

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago
June 28 – July 2, 2013**

Topic: Pre-Meeting Division Councilor Report

Background: According to the YALSA bylaws the YALSA Division Councilor, “...shall attend all meetings of the ALA Council; shall report to YALSA about Council agenda before Council meets to request YALSA voting position on any agenda items; shall vote as directed by the YALSA Board on designated Council agenda items; shall represent YALSA positions before Council through necessary presentations and resolutions....” At Council meetings resolutions are typically put forward and other issues are discussed that may be of importance to YALSA. YALSA’s Councilor, Vicki Emery, has provided an update below. The Board will want to give feedback on how to cast YALSA’s vote on upcoming resolutions and/or determining the desirability of YALSA’s Board submitting a resolution.

Action Required: Action

Council Activities

Conversations on the listserv include:

- Update on the ALA Digital Content and Libraries Working Group concerned with libraries and the transition from print to digital. <http://americanlibraries.org/e-content/books-everywhere>
- Rousing and prolonged discussion on whether reducing the number of at-large seats in Council is advisable.
 - Main proponent argued that ALA has far more delegates than organizations of similar size; some organizations have no at-large delegates; wants ALA to phase in a reduction in the number of Council seats specifically by reducing the number of at-large seats.
 - Other Councilors responded that ALA has a more democratic and participatory structure than other organizations and they do not see a problem with governance of ALA.
 - Expecting a resolution on this topic but have not seen it yet; a resolution may begin the process but changing the composition of Council requires a bylaws change and a membership vote.
 - I expect that there will be significant ongoing discussion in Council if this resolution is presented.
- Canada’s federal librarians who teach, attend, conferences, or speak at public meetings on their own time have been told that these activities are considered “high-risk” and librarians must ask permission.

<http://www.canada.com/Federal+librarians+fear+being+muzzled+under+code+conduct/8105500/story.html#ixzz2NdrJZkju>

- Some discussion on whistleblowers and ALA's support or lack of support in recent years.

YALSA Division Councilor Activities

- I will be coming to the YALSA Board for input on any actions needed.

2012 ALA Midwinter Council and Other Meetings (which are open to all)

Saturday, June 29, 2013

- ALA Council Orientation, 8:00 – 10:30 AM
- ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session, 3:00 – 4:30 PM
- ALA Membership Meeting, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Sunday, June 30, 2013

- ALA Council I, 8:30 – 11:30 AM
- Youth Council Caucus, 1:00 – 2:30
- ALA President's Program, 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Monday, July 1, 2013

- ALA Council II, 8:30-11:30 AM

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

- ALA Council III, 7:45-9:15 AM

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Emery*

Additional Resources:

- Council meeting agendas:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_agendas
- Guidelines for Preparation of ALA Resolutions:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines