of specific books published between November - December 2013 that they want us to especially consider.

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

Yes

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Group: Popular Paperbacks For Young Adults

Chair's Name: Lisa Goldstein

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? Nominations closed at the end of November, at a total of 183 (Conflicted: 51, GLBTQ: 51, Humor Me:81). Members had six weeks to read and evaluate, then we used a series of straw polls to whittle down nominations into lists of no more than 25 titles. The committee managed to finalize all three lists in a one hour chat on ALA Connect, then met again via chat and conference call to determine the Top Ten and edit annotations. The complete list contains 74 titles. We continued to edit annotations using a Google Doc, and committee work was done before Midwinter even began. I wrote the press release and proofread the final list that weekend.

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? I have contacted publishers to notify them of this year's selected titles and to thank them for their support over the year, and will send letters to committee member's supervisors lauding their work. Jeanette Johnson has already begun her work as the 2015 Chair, establishing this year's themes and opening nominations. The 2015 themes are Narrative Non-Fiction, Book To Movie, Mystery, and Incarceration and I have sent Jeanette copies of documents from the past year to use as templates, and we are in touch as questions from her arise.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I am writing posts about the 2014 list for the Hub and the YALSA blog.

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

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

The group transitioned remarkably well to a virtual format, though it certainly required consistent participation from each member. Members' comments about titles on ALA Connect, and their participation in straw polls, were invaluable in creating the lists. Members joining virtual committees should be prepared for this level of participation.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Towards the end of the year, we discussed this question in the YALSA Board Report:

"Examine the purpose/core function of Quick Picks and Popular Paperbacks and make a recommendation as to whether or not these committees serve unique purposes, or are redundant.

- o Are these committees creating resources that fill different needs?
- o Has Popular Paperbacks strayed too far from its original purpose of providing timely themed lists? Would that committee do a better job of meeting members' needs if it had no limitations as to format, and produced a new list every three months or so, based on a topic that arose from member needs? The committee could conduct regular environmental scans via such resources as the yalsa-bk, listserv to find topics that libraries need resources for."

Here are a few responses from PPYA members:

"I'm not sure how far PPYA has "strayed" from its original purpose, but I do think scanning listservs and general conversations in the profession to decide on

topics is a good idea. However, these lists live on the YALSA website for a while. There needs to be a balance between "timely" and "generally useful." I think all three of our lists this year are relevant to the current moment, but also have some lasting value.

I do think that some of the restrictions could be lifted - less in format, more in the repetition of titles on lists. Some (or most) titles fit into multiple categories, and I don't think we should have to wait 5 years before a title becomes eligible again. I can see the need for a leaner, meaner PPYA. But...how would the committee produce a list every 3 months and get all the reading done?"

"Honestly, I thought the purpose of PPYA was to aid school librarians and teen services librarians in public libraries in their purchasing decisions. I feel like that's one of the factors our committee has kept in mind as we've discussed these titles. If that's what we're doing, then a) once a year lists jibe with school purchasing cycles and b) identifying paperbacks that will get a lot of circs gets librarians more bang for their buck."

"None of the other committees do themed lists like PPYA does, am I right? What I really think is that YALSA could do a better job of letting people know that they exist. When I've done purchasing I've made good use of them, but PLENTY of teen svcs librarians are totally unaware of the PPYA themed lists. And are quite excited to learn about them."

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

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Group: Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Jeanette Johnson

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?
The committee is working on four Themed lists: Book to Movie: Ripped From the Pages, Mysteries: Murder, Mayhem, and Other Adventures, Lock Up: Teens Behind Bars, and Narrative Non-Fiction: Inspired by Actual Events. As we enter the second year of being completely virtual, we decided to go back to the standard of four categories. It fits our committee well as there are fourteen of us. Each member is reading for two categories. Each category has a subcommittee chair, who is a returning member, who will lead their team in the virtual discussions.

We opened nominations on February 7, 2014. We currently have 21 nominations. We submitted an article for the YALSA e-news and the will do the same for the YALSA Hub blog to promote nominations. The nomination list will be sent monthly to be updated on the YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults website. Introductory e-mails are being sent to publisher contacts for book requests.

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We have set up discussion threads on ALA Connect to discuss titles virtually. We are also working together through Google Docs. The committee has been responsive and we are off to a great start.

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
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have set up a timeline for the first 6 months. Nominations will be open from February 9 to April 30. The committee is reading to nominate in February and March. In April, the subcommittee chairs will hold a chat on ALA Connect to discuss nominations and the scope of lists. May and June find the committee reading and discussing the nominations via ALA Connect. In Mid-June we will hold a straw poll to review a title's inclusion on the list. In late June we will have a discussion on the titles with mixed results. Conference calls did not work well for us last year so all of our discussions will be held on ALA Connect.

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 monthly YALSA Hub blog. The first month will be an invitation to nominate for our four new themes. The following four months will be a blog for each of the four themes.

One submission each month. A condensed version will go out on the YALSA e-news as well.

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.: Nicole McDonald withdrew from her appointment before she began. We did not receive a replacement. I notified Nicole O'Conner and Vicki Emery in late January and I have not had a response. I understand Nicole was out until recently and we hope to hear something soon. We are evenly numbered at the moment and it seems to be working out well for us.

Additional Concerns or Comments: My outgoing chair has been great! Lisa Goldstein has sent me, via Google Docs, all of her documents and papers I need to succeed. She also responds promptly to any request. She has been a huge asset to my settling in as PPYA chair for this year. I would be happy to work with her again in the future.

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

No

Maureen Hartman

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Group: Best Fiction for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Sarah Townsend

Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

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

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

The committee submitted a final nomination list of 175 titles on December 16th.

At Midwinter, the committee hosted the BFYA teen session with 50 area teens commenting on the nomination list during the 2.5 hour session.

The committee continued to use Twitter as a way of promoting conversation about the list, and the hashtag #bfya produced discussion and live tweeting throughout the weekend about the teen session and the committees work throughout Midwinter. The committee continued after the Teen Session to discuss all the 175 titles and did a final vote on Tuesday to narrow the list to 98 titles with a top ten list. The finalized annotations and list were submitted to YALSA and Booklist.

Following Midwinter, I tweeted all the authors who hadn't already heard about their inclusion on the final list and sent out official emails to all of the publishers who had authors included on the BFYA list. Following Midwinter I transferred all BFYA documents and filled next year's chair and admin on BFYA's procedures.

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.:

- Program
- Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Over the next three months the new committee will be moving forward with soliciting field submissions and nominating titles for the 2015 list.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? This will be up to the new committee chair, but we have discussed promoting the list more widely and marketing BFYA throughout the year.

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

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

Additional Concerns or Comments: The committee discussed things they would like to see improved upon for next year's list and the primary suggestion is to find ways to solicit teen feedback throughout the year. Perhaps teens could submit reviews online or offer feedback on the nomination list in other ways throughout the year. The committee was interested in hearing teen feedback that represented the diversity of teen readers across the U.S. as well as finding ways to allow

more teens to participate than just the 50 able to attend the Teen Sessions at the conferences. Teen appeal is one of the components that sets BFYA apart from other awards and booklists, and the committee would like to see the feedback that informs that component be more robust and diverse.

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

Yes

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Group: Continuing Education Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Karen Keys

Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To provide feedback to YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education on: 1) appropriate and timely topics for continuing education offerings and 2) identifying qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions. To assist the Program Officer for CE as requested with promoting CE opportunities and recognizing the contribution of facilitators, presenters, etc.

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

The committee focused on determining the desirability of creating a YALSA presence on LinkedIn that would provide interested individuals with a virtual place to find resources and discuss topics of interest relating to professional development and career advancement. A draft was submitted and then revised after feedback from the Executive Committee. The recommendation was discussed at the Midwinter Meeting. The CEAB is working on setting its priorities for the next four months.

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.:

- Collaboration
- Other (Please explain below)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The CEAB will identify qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions and support the Program Officer for CE as needed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? At this time there is no news, but members continue to promote YALSA's CE offerings, including the newly free webinars for members.

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

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We are a virtual group and all members contribute by email when asked for feedback.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time.

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

Yes

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Group: National Guidelines Committee
Chair's Name: Mary Arnold
Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee YALSA's portfolio of national guidelines, including performing such tasks as working with staff to disseminate and promote guidelines; regularly evaluate existing guidelines and make recommendations to YALSA's Board for updates or revisions and/or need to create supplementary materials or tools; assist staff with establishing and maintaining liaisons with appropriate decision makers and stakeholders inside and outside the library profession; What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? New members added to ALA Connect; identified youth faculty for ALA accredited SLIS, worked with staff to create and disseminate introductory letter detailing YALSA resources and inviting collaboration; submitted recommendations to board for updating/revising documents and papers on YALSA site, with suggested names of possible authors Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices

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

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

conference call between chair and board liaison to strategize task #3:

creation of committee handbook, timeline for evaluating YALSA resources.

Members will discuss possible supplementary tools or materials for the website Work with staff to disseminate and promote guidelines under Board direction As directed, maintain initial liaison with SLIS faculty What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? none planned Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: for a virtual committee, all members were fairly consistent in responding to online communication and following through on responsibilities Additional Concerns or Comments: minor point, but I wasn't able to copy and paste the committee charge from the YALSA website, did not see this group listed under "Participate"

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

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Group: Professional Values Taskforce
Chair's Name: Lalitha Nataraj
Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Investigate best practices in associations and professionalism, then identify core professionalism values of a librarian or library worker serving teens, and use it for a basis for creating guidelines for professionalism for librarians and library workers who work with and for teens. Submit a draft of the values to the Board by February 15, 2014.

Incorporate feedback received from the board and present a refined draft to the YALSA Board by Mar. 1, 2014. Make further edits based on board feedback, then

begin work on the guidelines, submitting an initial draft for board consideration by Aug.

1, 2014 and a

final draft by Dec. 22, 2014. Taskforce size: 5-7 virtual members. Term:

Sept. 1, 2013

through January 31, 2015.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? For the past three months, our taskforce has worked on identifying core professional values for library professionals working with teens. We have consulted YALSA's Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth: Young Adults Deserve the Best, The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: a Call to Action report, as well as various other professional association value statements in our attempts to articulate value statements.

