

YALSA Board of Directors
ALA Annual Conference 2020
June 25-30, 2020

Topic: Meeting Virtually Due to the Cancellation of the ALA Annual Conference 2020

Background:

Due to COVID-19, ALA made the decision to cancel the Annual Conference & Exhibition scheduled for June 25-30, 2020, in Chicago. Since meeting in person will no longer be an option for the Board of Directors during this time period, we have a need to meet virtually. YALSA President Todd Krueger and Organization & Bylaws Chair Kate Denier have brought forth this document.

Action Required: Action

Overview:

With Board approval, YALSA's Board of Directors will meet virtually in June 2020, on dates to be determined at the Board Meeting on May 1, 2020, rather than meeting in person at ALA Annual.

Rationale:

- According to Article VII Section 2 of YALSA's Bylaws, "Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting of the ALA. Additional meetings may be called by the President or by written request of a majority of the members of the Board. Two weeks written notice of special meetings shall be given. A simple majority of the voting directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business. Vacant positions on the Board shall not be included in establishing a quorum." It is unclear whether "in conjunction with" includes meeting virtually and it does not leave flexibility to meet in the absence of a conference.
- Further, because of Community through Connection, ALA's virtual event scheduled for June 24-26, 2020, the Board may not end up meeting during our previously scheduled times for Board I and Board II.
- Holding the Board I and Board II meetings virtually will enable the Board to move forward with our work and continue serving our members during this challenging time.

Proposal:

The Board agrees to hold the Board I and Board II meetings virtually in June 2020 in lieu of meeting in person at ALA Annual 2020.

Additional Resources:

YALSA Bylaws:

http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/BYLAWS_2017approvedchanges.pdf