

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle
January 25 - 29, 2019**

Topic: Filling the Board Vacancy

Background: Vivki Emery resigned as the Fiscal Officer from the Board in July; however, her term on the Board runs through June 2019. In the past, the Board has made a practice of voting on a course of action for the vacancy. Crystle Martin presents the following proposal for the board's consideration.

Action Required: Action

Potential options for filling this vacancy

1. Do nothing and to leave the position vacant through the end of June 2019, at which point newly elected board members will take over.
2. Appoint someone who's recently stood for election, as those individuals have already indicated their current willingness to serve and have been carefully vetted by the Board Development Committee.
3. Appoint an up and coming YALSA leader who has expressed interest in Board service, such as an unsuccessful Board Fellow applicant, but who has not served on the board in any appointed or elected capacity. This could possibly be someone that the current Board Development Committee is considering for the 2019 slate.

Proposal

Appoint an up and coming YALSA leader who could immediately begin contributing to the work of the board. The person nominated for Fiscal Officer is Dora Ho, and her qualifications are that she has previous experience with YALSA and has experience as Treasurer for other organizations.

Rationale

- Dora Ho has served on YALSA Financial Advance Committee and is the current Treasurer for JCLC (Joint Council of Librarians of Color). That just had a very successful conference in Albuquerque, NM. She has also served two terms both as Treasurer for CALA (Chinese American Librarians association) and APALA (Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association).

Recommended Board Action

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The Board directs the President to appoint Dora Ho to serve as Fiscal Officer through the next election, to finish out the remainder of Vicki Emery's appointment.

Additional Resources

- YALSA Bylaws:
www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/BYLAWS_2016approvedchanges.pdf