

YALSA Board of Directors
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Topic: Creation of a Selection Lists Oversight Committee

Background: In order to provide a consistent and reasonable workload for the manager of TheHUB, who in addition to focusing on that site is also tasked with being the sole liaison to the chairs of the Selection Lists (Best Fiction, Amazing Audiobooks, Great Graphic Novels, and Quick Picks), a Selection Lists Oversight Committee would be created and mirror the Awards Oversight Committee. This Board document has been brought forward by President Todd Krueger, with input from Nichole O'Connor, YALSA staff and current HUB manager Stephen Ashley.

Action Required: Action

Overview:

The need for a Selection Lists Oversight Committee stems from the responsibilities of the manager of TheHUB having to maintain that site along with being the sole liaison to the chairs and members of the four YALSA Selection Lists (Best Fiction, Amazing Audiobooks, Great Graphic Novels, and Quick Picks). This additional committee would allow the selection lists to be stronger and also respond to the needs of selection list members in a timely manner. Creating a Selection Lists Oversight Committee would provide liaisons to each Selection List while thinking strategically about the purposes and models of how these lists are used by the membership. The original committee that was formed in 2015 was the Selection and Award Oversight Committee. At some point in the intervening years, the Selection Lists were sent to the manager of TheHUB as part of their duties. The model of the Awards Oversight Committee has proven valuable and creating a mirror committee for the Selection Lists would provide equity among committees.

Fiscal Implications:

Aside from minor additional internal staff considerations, there are no fiscal implications to the creation of this committee.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion impact:

This would allow more focus on EDI elements, with more voices involved and allowing those on the Selection Lists committee to expand their reach to become more inclusive.

Charge:

To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA's selection list committees. To help interpret existing policy for committee operations based on a thorough knowledge of YALSA policy, committee operation, background, and experience. To collect, analyze and respond to quarterly chair reports. To summarize, analyze and evaluate periodically for the YALSA Board the progress and concerns of the selection list committees. To facilitate communication among selection list committees and to identify common areas of concern and identify solutions. To coordinate training and orientation for in-coming committee members. To note particular abilities of committee members in the work of the organization and to share this information with the Board and nominating committees.

Recommendation:

**The YALSA Board directs the new YALSA President to enlist and form a Selection Lists Oversight Committee of 5-7 members, including a chair, by October 1, 2020. A percentage of committee members will serve a one-year term, and the rest a two-year term, starting January 1, 2021, with future members all serving two-year terms going forward, to provide staggered service on the committee. Members have the opportunity of renewing for one second term. Current and former selection list members should be considered among the potential Oversight Committee chair and members. (Revised 07/28/2020)*

Additional Resources:

Original Creation of the Selection and Award Oversight Committee:

http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/AwardSelectionOversight_AN15.pdf