We have met through Google Hangout 3x since December, and each meeting has been productive. We established a Google Doc (which has also been shared with Maureen) to collect and share ideas about professional values. Additionally, we agreed upon a format adopted by APTA (American Physical Therapy Association) that lists values and guidelines pertaining to each value--unless the Board disagrees, it's likely our final draft will be submitted in this format (2 columns with Values on the left/Guidelines on the right).

I am copy/pasting our values into this box - if this does not come through, I am happy to send the information in an alternate manner.

Value: ADVOCACY

- a.Communication skills: presenting, public speaking, writing
- b.Advocating for teens
- c.Self-advocacy
- d.Proactivity
- e.Teen ally

Value: INTEGRITY

- a.Demonstration of sound decision-making in stressful situations
- b.Puts patrons/library above personal gain
- c.Boundaries: not being teens' best friends, but something more professional (mentor? trusted adult?)
- d.Confidentiality

Value: PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & GROWTH

- a.Pursues professional development opportunities regularly
- b.Keeps abreast of teen culture, media, and literature
- c.Contributes to/supports growth of other librarians and library workers -- part of professional community. Shares ideas/information.

Value: ADAPTABILITY

- a.Changing with with times
- b.New services/growth of services
- c.Reaching new teens
- d.Proactive
- e.Flexibility

Value: CREATIVITY & INNOVATION

- a. Creativity is thinking up new things
- b. Innovation is doing new things
- c. Pushing boundaries of what library is/does for teens

Value: COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK

- a. With other departments within library/school/system to create a whole-organization/institution approach to serving teens
- b. School/public library partnerships
- c. Partnerships with other youth-serving organizations
- d. Leverage talents, expertise, resources available in community

Value: TEEN INVOLVEMENT/DEVELOPMENT/EMPOWERMENT

- a. Include teens in library decision-making (designing spaces, Friends Group)
- b. Volunteer opportunities for teens
- c. Invite teens in as teachers for younger children (e.g., tutoring, reading aloud) or even older adults (tech training) -- when applicable, recognize them as "experts" and celebrate their existing knowledge and talents
- d. Create opportunities for teens to develop skills and leadership abilities

Value: EDUCATION

- a. Connected learning
- b. Multiple literacies (traditional literacies, critical literacies, digital literacies, etc.)
- c. Equipping teens with life skills
- d. Taking personal interests further ("nerd out"/interest-based learning)

Value: CULTURAL COMPETENCY

- a. "Libraries that serve teens affirm teens' constantly shifting hybrid multicultural identities by adopting inclusive policies, practices, attitudes, and dispositions." (report, p. 20)
- b. Ability to understand community
- c. Diversity of viewpoints
- d. Welcoming & valuing teens from all socioeconomic backgrounds
- e. Inclusive services reflect diversity of community

Value: UNDERSTANDING OF TEENS [need a different label for this?]

- a. Understanding developmental stages
- b. Compassion
- c. Respect for teens as people
- d. Ability to relate to teens and establish rapport with them

Value: SOCIAL JUSTICE

- a. "Librarians and library staff model the change that society wants to see..." (report, p. 20)
- b. Looking for ways to use education/library's mission to fight poverty, injustice, ignorance
- c. Engaging teens in discussion and exploration of social justice issues in their community/world/lives

Value: INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

- a. Teens have unique IF needs based on their developmental stage: breaking away from parents' values and traditions to establish own sense of self -- need unfettered access to information
- b. Educates and informs colleagues and administrators in importance of teen IF
- c. Provide access to variety of viewpoints

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

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

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

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Once YALSA returns our 1st draft, we will incorporate feedback, and begin crafting specific guidelines that align with each articulated value. Ideally, we would like to submit something by ALA Annual - Las Vegas.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? At this time, we have not discussed sharing information with YALSA publications, but we're definitely open to ideas. 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.: Each person in the taskforce is a vital contributor and participation is excellent. Perhaps the only issue has been finding a good time to meet, given all of the different time zones. However, we've found that the 7am PST/10am EST slot works well for us. As the lone West Coaster, I'm...getting used to it. ;) Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Pamela Spencer Holley

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Group: AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional CCSS Task Force

Chair's Name: Kathryn Lewis

Board Liaison: Pam Holley

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

- Consider how school and public libraries can work together to address the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).
- Develop strategies to support members with CCSS implementation, specifically regarding the role of the public librarian or library worker.
- Develop a canned presentation on the basics of CCSS that can be used by

members and presented at public library conference/meetings to help public librarians and library workers understand and use the language of CCSS and develop programs and services that address common core issues;

- Create a tool kit for a workshop for parents on the CCSS and how they can help their children and teens;
- Conduct a joint webinar highlighting best practices around library support of the CCSS;
- Collaborate with the AASL Common Core Implementation Assistance Task Force in identifying appropriate resources and activities for librarians and library workers.
- Taskforce size: 6 virtual members (2 from each division), including the chair. Term: April 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We met at Midwinter and virtually to finalize our toolkit pages. We hope to release those in March. We also are working on a webinar that we would like to hold in April or May.

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? To post the ToolKIT on the ALA website and to have a webinar.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Information about toolkit and webinar.

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 will need help in the next month form all 3 sections in order to properly brand our the toolkit and webinar.

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

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Group: Financial Advancement Committee

Chair's Name: Renee McGrath

Board Liaison: Pamela Spencer Holley

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including fundraising efforts and donor recognition. Work with the Board to create and implement regular fundraising campaigns based on fiscal priorities identified by the Board. Implement fundraising opportunities approved by the YALSA Board.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We worked with Beth to develop a strategy and goal for Giving Tuesday (Dec 3, 2013). Staff developed the Thunderclap and 260 people signed up to have a specific tweet on their account on Giving Tuesday. My committee and many others on the Board worked all day to keep the tweets and posts of facebook active so

that the word continually got out to our followers. We exceeded our goal of \$2,000 and we are now able to send three library workers (instead of two) to Washington, DC to participate in National Legislative Day on May 5-6, 2014. The committee would like to thank the staff of YALSA and each and everyone of you who helped by donating and retweeting and posting our messages. It was great fun and I am looking forward to helping out for the next Giving Tuesday.

We also sold the new YALSA pins at midwinter in Philadelphia. Thanks again to all of the board members that helped out. Franklin Escobedo was also helpful in selling the pins. We raised \$380, which translates into 76 pins sold.

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
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will work on fundraising activities for annual 2014 in Las Vegas. We'll work with our board liaison, Pam Holley and our staff liaison, Beth Yoke.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Once we have decided on an activity/plan for Las Vegas, we will get the word out through the weekly newsletter and other publications such as the blog.

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

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I had one of our members go MIA during the Giving Tuesday campaign. I wrote to her and she responded that she would like to stay on the committee and would be able to participate.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

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Group: 2014 Midwinter Marketing and Local Arrangements Taskforce

Chair's Name: Samantha Marker

Board Liaison: Pam Spencer Holley

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Teen panelists for the BFYA session were selected and notified.

Three blog posts completed for the YALSA blog Taskforce members assisted at the Midwinter meeting by:

Helping with teen panel pizza party
Planning/hosting the YALSA happy hour
Volunteering during Morris and Nonfiction Awards and the book signing following the event
Volunteering at the YALSA booth in the exhibit hall
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? This is the final report for this group. I have requested the name of the incoming local arrangements chair for Midwinter 2015 so I can pass on information.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? This is the final report for this group.
Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A
Additional Concerns or Comments: I was very pleased with the work the members of my taskforce accomplished, especially that several volunteered extra time beyond our events to man the YALSA booth.

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

Yes

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Group: Odyssey 2015

Chair's Name: Dawn Rutherford

Board Liaison: Pam Spencer Holley

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group has made introductions, reviewed our purpose, talked about strategizing listening time, established google docs and a system of title distribution and nomination, set our meeting times for Annual, verified mailing addresses, and I've contacted publishers with the mailing list and submission information. Now we are eagerly awaiting publisher submission and in the meanwhile are reviewing last year's winners and researching titles released since November 1, 2013 worth considering.

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

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

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: This is an awards committee, so we have mostly just been establishing process and community as we prepare to embark on months of listening and evaluations.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Currently I am sharing strategies and evaluation techniques with the committee, and encouraging them to

explore early 2014 titles. We expect publisher submissions to begin any time now, and are ready to jump in and listen!

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None, because we are an awards committee.

Though maybe I will publicize our public suggestion form.

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.: So far, so good!

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

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Group: Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers

Chair's Name: Jennifer Fairchild

Board Liaison: Pam Holley

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

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

The 2015 committee has started off very well. Contact information for the members has been updated, publishers have been contacted, and introductory emails from the myself to the committee members and vice versa have been sent out. Committee nominations have already been submitted and boxes of books from publishers have been received from some of the members. There is a great deal of enthusiasm.

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.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The focus for the next three months is to read and nominate as many titles as we can muster and we are already off to a great start. In addition, committee members will keep me apprised of questions they may have or issues they run into and collect teen feedback on the nominated titles. Our Administrative Assistant and myself will also focus on keeping the list of nominations up-to-date for the committee members and for our records and insuring there is a smooth flow of communication for the group.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Each month I will pass on an updated list of nominated titles to the YALSA staff to be posted on the website.

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

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Group: Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers Chair's Name: Derek

Ivie/Jennifer Fairchild Board Liaison: Pam Holley

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

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

We met at ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia and made our list! We took

204 nominations and narrowed it down to a list of 77 titles and 3 series. I am incredibly proud of our work.

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.: Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The group has gone on to begin another list for 2015 with chair Jennifer Fairchild.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We've shared our final list, Top 10 and press release.

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:

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

Yes

Carrie Kausch

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Group: Annual Conference Marketing and Local Arrangements Committee

Chair's Name: Jennifer Jost

Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA's presence at the ALA Annual Conference.

To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA programs and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Annual Conference.

