

**Fall Executive Committee Meeting  
November 5, 2016, Pittsburgh, PA**

**Topic:** Executive Committee Planning for Midwinter

**Background:** The in-progress restructuring of the YALSA Executive Committee warrants a review of what work the Committee needs to accomplish prior to Midwinter, and what goals or activities the Committee sees as the highest priority to focus on at the conference itself. Sarah Hill has presented the following information to guide the Committee's discussion.

**Action Required:** Discussion

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**Prior to Midwinter**

- At their fall meeting, the Committee is working out a vision for how it will ramp up their work around building and maintaining ties with the ALA Leadership. The portion of the restructuring that has yet to be discussed is taking on the new fiscal oversight role. What does the Committee need to accomplish before Midwinter in order to be prepared for its fiscal responsibilities in Atlanta? How will this work be accomplished and who will coordinate it?
- Based on how the discussion goes for the fall document #4, "Refocusing the Executive Committee Proposal," what work or discussions does the Committee need to accomplish between now and January in order to be prepared to take advantage of the in-person opportunities that Midwinter offers?
- What information, data, or resources does the Committee need in order to be successful in its new role with ALA and YALSA finances?
- What training does the Committee need in order to be successful in its new role with ALA and YALSA finances?
- Taking into consideration information such as the Board survey results (<http://tinyurl.com/her9o3t>) and Board member exit interviews when they become available, what fiscal information does the Committee need to share with the Board at Midwinter? What fiscal discussions does the Committee want to lead with the Board at Midwinter?

**At Midwinter**

Traditionally the agendas for Executive Committee meetings at Midwinter and Annual have been relatively similar, but the strategic shift means that change needs to occur. The Executive

Committee will be focusing more on ALA and finances, leading to these possible topics for discussion at Midwinter:

- ALA Governance Update
- ALA Fiscal Update
- Preparing for BARC Division Leaders' Meeting
- ALA Council Update
- Identifying and Recruiting Candidates for the Slate
- Continuation of Current Executive Committee Restructuring
- YALSA Budget/Finances
- Debrief from Midwinter Thursday ALA Leadership Meeting
- Debriefing from BARC & AASL/ALSC/YALSA Joint Executive Committee meeting

**Questions for Discussion:**

- Do any of the topics above need to be removed or revised?
- Are any topics missing from the list above?
- What does the Executive Committee need to do differently for Midwinter 2017?
- Does the Executive Committee need to meet as often or for as long?
- What ALA meetings or social events should Executive Committee members attend while at conference?
- With whom should Executive Committee members make a determined effort to talk to face-to-face at conference?

**Additional Resources**

- Executive Committee Function document from Spring 2016 Exec Meeting  
[http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/ExecFunction\\_spring16.pdf](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/ExecFunction_spring16.pdf)
- Rethinking YALSA: Executive Committee blogpost  
<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2016/05/05/rethinking-yalsa-executive-committee/>
- Executive Committee Function document from Annual 2016  
[http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/ExecCommitteeNewFocus\\_AN16.pdf](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/ExecCommitteeNewFocus_AN16.pdf)