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

- Committee members continued working on updating and populating the wiki
- Two Blog posts- Vegas Buffets & Vegas Nightlife
- Committee chair attended Midwinter and spoke with Local Arrangements

Chair and Youth Participation Coordinator for that conference, observed BFYA Teen Participation Session

- Youth Participation Coordinator (Natalia) created/updated application for BFYA Teen Participation Session recruitment and began reaching out to local libraries and schools

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?

- All committee members will continue working on populating the Las Vegas
- Information section of the YALSA wiki.
- All committee members will submit regular posts for the YALSA blog (at least one per month) and YALSA E-News as outlined in the committee's calendar.
- Natalia will send invitations to apply for the BFYA Youth Participation session to area library associations and schools (NV, CA, AZ, UT.) The deadline for applications will be April 11 and notification will be made April 21.
- A site for the YALSA Happy Hour will be determined.

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

Messages related to Annual-

Blog Posts

- Key events/programs
- Networking opportunities
- The new downtown Las Vegas
- Working the exhibit floor
- Taking what you learn home
- Vegas Luck
- Preparing/travel tips
- Other Vegas info TBD (celebrity chefs/restaurants? Retro Vegas?)

E-News

- Free pre-conference
- Edwards Brunch (new time and price)
- New time for Printz Award ceremony
- Early bird registration ends March 3
- BFYA teen feedback session recruitment

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: Graphic Novels

Chair's Name: Tessa Barber (outgoing)

Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare an annotated list of significant titles in a graphic novel format that appeal to a young adult audience.

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

We finalized our nominations, finished doing our reading and evaluating - I created a mailing tree to ensure all committee members did not come to the Midwinter meeting without having read titles, and procured digital titles from publishers/called to remind them that they said they would send copies to get hard to find titles to the committee members. We completed a straw poll of the final nominations. We met at Midwinter and discussed all 122 nominations and voted on each, then created a Top Ten list and went over title annotations. Notifications were sent to all publisher contacts whose books were on the list/top ten. I attended the Leadership meeting and reported the contents to the incoming chair when we met for lunch to talk about the chair transition. I formatted the list in three different ways for YALSA, Booklist, and the YALSA app. I adapted the press release for this year's list.

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.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The incoming chair (Marcus Lowry) will prep his new committee for the next year's list and set up the infrastructure to deal with incoming nominations. He will keep track of nominations, notify publishers, and promote the list.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Marcus Lowry will be in charge of this.

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

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The committee performed very well in the past 3 months.

I'm very proud of our work.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Reactions from the publishers were very satisfying:

" we're thrilled the committee has recognized STROBE EDGE, SUNNY and TIGER & BUNNY! We'll pass on the wonderful news to the teams and the creators! Many thanks you, YALSA, and ALA for your support of manga medium, and we look forward to working with Marcus in the coming year! " - Jane Lui from VIZ

YALSA Board of Directors – March 2014

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

"Thanks so much Tessa, this is awesome news. And thanks to you and your committee for all your hard work. These lists are not just important to your YALSA members but also to the publishers and creators of these books. I am very excited to share this news with Fanny and Isabelle." - Fred Horler from Greenwood Books

"Holy sh_t! That is amazing, Tessa." - Michael Martens, Dark Horse. And, more formally:

"Thanks, again, for your selecting six of our books for the YALSA GGNFT list and letting us know about it. Dark Horse has always felt the libraries were a very important market and acknowledged that librarians were incredible advocates for our medium."

"What wonderful news to receive! I will be delighted to share it with the rest of the Candlewick team. A huge, heartfelt thank you to you and the rest of the committee for all of your hard work and dedication!" - Andie Krawczyk, Candlewick

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

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Group: YALSA Legislation

Chair's Name: Jennifer Korn

Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

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

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

We are nearly done updating the Tweet Your Representative Google map.

The committee chair represented YALSA at the ALA Legislation Assembly meeting and the Committee on Legislation's Federal Depository Library Program discussion at ALA Midwinter.

We planned and the chair led the Joint Youth Legislation Meeting at Midwinter.

Promoted solicited applications for the NLLD2014 Stipend, received four submissions.

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?

Complete updates for the Tweet Your Representative Map.

Update the NLLD wiki for NLLD2014.

YALSA Board of Directors – March 2014

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Select three candidates to attend National Library Legislative Day.
Publicize YALSA's NLLD activities on YALSA's Blog and through social media.
Begin strategizing District Days efforts, including identifying and organizing resources, planning a social media campaign, and sharing useful information with members.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?
Publicize NLLD award recipient information on YALSA's Blog. Ask recipients to share a summary of their NLLD experience on the blog.
Promote NLLD resources on YALSA's Blog and through listservs and social media outlets to encourage members to get involved in face-to-face and virtual advocacy efforts.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes

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Group: MAE Award for Best Literature Program for Teens Jury Chair's Name: Laurie Amster-Burton Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?
The five jury members reviewed 22 applications (a significant increase from last year) and submitted our evaluations of each application to YALSA. The winning applicant was recently notified by YALSA.

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.: Outreach
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I am not aware of any specific tasks the jury needs to complete in the next three months; I understand an official press release will come from YALSA. I am happy to participate in any publication or promotion around the announcement of the winner if requested.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I understand Jaclyn Finneke will release an official announcement of the MAE Award winner.

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

Joy Kim

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Group: Great Books Giveaway Award Jury

Chair's Name: Victoria Russo

Board Liaison: Joy Kim

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We did a final advertising push right before the award deadline and received sixteen applications. We scored them all to select the winners who were notified by the YALSA office.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will publicize the winners and document our work for next year's jury members.

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

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

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

Additional Concerns or Comments: All group members communicated well virtually and made sure to submit scores by the deadline. It is a good group to work with.

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

Yes

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Group: Hub Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Allison Tran

Board Liaison: Joy Kim

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

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

* Promoted awareness of the finalists for both the Morris Award and the Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Award with the 2013 Morris/Nonfiction Reading Challenge. Content included weekly check-in posts from Hub Advisory Board members, as well as interviews with Morris/Nonfiction finalist authors, book

reviews, and readalike lists generated in collaboration with the Nonfiction Award committee.

* Successfully coordinated and launched The 2014 Hub Reading Challenge. As with the Morris/Nonfiction challenge, Hub Advisory Board members will contribute weekly check-in posts to engage participants.

* Submitted plan to the YALSA Board regarding the integration of nonprint YA reading/listening/viewing materials into the Hub, including films. Implemented this plan with increased coverage of nonprint media on The Hub with posts such as reviews of recent book-to-movie adaptations (The Book Thief, Catching Fire, Frozen), and posts pairing up popular TV characters with YA lit recommendations.

* Reached out to the Fabulous Films for Young Adults committee to invite them to bring their nonprint media expertise to The Hub as bloggers.

* Continued our effort to increase our coverage of diversity in YA lit with posts about Black History Month, LGBTQ parents in YA novels, Vietnamese diaspora in YA lit in honor of Lunar New Year, International Day of Persons with Disabilities, as well as a recurring series in which a Hub blogger interviews a librarian in another country about what their teens are reading.

* Continued our coverage of selected lists and awards.

* Broke this year's record for average pageviews per month: The Hub received 39,127 pageviews during the month of December.

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?

* Promote and engage participants in The 2014 Hub Reading Challenge, which runs through June 22.

* Hub Advisory Board member Carli Spina and I will collaborate to launch a second Hub photo challenge that ties into the Hub Reading Challenge.

* Post interviews with YALSA's 2014 award committee candidates to promote and raise awareness of the upcoming YALSA election.

* Collaborate with the newly appointed YALSAblog manager to find ways to amplify our reach and improve our content by cross-posting, linking, and complementing one another's posts.

* Continue to recruit new Hub bloggers, including teen bloggers.

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 promote the Hub Reading Challenge in the YALSA e-news and on YALSA's listservs.

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

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The Hub Advisory Board continues to work well together; members have been responsive via email and we will schedule another real-time chat meeting during the next three months.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The Hub Advisory Board members are a pleasure to work with; whether taking on formalized tasks or providing a sounding board to brainstorm new ideas, the group is functioning in a very positive way.

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

Yes

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Group: Makerspace Resources Task Force

Chair's Name: Erica Compton

Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The function statement of the Member Group is: The taskforce will create a variety of resources to help members learn about the maker movement and how libraries can be a part of it in order to increase their value in their community.

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

The taskforce has been focused on finalizing the Making in the Library Toolkit over the past 3 months. The draft of the toolkit was submitted to YALSA on February 14th for review.

Taskforce members have also signed up to blog on a regular basis.

We are maintaining the maker page on YALSA's public wiki on an ongoing basis and encouraging members to contribute to the content there as well.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development

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

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

We will work on final edits to the toolkit based on feedback and submit final draft for release with Teen Tech Week.

We will also begin working on the contest that is to be released for Summer 2014.

Additionally we will continue to submit blogs and maintain the wiki.

A final task that we are committed to accomplishing is compiling a set of helpful videos tied to making, makerspaces, and programming that we can share through YALSA's YouTube channel.

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

Call to action: submit videos to TF for inclusion in YALSAs YouTube channel and continue to add content to wiki site.

Perhaps a blog tied to the release of the toolkit for TTW.

A teaser for the summer contest.

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

Overall we have struggled a bit these past 3 months. Participation has been spotty for a couple of members. Amy and Steve have gone above and beyond in their contributions and made every one of our hangouts.

Jaina has contributed great content, but has not been able to participate in many of our google hangouts.

One member has been the most challenging to work with so far. I talked with her directly a month or so ago and she re-committed to the taskforce, however she failed to make any of the subsequent hangouts, nor was she able to contribute any content. I tried to chunk out sections for her to focus on tied to school makerspaces to make it more manageable.

I will continue to work with her to see if she is able to continue. I know she very much wants to participate, but I am not sure how realistic it is given the situation she is facing. I am open to suggestions or feedback.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

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Group: State Conference Road Trip Taskforce

Chair's Name: Elizabeth Hanisian and Ritchie Momon

Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: With assistance from YALSA's Program Coordinator for Membership, implement an on-going Road Trip effort to state or regional public and school library association conferences by 1) Updating and streamlining existing Road Trip materials to create an improved toolkit with suggestions, guidelines, and strategies for local members to use and implement at a Road Trip event; 2) Identifying up to ten state or regional library conferences for YALSA to target each year, with the first five occurring in the Fall of 2013, and submit to the Board for approval; 3) Identifying, recruiting, and training local YALSA members to staff a YALSA booth, present a YALSA program, and/or host a social event; 4) Communicating with state association leaders to ensure Road Trip efforts are mutually beneficial; 5) Promoting the Road Trip via various YALSA channels such as the e-news, listservs, and blog; 6) Creating and implement a plan for evaluating the impact of the program; 7) Providing a progress report to the YALSA Board as requested as well as a final report in June 2014 with recommendations for whether or not to continue the Road Trip effort.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Elizabeth and I have continued to communicate on a weekly base via telephone, and e-mail to help us stay on the same page and make sure we are actually accomplishing the tasks we are set out to do.

We have created, and will submit for approval a list of 11 possible locations to have a greater YALSA presents at conferences/workshops for 2014, 1. Virginia 2.

Texas 3. Oklahoma 4. Oregon 5. Missouri 6. Kansas 7. Ohio 8. New Mexico 9. New York 10. Florida 11. North Carolina

We have created a list of all state conferences for 2014/2015; including dates and locations (this list will be helpful for the next State Conferences Road Trip Taskforce).

We have divided up the work for recreating the Road Trip Toolkit between few members with the new focus being on state conferences rather than library schools.

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.:

- Program
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

Complete the revisions for the Road Trip Toolkit Update the check-lists and follow-up evaluation tools.

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.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

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Group: Strategic Planning Committee

Chair's Name: Joy Kim

Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with the YALSA Board throughout the strategic planning process and in between planning cycles, including but not limited to: connecting with members to ensure an inclusive planning process, monitoring the implementation strategy for the current strategic plan, communicating the goals of the plan to the general membership and to official member groups, gathering information for the board to use to measure progress during implementation and encouraging members and member groups to take an active role in helping YALSA achieve its goals.

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

- Submitted proposal to YALSA Board regarding the future of the committee.

The proposal recommended changes to YALSA's bylaws which, if approved by the membership, would sunset Strategic Planning as a standing committee effective 6/30/14. The board moved to direct the Executive Director to put this proposed bylaws change on the spring election ballot.

- Wrote post regarding the Strategic Planning proposal for the YALSA blog which was published 2/10/14.
- No other work was accomplished during this quarter, as we were directed to pause in our activities while the Board worked out its new standing committee structure.

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.:

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Shannon has asked us to conduct a pilot of the information gathering process that we developed in the fall. The goals of the pilot are to gather data for the Board standing committees and to produce a report in time for Spring Exec with ideas and procedural recommendations that might facilitate the new framework (of Board standing committees taking the place of the standing Strategic Planning Committee). 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: One of our members recently submitted their resignation, so we currently have a vacancy on the committee.

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

Yes

Jennifer Korn

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Group: Midwinter Paper Presentation

Chair's Name: Sandra Hughes Hassell

Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We officially started our work Feb. 1. I sent out a welcome email with and explanation of our charge to the members in mid-January. The members introduced themselves to each other via email between Jan 15-Feb 1.. Letitia has set up a space for us in ALA Connect. All of our work is now being conducted there to ensure transparency and to leave a record for next year's committee. Our board liaison is part of the community so will be able to keep up to date on the committee's work.

Jackie has updated the application to include the current chair's name.

A question we have for the board: In the past the call has focused on research that supports YALSA's research agenda. Does the board want to continue with just that focus? Or expand the focus to include research that supports the new Futures of YA Services report - specifically the paradigm shift? Once we know this, we will work with Jackie to update the call for papers.

Committee members are brainstorming places to send the call for papers, with an emphasis on reaching beyond the library community ("the usual suspects").

I have shared the evaluation document used by last year's committee with members and asked them to provide feedback.

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:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We plan to update the call for papers and distribute it as widely as possible.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We want the call for papers to be shared via YALSA publications, social media outlets, etc.

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

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Group: Research

Chair's Name: Rebecca Morris

Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We completed collection of the resources for the environmental scan task, and began a final assessment of the collection to answer the YALSA Board's assigned task of whether to conduct a new (updated) Harris Poll or similar study.

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

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We need to finish the report of this process and deliver it to the Board. We also need to determine in what way(s) we can share the research collection part of this task with YALSA

members. Our next task (once this is completed) is to work on some YALSA Blog entries related to sharing recent YA research in libraries with members. What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? As we noted above, we will write several blog entries for a "research update" to the blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Participation across our group was a challenge this three-month cycle. I had difficulty scheduling conference/video calls with members, either because of busy schedules or not replying to requests for common meeting times. My alternate approach for sharing ideas and work via email discussion and Google Docs was not very productive either, with limited participation. I had hoped to get this environmental scan report finished by Midwinter, but it was just hard to get the "hands" we needed to finish the task. I have recently sent the members a request to help finish the conversation and report, and I did receive one reply this week. I'm hoping that we can wrap this up soon and move to the next task. Additional Concerns or Comments: Thank you, Jennifer Korn and YALSA Staff for helping us to cancel the YALSA Research Forum during Midwinter due to my family emergency. I had been looking forward to the forum, and I apologize for this inconvenience.

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

Yes

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Group: Research Journal Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Carol Tilley

Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As assigned by the editor, members have completed peer reviews of submissions.

Several members of the Board met with the journal editor Denise Agosto in Philadelphia in January.

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?

We will continue reviewing submissions as they are received.

We will continue identifying potential contributors to the journal.

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

No

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Group: Teen Read Week Evaluation Task Force

Chair's Name: Natalie Couch

Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee finalized the first draft report of our findings and sent the report, which addressed all four of the TRW goals and whether or not they were successful, to YALSA in late December.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
 - Research and Best Practices
 - Capacity Building and Organizational Development
- 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? The committee may still need to revise the draft response about TRW 2013's effectiveness and success.

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

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

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

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

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Group: Morris 2014

Chair's Name: Dorcas Wong

Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? After conducting a straw poll the evening of 11/30/13, when the field nominations closed, the committee had a virtual meeting on ALA Connect to select the shortlist and write up annotations. After the shortlist was announced on 12/4/13 members went to twitter and listservs to promote the list as well as congratulate the finalists. During the time between the announcement and our last meeting before Midwinter, we monitored online activity and what was being said about the choices. While we had a break, I passed on the files and spreadsheets for Morris committee work to the incoming chair to help her get started.

At our 1/12/14 meeting, we discussed the shortlist titles and had another straw poll to narrow down our top selections before our meeting at Midwinter.

At Midwinter, I attended the required Chair meetings, including Onsite Award Chair and Leadership Development. On 1/26/14, I turned in the Press Release after the 1/25/14 Morris meeting deliberations. On 1/27/14, the committee attended the Youth Media Awards and presented the award at the Morris and Nonfiction Reception.

After I returned from Midwinter, I completed the Unofficial Morris handbook to share with the new Morris chair, Robin Kurz.

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? The new chair will be handling the workplan. They plan on meeting sometime this month. I will make myself available to Robin if she has any questions regarding decisions, etc. during the year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Robin will be working on this.

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.: There was a question about selling the gift copies publishers sent to us after the committee work was done. I advised that they be donated or used in teen programming, otherwise they should be reported in taxes and there are ethical issues. I believe there is already a written statement about what to do with review copies, however, it may help to go over this with first time selection/award committee members at the beginning to make it clear.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The incoming chair and I met up at Midwinter where we discussed the transition, any questions that had arisen, and YALSA and committee work in general. We both found this time valuable and Robin mentioned that she would continue the tradition for the next chair.

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

Yes

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Group: Summer Reading Taskforce

Committee Chair's Name: Shelley Mastalerz

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? Since January the group has been working on vetting the two Summer Reading Grants. The group did a wonderful job completing all the vetting before deadline, and asked lots of great questions in regards to how to review grant applications. We have reviewed the Summer Reading Wiki, and I have suggested getting group members to sign up on the Ning.

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.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The next three months, I will be asking members to post on the Ning, as well as update the Wiki. Also, we will need to gather together ideas for a Tweet-Up. I will also seek out more information about how to go about setting up a Tweet-Up.

YALSA Board of Directors – March 2014

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The Taskforce worked hard in announcing the grant winners.

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: TTW Evaluation Task Force

Chair's Name: Denise Agosto

Board Liaison: Candice Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Analyze existing survey and other data as well as work with staff, the Board, current and past Teen Tech Week Committees, and other YALSA groups as appropriate in order to evaluate the overall impact of Teen Tech Week in order to determine 1) whether or not it succeeds in fulfilling its stated goals, 2) the degree to which it meets member needs, 3) to what extent the program benefits the organization, and 4) what opportunities, if any, exist to improve the program. Taskforce size: 5-7 virtual members, including at least one current or past Teen Tech Week Committee member and at least one current Board member. Term: March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The task force designed a new evaluation survey for 2013. We have gathered the responses and are analyzing them with an eye toward evaluation recommendations and in comparison to the two previous surveys, conducted in 2007 and 2008. We plan to submit a report based on the survey analyses in the spring of 2014. We have also discussed with Linda Braun plans for publishing a version of the report in YALS. We have a draft of the article in progress for March submission.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices

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

- Publication
- Other (Please explain below)

other: survey described above

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Complete article explanation our evaluation work.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? see above -- YALS article in progress 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

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Group: YA Literature Symposium Marketing & Planning Taskforce

Chair's Name: Valerie Davis

Board Liaison: Candace Mack

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist YALSA staff with the planning, marketing and implementation of YALSA's Young Adult Literature Symposium, including the creation and maintenance of an online social networking site (via Ning) that will be the primary marketing tool for the event, vetting symposium papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications and more. Members will regularly add content to the social networking site in order to build excitement for and share information about the event. Members will work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to create and assist with the implementation of a marketing plan. Members work with presenters leading up to the symposium to ensure high quality programs.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past three months the committee promoted submissions for the symposium then when submissions were closed we began vetting programs. The committee looked at past symposiums and tried to create a list that would serve those that attend the conference the best. YALSA finalized the program and we sent out letters to those who were being asked to give presentations or present papers. Everyone had confirmed before Midwinter, allowing Beth Yoke to put out a preliminary schedule. Immediately following midwinter I sent letters to those that did not have their presentations accepted. Letters were also sent to those that had submitted paper presentations that weren't accepted to be part of a poster session. The committee has been keeping up on adding local information to the ning for the 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.:

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In the next three months committee members are going to be working on an article for YALS and submissions for blog posts. We will continue to keep up the ning page. As well as any other tasks that are given to us.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Members are working on ideas for promoting the variety of programs that will be available at the symposium.

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, the committee is hardworking and willing to share ideas.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Jack Martin

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Group: YALSABlog Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Sarah Flowers

Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: 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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? I was uncertain whether the former member manager would submit a report, but this is my report as Interim Blog Manager. Since there is currently no advisory board, I have nothing to report on the work of the committee!

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Assist the president with finding new members for the advisory board. Keep the blog going until a new member manager can be hired.

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.: 5: Not Accomplished

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: Greenwood Outstanding Achievement Award Jury

Chair's Name: Michael Cart

Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Communications Manager to promote the award and encourage nominations; identify a list of highly eligible nominations (based on award eligibility criteria) and personally invite them to self-nominate; use established criteria to select one winner for YALSA's Greenwood Publishing Group's Service to Young Adults Achievement Award between December 2013 and the end of January 2014.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The publicity for the Award (see last report for specifics) resulted in the receipt of nine nominations. All of the nominees were exceedingly well qualified; however, Pam Spencer Holley -- the only candidate to receive multiple nominations -- was deemed by the Jury to be most deserving of this prestigious award. Our decision, reached after a phone conference, was unanimous. The chair had the pleasure of notifying Ms. Holley of her selection..

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

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

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our work was completed with selection of the Award recipient.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The Communications Manager prepared a press release following the announcement of the recipient at ALA Midwinter.

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

Renee McGrath

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Group: Alex Awards

Chair's Name: Danielle Dreger-Babbitt

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. Committee size: 9 plus one consultant from Booklist and one administrative assistant if requested.

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 2014 winners and 22 books for the vetted list.

- Total Books Requested: 302
- Total Books Reviewed: 379 (including field nominations and unsolicited titles)
- Total Eligible Nominations: 320 (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
other: Youth Media Awards

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I am working with incoming chair Paige Battle to facilitate a smooth transition to the 2015 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.: We did not have full readership of many titles at Midwinter, due to a last-minute influx of nominations (5 in the last week of December, and 20 throughout December). Despite my best efforts to keep everyone accountable for their reading and requests, several members did not keep up with their work and other committee members had to step in at the last minute to look at their requests. Because of this, many titles were glossed over and could have used a second reader as they might have been a contender for the Award, but we ran out of time. At the Leadership Development Meeting at ALA Midwinter, I spoke at length with Paige (incoming chair) regarding the issue, and we brainstormed ideas to avoid this issue on future committees and maybe limiting the number of outstanding requests a member has at one time.

Additional Concerns or Comments: We heard from several publishers about wanting stickers for the Alex Awards on their books. We've never had stickers in the past, but perhaps it is something worth considering.

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

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Group: Books for Teens Jury

Chair's Name: Nicole Scherer

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? Members have been in contact with each other and plan to start aggressively promoting the Books for Teens project in the coming weeks, via social media and through state listservs and other methods. I have been in touch with outgoing chair Amanda Murphy.

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? To continue to promote Books for Teens in order to raise funds and develop a schedule and plan to inform YALSA members and non-members about the project. We hope to begin receiving applications soon.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We hope to increase general awareness of the project and will continue to work towards that goal.

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: Outgoing chair Amanda Murphy suggested that the rolling nature of the application process might hinder some members from applying - the concern is that there were a few strong applications for projects that had already occurred when the applications were finally reviewed. I am not sure how this could be addressed, other than setting a fixed deadline (or deadlines through the year.) This is something that could be discussed amongst the Books for Teens committee at large, but I think it is something that should be considered.

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

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Group: Publications Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Sarah Flowers

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 attended a meeting of the ALA Publications Advisory Committee at Midwinter, along with Jackie Finneke. We brought up the issue of lack of communication between ALA Publications and the divisions regarding upcoming publications. The conclusion was that ALA Publications staff and the division staff responsible for publications would meet quarterly and would keep one another up to date on current or proposed projects.

In addition, I met with Jackie to discuss YALSA's current and proposed publications.

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.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to monitor journals and other publications for possible authors for YALSA publications. 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?

No

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Group: Student Member Engagement Task Force

Chair's Name: Mary Anne Nichols

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Work with YALSA staff to:

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group completed an inventory of YALSA's online presence in relation to the needs of student members. We analyzed different communication channels that YALSA uses including: YALSA's website, social networking outlets, wiki, virtual programming done by YALSA, YALSA Listservs (including YALSA student listserv), YALSA on ALA Connect, YALSA blog, YALSA The Hub, publications (YALS online, weekly e-Newsletter, Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults), and podcasts. We looked at these sites for content that would be valuable to student members (both current and prospective) as well as how easy it is to access information, and opportunities using this information or communication channel. We have a chat scheduled for February 23 to synthesize this information and discuss the good, the bad, the opportunities, and the barriers.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: group work

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will move on to inventory ALA's online presence in somewhat of the same manner that we have done. After inventories and recommendations are complete regarding the information from YALSA and ALA we will then move on to the next objective – To identify what LIS students learn in library school and where the gaps are that YALSA might address 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.: We have a couple of members who have been a little slower to respond. It seems hard to engage members when the task force is virtual. Often no response is given when emails are sent out. I have gently reminded some. One member asked if she should resign, but I left it up to her to decide if she had the time and told her that her input is valuable. She has since responded. Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
No

Krista McKenzie

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Group: Division and Membership Promotion Committee

Chair's Name: Krista McKenzie

Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with staff to develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA; to promote the association to colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Strategic Plan; to promote and maintain good relations with existing members through activities such as the member booth at conferences; recognition of member anniversaries and outreach to lapsed members.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the last three months, we planned and executed YALSA 201. We had over 30 people in attendance. Sarah Flowers and Priscille Dando helped to facilitate the session. After the session, we followed up with all who attended by thanking them for coming and giving them links to the volunteer applications, committee chair list, committee descriptions, and links to the listservs and mentor program. We are in the process of emailing Library school students and public school librarians an email discussing the new listservs and YALSA benefits. We are also working with the Road Trips Committee members (Who are also on DMP) to add possible speakers to the list for YALSA Presentations in each state. We promoted and reached out to other committees and members to help staff the TTW Booth at Mid-winter, and we continue to send cards to members celebrating anniversaries. 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
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In the next three months, we are looking at ideas for more virtual ideas for YALSA since many members of DMP and YALSA are not able to attend conference. We are also in the planning stages for YALSA 101. We will continue to send emails and other resources to potential members about YALSA. And, I have submitted a proposal for a poster session at the MD/DE State Conference to feature and discuss the new "Future of Libraries" report.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will be featuring information about YALSA 101, speakers for state conventions, the listservs, and the "Future" report.

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

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everyone is replying in a timely manner.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

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Group: 2015 Printz Committee

Chair's Name: Diane Colson

Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books. Committee size: 9, four to be elected, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested. Term: 18 months, commencing February 1st and ending the following year on June 30th.

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

We have started reading and posting our reviews/comments in our ALA Connect space. So far we have reported on 26 books. We've also been working out the logistics of keeping track of titles received, read and nominated.

The group had a question about maintaining their contacts with Netgalley and Edelweiss, so that they could continue to request e-galleys. The policy is that such requests go through the chair. Nicole O'Connor clarified that members may request e-galleys as long as they don't do it under the auspices of Printz Committee membership. If requesting specifically for Printz consideration, the request comes from the chair. Much of this is rendered moot over time, since only finished books can be nominated. It does allow members to continue professional activities that require e-galleys to maintain their status quo while serving on the Printz.

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

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

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

- Program

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Reading, seeking out the books with Printz potential, and nominating. We may have a chat session to go over some of the nominations before Annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? In March, I'll post on YALSA Hub and the yalsa-bk email group reminding members to submit field nominations for worthy titles. I've been thinking of putting together a creative/goofy kind of post for Hub that emphasizes some aspect of literary criticism like character development, setting, etc. These posts would include a plug to look for books with superlative character development, setting, etc. to field nominate for Printz.

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

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Thus far, committee members have been enthusiastic, already posting their comments on ALA Connect. Some of the members have posted numerous times, while others are still hanging back. I'll send out encouragement to the group and see if we have full online participation by mid-March.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I'm wondering if there is a list of publishers who put out self-published work, so that we don't have to research each small press. It gets pretty tricky. Is a print-on-demand "editorial service" with author fees in fact a self-publishing site? Don't want to miss any gems, but don't want to waste time on ineligible books either.

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

Yes

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Group: Teen Read Week

Chair's Name: Courtney Lewis

Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative that gives libraries the opportunity to encourage their teens to read for the fun of it.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? After finishing up a great TRW 2013 (woohoo!) we helped brainstorm ideas for the next theme and sent them to YALSA, had a collaborative Google Doc where we looked at each area of the manual and thought about what to keep and what to change, and also put our heads together to think about ways of working with the YALSA blog for TRW promotion throughout the year, particularly in the area of encouraging librarians to apply for the TRW grant in the spring so we have lots of candidates by the deadline.

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
- Publication

- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our big concern is to get the manual draft done by March 15th and we've divided up each section, delegating it to members. We also are figuring out specific, regular posts regarding TRW to do throughout the spring to keep the event in people's minds. We did think of some items we wanted to add to the manual and some we wanted to cut, and we've considered taking some of the cut material and having it available on the TRW wiki as added bonus material available to people for signing up.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Probably not too much for print publications but we do plan on working with Wendy and the blog on posts related to applying for the grant as well as other focused posts helping people brainstorm (and perhaps encouraging use of the Pinterest board, etc.) 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 - my committee is AWESOME and we have a solid established method of communication.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None - sorry this is late!! My area was hit pretty hard with the snow and I had to deal with a combination of snow days and power outages!!

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

Yes

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Group: Website Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Whitney Winn

Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To regularly assist the YALSA Web Services Manager with the oversight and maintenance of YALSA's online presence, including but not limited to its wiki and social media channels. To liaise with YALSA member groups, member editors and member blog managers regarding the use of YALSA's website and social media tools in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Web Advisory Committee; and to recommend, develop and update policies for YALSA's web presence to the YALSA Board.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group's previous chair stepped down since the last quarterly report. I became chair effective mid-January, but have only begun work in the last two weeks after speaking with Shannon and Krista, our board liaison.

Since the Wiki comprises the bulk of the tasks on the Task List, I have started by addressing that. I have mapped out all of the existing content on the Wiki into a Google spreadsheet that we will use to evaluate the Wiki and make recommendations. I have also made initial communication with the committee members and drafted a rough timeline of work to be completed in the next 5 months.

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?

Splitting the Wiki into major sections, we will evaluate each page of the Wiki, looking at when it was last updated, which YALSA groups are responsible for the page, what other YALSA or ALA web content covers the same content (if any), and what our recommendations are for the content (keep and update, keep as-is, merge with other Wiki content, or delete the page). We plan to finish this by mid-March and share with the board.

We will also consider content gaps on the Wiki, based on YALSA's goals and current task forces and committees, to see what might be added. We will contact the appropriate task forces or committees to see if they would want to contribute content to the Wiki or update existing content. We plan to reach out to other YALSA groups in late March and April.

We will work with YALSA staff (Jaclyn and Nichole) to see how we can better stop the spam on the Wiki. Ongoing.

We will identify timely, relevant, and useful content across all YALSA web platforms to promote to members via social media, the eNews, and blogs. Ongoing.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will be working as a group to identify timely, relevant, and useful content from all YALSA web platforms to share in YALSA publications. Committee members will take turns writing Tweets, Facebook posts, eNews items, and blog posts (as relevant to the topic) to highlight the identified content. Some coordination with other groups will be required to avoid duplicate promotion (e.g. coordinate with summer reading task force about promoting the summer reading web content on the Ning and Wiki) Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The committee was unresponsive to my introduction email requesting confirmation that this was the best email address for group communication. I followed up a week later (2/14) with more information about committee's work plans, but that was today, so haven't heard anything back yet!
Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

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Group: Writing Award Jury

Chair's Name: Cathryn M Mercier

Board Liaison: Krista MacKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The YALSA Writing Award recognizes the contribution of YALSA members who have written an article or blog post for the association's journals or blogs that is timely, original, relevant to YALSA members, and well-written. The purpose of the cash award will be to reward members' work and to encourage members to contribute to their professional publications.

YALSA Board of Directors – March 2014

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Selection is based upon the quality and appropriateness of the submitted items. Items will be selected based on the following criteria: applicability to a variety of library settings, originality of ideas, timeliness, relevance to young adult librarianship, persuasiveness of arguments, quality of writing, clarity of presentation, and contribution to the YALSA membership.

The articles must address young adult library services or information regarding young adults that can be applied usefully to young adult library services. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? we pulled together nominations for the award, read the nominations, engaged in discussions about them, voted, and reached an agreement on which four pieces/blogs would get the award.

The process was team-building, the results most excellent. The committee worked efficiently. I provided tight guidelines and the other three committee members were thorough, thoughtful, and on-time. We actually completed our work a week ahead of deadline!

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?
we are done!

Once we receive word of the award winners (some people have seen a press release, I have not), we will start chatting up the pieces we like.

In addition, I've made recommendations to YALSA membership about a committee member who would be excellent in service on other committees.

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

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

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: this is an on-line committee. I sent out a schedule of our work and included reminders in advance of deadlines. I had one committee member who had a family challenge. When I didn't hear from her, I emailed to her my concerns about her 'virtual absence' and my concerns around it.

Although she felt she might need to withdraw at a late date, I had established a calendar with enough room so that I could provide her with a little more flexibility and a slightly different pacing. As it turned out, she met all the obligations, in a timely fashion Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

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Group: Advocacy Benchmarks Task Force

Chair's Name: Linda W. Braun

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Developed a draft set of benchmarks available in two format - an infographic and full text.

Presented a program at Midwinter that gave attendees the chance to give feedback on the draft benchmarks and the best format for providing the benchmarks to library staff working with teens.

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

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

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will finalize the materials in time for the YALSA Board to approve them by Annual 2014. The group needs to take into account the feedback provided at Midwinter and update and expand the text and infographic to make sure that the materials developed are useful and useable for those serving teens in libraries.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? When the benchmarks are in a finalized form we will get the word out about them via Twitter, the YALSAblog, the YALSA e-news.

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

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Group: Awards Nominating Committee

Chair's Name: Pam Spencer Holley

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

YALSA Board of Directors – March 2014

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

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? Thus far we have had two selected candidates withdraw [Ellsworth Rockefeller and Mary Wepking]. Thanks to The Hub [Allison Tran] and the YALSA Blog [work begun by Wendy Stephens, carried on by Sarah Flowers], information about the candidates was collected and will be posted on the blogs. The bulk of our committee work is done and we will await the election results [and hope that no one else pulls out at the last minute].

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.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? No set plan.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Information about the candidates will be shared thanks to YALSA's Jackie Finneke and the YALSA e-news and website.

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.: Great group. Works smoothly because of Awards Nominating Committee Manual and processes already in place by YALSA for smooth communication.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

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Group: Executive Committee

Chair's Name: Shannon Peterson

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

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

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

The Exec Committee has been incredibly active since the Fall Exec meeting in Chicago and for that I'm very grateful.

As a follow-up to Fall Exec, we held virtual discussion on ALA Connect regarding:

- *2013 Board Exit interview findings
- *Linked In recommendations draft from the CE Advisory Board
- *Advocacy Benchmarks drafts

We also:

- *provided feedback and submitted queries to our ALA Executive Liaison and BARC Liaison
 - regarding recent changes to joint division and BARC meetings
 - *submitted agenda items for ALA and Division meetings at ALA Midwinter
 - *attended meetings with other division leaders at MW including Budget Review and Analysis, Planning and Budget Assembly, Joint Youth Divisions
 - *created/provided input towards draft agendas for the December quarterly board conference call
 - and the MW Board and Exec meetings
 - *planned and implemented Exec meetings at Midwinter. Minutes for those and previous meetings
 - can be found here:

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

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.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The Exec Committee will plan, prepare, and implement a Spring Executive committee meeting (April, date TBA) to discuss various drafts, activities, and possible Annual conference topics.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Blog posts via Exec and Board members re: Exec and Board topics 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

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Group: 2014 Governance Nominating

Chair's Name: Sarah Flowers

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? We hosted the Coffee with the Candidates session at Midwinter.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used

for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Program

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to publicize the slate, including posting interviews with all the candidates on the YALSABlog. What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? YALSABlog interviews.

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

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Group: 2014 President's Program Task Force

Chair's Name: Linda W. Braun

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson 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.

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? Began posting weekly on the YALSABlog to highlight the ideas of connected learning and to start advertising the connected learning program at Annual.

Continued to work on plans for the President's Program at Annual including:

- * Starting development of a set of talking points for learning coaches to use during the annual program.
- * Planning for a "training" session for learning coaches to attend via Google Hangouts
- * Brainstormed ideas for providing context and support for those who do and don't attend the Annual program.

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

- Research and Best Practices

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to work with the learning coaches who will take a large role in the program and continue to develop materials that will help attendees and others learn about and begin to understand how to integrate the ideas of connected learning into their programs and services for and with teens.

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 blog and get information out via YALSA's news channel including the e-news and YALS.

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

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Group: Award Nominating Committee

Chair's Name: Teri Lesesne

Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the 2014 election of YALSA Edwards, Nonfiction and Printz Award Committee Members. When building the slate, strive to seek out the most qualified individuals as well as provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership

by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to working with the YALSAblog Member Manager to interview candidates.

Committee size: 5 virtual members, including one member from a preceding term.

Term: 17 months, commencing January 1, 2014 and ending after election results are announced in May of 2015 What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have not begun our work yet.

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? I will begin to ask committee members to suggest names of potential candidates for the ballot. I will attend Annual in Vegas and make contact as well. The former chair will send me information about folks who did not make the ballot this time for possible inclusion.

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.: 5: Not Accomplished

YALSA Board of Directors – March 2014

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: none Additional Concerns or Comments: Making sure the chair has access to the manual immediately would be a good idea. I received no real directions about this task.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
No

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Group: Governance Nominating Committee 2015

Chair's Name: Priscille Dando

Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The YALSA Governance Nominating Committee is charged with developing a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Association. At a minimum the Committee develops a slate which includes at least one candidate for President and two or more (varies by year) candidates for Board of Director positions. During a three year cycle the Committee is also charged with developing a slate of candidates for YALSA Councilor (at least one) and candidates for Secretary (at least one) and Fiscal Officer (at least one).

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

*Began correspondence before Midwinter

*Attended Coffee with the Candidates at Midwinter and met informally to debrief that session and share thoughts about process and charge.

*Requested documents from 2014 Governance Nominating Chair *Scheduled conference call to review timeline and procedures and create action plan moving forward

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

- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

apply.: Collaboration

other:

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

*Define characteristics of ideal candidates as they bring diversity and skills to the existing board and executive committee and potentially contribute to fulfilling goals of the strategic plan

*Maintain database of potential candidates and reach out them to determine availability and interest

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Social media, YALSA E-News, and YALSA blog calling for interested candidates.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

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Group: Programming Guidelines Development Taskforce

Chair's Name: Chris Shoemaker

Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: review the current library literature to determine existing best practices in library programming for and with teens and use the findings to develop a set of guidelines. Submit a draft of the guidelines to the Executive Committee by October 1, 2013.

Incorporate feedback received from the committee and present a refined draft to the YALSA Board by Feb. 1, 2014. Make further edits based on board feedback, then work with YALSA staff to open up a call for public comments on the draft guidelines by June 1, 2014. Based on public feedback, make final edits to the document and submit it to YALSA's Board by October 1, 2014.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Presented draft of guidelines at midwinter meeting.

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? Working on revisions and preparing for public comment What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Release draft of guidelines to members for feedback 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

Sarah Sogigian

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Group: Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Colleen Seisser

Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? December: Dawn Rutherford, the previous chair, led the committee as the year wound down in preparation for Midwinter. This included having a meetup online to work on figuring out the best way to create annotations for nominated titles. Originally this was going to be a Google Hangout, but there were technical difficulties with sound, so we moved to working on a shared Google Doc where we were able to have a "live chat". Members decided that it was best to create annotations for the select titles that they specifically nominated and then when we would polish them as a group at Midwinter.

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January: Prep for Midwinter continued. At the Midwinter conference the committee came together and selected and finalized annotations for the final list of the 2014 Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults. Members then spread the word about the list after it was officially published. Additionally, while at Midwinter, Dawn Rutherford met with incoming chair, Colleen Seisser, and Board Liaison, Sarah Sogigian, to resolve an issue with a criteria for audiobook evaluation. Dawn Rutherford submitted a Request for Board Action to change the criteria: “Informative packaging is required” to “Informative packaging is preferred”. Additionally, they discussed how to solve issues with digital submissions by letting publishers know that MP3 is the preferred format for digital submissions. Dawn and Colleen were also able to touch base with the publisher Brilliance to give a gentle reminder of the eligible dates for titles for our committee’s consideration, since in the past then tended to send all backlist titles to the committee and were ineligible for consideration. We were concerned about the drain on their resources. The publisher spoke about wanting to move to more digital submissions. Finally, a 2015 committee member stepped down and was replaced, and an administrative assistant was selected for next year’s committee.

February: The 2015 committee began its term of service. All members were introduced to the policies and procedures of the committee. Some slight changes were made organizationally for keeping track of minutes listened. During the second week of February, all publishers were all contacted with the new roster list for submissions for the 2015 committee. Communication continued with the publisher Brilliance, as they reached out to Dawn to get her impression of digital submissions. Dawn included Colleen on the email conversation and the hope is that the line of communication will stay open as Brilliance continues to develop a digital submission process. Additionally, Colleen recommended that committee members seek out suggestions for the committee to consider, instead of waiting to see what the publishers send. This was building off of what was done by Dawn with the 2014 committee. The hope is members will have library access to titles that they can listen to. So far, committee members Kim, Daniel, and Emily have all suggested titles for this year’s committee to consider, and Kim and Daniel have already started listening.

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

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

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

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

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

Members will listen to publisher submitted titles and seek out titles for the committee to consider. Colleen will encourage members to continue to look for titles to consider, and also spread the word about field nominations on the various lines of communication available to selection committees by YALSA. Melanie, our administrative assistant, will continue to be in touch with

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publishers and keep the line of communication open so that we can ensure that they submit titles to our committee for consideration. The first member checkin will take place in March, which may or may not be effective depending on submissions we have received. Colleen also hopes to begin to streamline and build a better relationship with publishers when it comes to digital submissions of titles. Some planning for our meeting at the ALA Annual conference may take place.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We plan to submit a call for field suggestions for audiobooks for the committee to consider. We also plan to submit the monthly list of our current nominations.

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

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

One of our original committee members for the 2014-15 term stepped down from the committee, but was quickly replaced. She had previously communicated in January that she was job searching, possibly moving, and AAYA was one of two committees she was committing to for the year. So, it is understandable why it did not work out. Additionally, Colleen was having trouble connecting with someone to serve as administrative assistant for the committee (the conference attendance commitment was the barrier) but Chris Shoemaker was able to find the perfect person to fit the position!

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

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

Yes

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Group: Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee, 2014

Chair's Name: Cheryl Karp Ward

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?

Following our face-to-face committee meeting at Annual in June, the committee (now a cohesive unit both professionally and comfortably on a personal level) created a bi-monthly (or often more frequent) schedule for the remaining few months so that we could hold meetings--via Google Hangouts--to discuss and narrow down--our final list of authors and their books.By the end of November our deliberations were completed and following one last 'bleed on the table' session, we voted on our top three choices.

These names were submitted to YALSA by our December deadline. At Midwinter, we met in the hotel room of a committee member so that we could privately call our first choice to notify him. Mission accomplished.

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 will have the necessary communications and perform the required tasks as we prepare for the 2014 Margaret A. Edwards Awards Brunch in Las Vegas.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? unsure 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 checked Accomplished Exceedingly Well because this committee rose to the challenge.No issues because the committee was willing to block out a considerable amount of this personal time to accommodate all of our planned book/author discussion times. When conflicts occurred (as one would expect) all worked to find a mutually agreeable rescheduling.

Additional Concerns or Comments: This is a YALSA Red Carpet Event, an award that is included in the YMA program each Midwinter. As well, it adds money to the YALSA coffers because of its nature. To me, it is a mistake to continue to run this committee as a virtual one. It is not an honest, significant award? There really is no better way to hold discussions than as a face-to-face format. How else can you enjoy the open, honest, and uninterrupted sharing of ideas and insights? My 'new' members were mentored by watching and by the valuable learning found watching the 'olders' disagree and honestly share their thoughts about merits or lack of merits in books. It was through a building of that trust that they became the so necessary risk takers one wants on any book/author selection committee. Also, be assured that as well as we planned, we all--at various times--experienced technology problems which made meeting times often frustrating times. And, my presence at Midwinter was very necessary as I dealt directly for much time with the Press Office and the publishers to clarify a few details. YALSA is very good at thanking members for all that they do to help the organizations. To me, that thank you is better feel through actions. As a committee, there are no words to fully articulate what we felt as we met together to make that 'call.,' nor the pride we felt as we stood in front of our peers at the YMA program. To suggest that we 'didn't need to attend,' Pilot programs either work or they don't. In my honest opinion, as a long time member of YALSA who has shared several committees (including the 2010 Printz) do not continue to make the MAE a virtual committee.

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

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Group: 2015 Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee

Chair's Name: Sophie Brookover

Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The 2015 MAE Committee officially began their term on February 1, but work began before our term, as we introduced ourselves via e-mail in January.

4 of the 6 of us were able to meet for dinner at ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia, which was a good way to put faces to names for those members who did not already know each other. Since our term began officially, we have been working on updating the master list of eligible authors (removing deceased authors and adding newly eligible ones), and will shortly schedule our first meeting via Google Hangouts.

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

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development

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

Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be developing a list of nominees for the 2015 MAE Award and beginning the process of reading their works. We will winnow down the list (possibly adding authors as they occur to us through our reading and discussion) and read our authors' works in more depth, discussing along the way. We will be, as we have been, in regular discussion via e-mail and plan to meet at least monthly (if not more frequently as needed) via Google Hangouts.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? At ALA Midwinter, I spoke with Hub Manager Allison Tran regarding a blog post promoting the Award and encouraging field nominations from YALSA members and the public. I will follow up with her shortly. 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 -- everyone is responding promptly & substantively to e-mails, and is accomplishing the tasks I've assigned. So far, so excellent!

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Gail Tobin

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Group: Awards & Booklist Marketing Taskforce

Chair's Name: Clair Segal

Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The mission of the taskforce is to help YALSA raise awareness of its lists and awards, and to coordinate the implementation of a sustained, year-round effort beginning immediately with promoting the nominees for the current year's Teens' Top Ten and the 2014 Readers Choice List, continuing with the announcement of the Nonfiction & Morris Award finalists in Dec. 2014 and running all the way through Dec. 2014.

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What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We contributed content to the YALSA Blog and HUB blogs promoting the awards and their importance in libraries.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to promote the award winners and their selection committees.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We're looking to write about the selection group's processes and experiences, and how librarians can incorporate list suggestions into their libraries (even if they can't always afford to buy them all.) Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

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

Additional Concerns or Comments: I think I could benefit from a clearer idea of what YALSA expects for the committee's work, or what they'd like accomplished. My group is amazing and are eager to help in any way they can!

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

Yes

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Group: BWI/YALSA Collection Development Grant Jury

Chair's Name: Joella Peterson

Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

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

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past three months we have finished advertising the grant. Then we worked on evaluating the submitted applications. Now a winner is chosen and I will be making sure the great news is spread throughout the YALSA community.

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.:

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will make sure that the announcement of who won the grant is made. Also we plan to evaluate how our process went so we can better advise those that will be working on this jury next year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I want to make sure the press release is

done for announcing the award once YALSA has gathered all the information that is needed to make this press release.

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

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Group: Mentoring Task Force

Chair's Name: Jennifer Fairchild

Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

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

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

The group is working on raising awareness of the Mentoring Program.

This may take the form of a short article in the E-News or a longer article on the YALSABlog.

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

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

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

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will decide which members will work on an article(s) and submit the article(s) when completed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? A short article in the E-News or a longer article in the YALSABlog.

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

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

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

Sarajo Wentling

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Group: Henne / VOYA Research Grant Award

Chair's Name: Carol Tilley

Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Judge applications for the YALSA Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

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We completed the review of eight applications for the grant award in December. YALSA staff notified Crystle Martin in mid-February that she was the grant recipient; the committee chair was notified at the same time.

There were several good submissions, so I anticipate that selecting a winner was difficult. I've qualified this statement because neither the committee nor the chair was permitted to review the scores / comments. YALSA staff made the actual award selection. I'm uncertain if this is standard practice on other committees, but as chair I would encourage a revision in this practice to involve the committee in the actual selection, not just the scoring. This change would limit perceptions of favoritism and allow the committee to discuss applications that are close in scoring. Further it would create more buy-in from committee members.

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?

As a committee we will be assisting YALSA with promoting this award and the recipient.

We will also be discussing the scoring protocol for this award, as some committee members raised concerns that it was cumbersome and not well-suited to the actual award. As chair, I concur: it is confusing and does not enable the committee to provide meaningful feedback to recipients.

We are unsure if applicants - either the recipient or others - are provided with any feedback on their proposals. If they are not, then this is another issue that should be rectified going forward, if one of the goals of YALSA is to support and improve research.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Information about the recipient and her proposal.

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: Included in comments above.

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

No

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Group: Outstanding Books for the College Bound

Chair's Name: Jennifer Rothschild

Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

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? The committee finished reading and discussing all titles, and at the Midwinter

Meeting decided on an amazing final list. This list is now on the YALSA webpage. Since the list's publication, many members have been heavily promoting it. 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
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee's work is now officially done. Many members of the committee continue to promote the list and are also brainstorming ideas and people to reach out to in order to help promote it. I personally tweeted out every title on the list, including twitter handles of as many authors as I could, and a link to the list. I thought this was important because many of the authors on the list would not know about it, or be looking for their books on it! Amazingly enough, this did not land me in twitter jail. It was however, well received by many of the authors.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I am working on some posts that I hope to share on YALSA Hub and am brainstorming products for the 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:

The committee thinks it would be best served if it went back to being a 2-year committee. As anything that is "widely available" is eligible for the list, there are many titles that need to be looked at. The more time the committee has to read these titles, the stronger the final product will be.

With a tightened one-year schedule, committees will have a hard time re-envisioning the list, as has happened in the past to better suit users (such as the 2004 list which changed the topics from format/genre to discipline/subject.)

As OBCB is not a committee that is dormant for a few years, getting things like ALA Connect space or a list-serv is not immediate. We did not get these things until May, and even then not everyone was included on the list-serv email. Going back to a 2-year appointment would help mitigate the issues caused by such oversights.

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

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Group: Teen's Top Ten

Chair's Name: Kristen Thorp

Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

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

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What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We had a few complaints from our galley reading groups that we have addressed in the last three months. The first is the TTT nomination form. In an attempt to make the nominating process more streamlined for the teens, advisors and the committee we created a Google Form to be tested out.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kmwNjXTA14qHd78R-bmSXu4zer90u7Tgh-TyIUPdK1s/viewform>

We are hoping to get the approval to switch from the old form to the new online form soon. We also had several advisors contact us about their frustration in trying to get the teens more involved with writing reviews.

They enjoy the galleys, love the books, talk about the books, but somehow aren't excited about writing the reviews. As a way to incentivize the review writing process the committee reached out to the manager of The Hub and the TTT Tumblr account to see if they were willing to host a "best-of" review each month. Both managers agreed to this addition. Once Nichole is back, we will be talking about the processes we need to have in place to protect the teen's privacy online. We will hopefully be making an announcement to the galley advisors soon and let them know that we listened to their issues and addressed them the best way we could. 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?

Our workplan is to finalize these actions we have been working on the last three months and put them in place. Work on coming up with a process that the next year's group will be able to maintain. Our teen groups are in the process of voting the top 75 nominations down to the official top 25 books.

The group wants to make book trailers for each of the 25 official nominations in the hopes of promoting the voting and the award.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We are hopefully going to start publishing monthly "best of" reviews from our teens on The Hub and Tumblr. We also want to publish the book trailers once they are produced.

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 two members who don't contribute or email with the group. Unfortunately, I have had a dying relative move into my house so I haven't been able to reach out to the missing members like I would like to.

My focus has just been working with the galley groups and the members who are willing to contribute.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Thank you Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

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Group: Youth Engagement

Chair's Name: Faythe Arredondo

Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To strengthen the strategic use of teen engagement in the mission and work of YALSA by facilitating and

encouraging teen participation in existing YALSA initiatives, including 2013 & 2014 Teen Tech Weeks, 2013 & 2014 Teens' Top Ten, 2013 & 2014 National Library Legislative Days, 2013 & 2014 Celebrate Teen Literature Day, 2013 District Days and 2013 Teen Read Week. Create and disseminate resources for members to use with their teen advisory groups in support of these initiatives. Committee members will model how the resources can be used with their own Teen Advisory Groups and promote their activities via the YALSAblog and other means to illustrate to members how teen participation can be tapped to support the work of YALSA.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The past three months we have worked on writing articles for the YALSA Blog, and I was working with Wendy on a schedule. She had given us a login and the first post was going to go up in March. Since the YALSA Blog is in a rebuild, I contacted our board liaison about how to proceed, and she suggested we forward our articles to Jackie Finneke. This is what I have done, but have not heard back from her or how to proceed from her. I don't know who the interim blog manager is to contact about these posts or if there are still applicable with the new direction.

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? We will continue to write the articles we have planned for Teen Lit Day and National Legislative Day. We hopefully will work with the YALSA Blog and Web Advisory committees to get our content on the web for easier access to members.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We hope to have our articles posted on the YALSA Blog if possible.

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: Conference Travel Scholarships Jury

Chair's Name: Katie LaMantia

Board Liaison: April Witteveen

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to widely promote the scholarship and to select annually three YALSA members who will receive funds to travel to the ALA Annual Conference. Two selectees will be librarians or library workers (one whose focus is school libraries and the other whose focus is public libraries) who work with or for young adults to receive the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Conference Scholarship, and to annually select one graduate student in the field of library and information science to receive the Dorothy Broderick Conference Scholarship. Promotion of the

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scholarships takes place from July through June. Judging the applications takes place Dec. and Jan. Term: July 1 through the following June. Jury size: 5 virtual members, including the chair and at least one member from the previous year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Members sent out the press release inviting librarians and library students to apply for travel scholarships. The press release was sent out to multiple social network sites, list-servs, and personal email. This resulted in 6 applicants for the Baker and Taylor/YALSA Conference Scholarship and two applicants for the Dorothy Broderick Conference Scholarship. Jury members then used the evaluation tool to rank the varying applicants. The winners of the Baker and Taylor/YALSA Conference Scholarship were Lyndsey Runyan (YA Librarian from Keene Public Library) and Jeanette Johnson (Instructional Resource Specialist from Oak Avenue Intermediate School), and the Dorothy Broderick Scholarship went to Julia Hutchins.

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The majority of the jury's tasks are complete with the winners selected and notified. A press release will be sent out soon notifying YALSA members of the winners. Jury members will continue to solicit applications for 2014-15.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? A press release will be sent out to the YALSA e-newsletter announcing the winners of the travel scholarships.

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.: A jury member contacted me in December to apologize for her lack of participation in the past few months, but wanted to judge the applications. After emailing with my board liaison, I talked with the MIA jury member and got her back up to speed on our jury tasks. She was able to finish out the rest of her duties as planned.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The attachments that contained the applicant's information were very difficult to read and organize since it came in an Excel file. It may be beneficial for future jury members to receive completed applications in individual Word documents or PDF files. As chair, I did not receive any notification when jury members filled out the evaluation tool, so I did not have any sense of how many members filled out the surveys or if I needed to send out additional reminders to individuals.

It would be easier if chairs could have access, or be notified by the staff or board liaison, when jury members complete their evaluations of applicants.

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

Yes

E-Mail: aprilw@deschuteslibrary.org
Group: Organization and Bylaws Committee
Chair's Name: April Witteveen
Board Liaison: n/a

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? O & B completed our handbook review and submitted suggested changes to YALSA staff; Jaclyn was able to quickly fix typos, etc. We didn't find anything that required direct action by the YALSA board, however we did notice some general discrepancies and duplication with some of the award pages as they stand on the website. A future task for O & B could be an examination of the YALSA site and its organization. Just before ALA Midwinter we got started on our next task, committee evaluations. O & B has a 5-year rotating schedule that allows us to evaluate all YALSA juries, committees, and awards. We have 8 groups to contact, so each O and B member has signed up for one via our Connect space. The space also includes the standard form for each of us to use. We will push these forms out in February and work to have our responses returned and compiled by the end of March.

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? We will have completed and compiled this year's round of committee evaluations, which completes O & B's official task list for the year. O & B members may be called upon to do some work with a larger YALSA board-level discussion and evaluation of selection lists, based on the development of that agenda item.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I will bring the idea of a scintillating O&B blog post to the group-- perhaps we can all pitch in on an article.

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.: Continuing on as a committee of 8, after the radio silence of our MIA member. No issues with the workload minus one person.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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Yes

E-Mail: krlemmons@att.net
Group: Teen Tech Week
Chair's Name: Karen Lemmons
Board Liaison: April Witteveen

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. Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Tech Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Tech Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library, education and technology fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Members of our group received and reviewed approximately 69 applications for the Best Buy Teen Tech Week Grant. After careful reviewing, the members selected 20 recipients for the grant.

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
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue to promote and market 2014 TTW by regularly posting on the ning, blog, and Twitter. We also hope to host a TTW chat using Twitter.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? 2014 TTW programs, ideas, and other strategies to keep teens involved in all levels of technology.

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: No Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

E-Mail: amyalessio@sbcglobal.net

Group: Volunteer of the Year Award Jury

Chair's Name: Amy Alessio

Board Liaison: April Witteveen

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Work with YALSA's communications manager to promote and to solicit nominees for the following member awards for outstanding service to YALSA: 1) Chair of the Year 2) Member of the Year and 3) Member Group of the Year. Evaluate each nominee based on the nature and scope of accomplishment(s) and the degree of impact the work conducted has on advancing one or more goals in YALSA's Strategic Plan.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We promoted the award with YALSA staff and through local and state organizations, then selected a winner for committee member (only category nominated) from twelve nominations. A few nominations were for the same person, who eventually won.

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.:

- Outreach
- Other (Please explain below)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will make a plan for the next committee to help promote the award. I will make suggestions for the next chair of this committee. Our winner will be encouraged to write something about the experience for publications.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We have already shared information about our winner.

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: We hope the award will gain in momentum through promotion and word of mouth. It would be great if future board members would nominate chairs or committee members to help spread the word. Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes