

**YALSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
JANUARY 8 - 12, 2016, BOSTON**

YALSA is a national association of librarians, library workers and advocates whose mission is to expand and strengthen library services for teens, aged 12-18. Through its member-driven advocacy, research, and professional development initiatives, YALSA builds the capacity of libraries and librarians to engage, serve and empower teens.

Board I Sat. 9:00 - 5:00 in the Convention Center, room 158 (organizational planning)
Present: Linda Braun, Diane Colson, Jane Gov, Sarah Hill, Carrie Kausch, Gretchen Kolderup, Jennifer Korn, Todd Krueger, Robin Kurz, Candice Mack, Crystle Martin, Renee McGrath, Kate McNair, Abigail Phillips, Chris Shoemaker, Beth Yoke

Guests: Eric Meade, Monnee Tong, Les Wallace

Board II Sun. 4:30 - 5:30 in the Convention Center, room 158 (business meeting)
Present: Linda Braun, Diane Colson, Jane Gov, Sarah Hill, Carrie Kausch, Gretchen Kolderup, Jennifer Korn, Todd Krueger, Robin Kurz, Candice Mack, Crystle Martin, Renee McGrath, Kate McNair, Abigail Phillips, Chris Shoemaker, Beth Yoke

Guests: Loida Garcia-Febo, Carla Riemer

Board III Mon. 1:00 - 2:30 in the Convention Center, room 158 (business meeting)
Present: Linda Braun, Diane Colson, Jane Gov, Sarah Hill, Carrie Kausch, Gretchen Kolderup, Jennifer Korn, Todd Krueger, Robin Kurz, Candice Mack, Crystle Martin, Renee McGrath, Kate McNair, Abigail Phillips, Chris Shoemaker, Beth Yoke

Guests: Tara Brody, Kirsten Hansen

A quorum was present for the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

We'll pause in the agenda to accommodate information exchanges with:

- *ALA Executive Board Representative, Loida Garcia-Febo*

BOARD I – (organizational planning) Saturday

Item #1. Organizational Planning (8 hrs) facilitated by Whole Mind Strategy Group

BOARD II & III – (business meeting) Sunday & Monday

Call to Order

C. Mack called the meeting at 4:30 p.m. EST on January 10, 2016.

Information Forum –

Board II:

- Jennifer Korn shared that the ALA Committee on Library Advocacy worked on prioritizing president goals. She also recently staffed a YALSA booth at a state convention and received a lot of positive feedback about YALSA's presence.
- Chris Shoemaker shared that the YALSA past presidents donated to Cedar Falls High School in honor of Linda Waddle.
- Todd Krueger shared feedback he received from members about organizational planning.
- Diane Colson was approached by a publisher with questions about selection lists. Beth reported that Nichole O'Connor can answer publisher questions.
- Candice Mack shared information she received from Gina Seymour, YALSA rep to ALA's website committee. They will be re-vamping the ALA homepage. There is a new e-commerce/e-learning portal launching during 2016. The new ALA Connect will launch spring 2016.
- Gretchen Kolderup reported that the ALA candidates liked the Coffee with Candidates forum.
- Crystle Martin posted an interview with Sari Feldman on the YALSAblog.
- Loida Garcia-Febo, YALSA's ALA Exec Board rep, shared that 10,820 people registered for conference. ALA is emphasizing the Libraries Transform campaign and encourages libraries to get creative with this. The Center for the Future of Libraries is working on keeping up with library trends; more information can be found on the website (<http://www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/future/trends>). *American Libraries* will publish an article in the March issue on Center for the Future of Libraries.

Board III:

- Candice shared a recap on the Youth Media Awards and the Morris and Non-fiction awards program.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion #1. C. Kausch moved that the YALSA Board adopt the agenda with flexibility. R. Kurz seconded. Motion passed.

Mission Moment

Item #2. Summer Learning Grants

- Beth shared positive feedback from grants.
- One thing seen throughout was that libraries learned that teens can do more than expected. Other library staff (beyond teen services departments) often changed their attitudes towards teens because of interns.

Consent Items

Motion #2: R. Kurz moved that the YALSA Board move #13 Bylaws Language Changes from Consent to Action. C. Martin seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #3: K. McNair moved that the YALSA Board approve consent agenda items #3-12, 14-18. J. Korn seconded. Motion passed.

Item #3. Approval of Minutes from Annual Conference Board Meeting – Carrie Kausch

- Item #4. Slate for '16 YALSA Election – Robin Kurz & Shannon Peterson
- Item #5. Executive Director's Goals for FY16 – Beth
- Item #6. YALS Editor Midwinter Report – Linda Braun
- Item #7. JRLYA Editor Midwinter Report – Denise Agosto
- Item #8. The Hub Blog Manager Midwinter Report – Molly Wetta
- Item #9. YALSAblog Manager Midwinter Report – Crystle Martin
- Item #10. November Chair Reports – Letitia Smith
- Item #11. Confirmation of Board Fellow Selection – Candice
- Item #12. Confirmation of PPYA Policy Update – Sarah Hill
- Item #13. Confirmation of Bylaws Language Changes – Robin
 - Moved to Action Items
- Item #14. Confirmation of YALS/YALSAblog Alignment – Crystle & Linda
- Item #15. Memorial Resolution for Linda Waddle – Kim Patton
- Item #16. Confirmation of Updated Board Guidelines– Carrie
- Item #17. Confirmation of 2016 & 2017 Symposium Locations –Nichole O'Connor
- Item #18. Confirmation of Board Vacancy– Candice

Action Items – *Sunday & Monday*

Motion #5: L. Braun moved that the YALSA Board extend Board II until 5:35. C. Martin seconded. Motion passed.

Moved: Item # 13: Confirmation of Bylaws Language Changes – Robin

Motion #6: G. Kolderup moved that the YALSA Board accept the proposed bylaws changes as outlined in document #13 and direct the Executive Director to work with staff to place them on the 2016 ballot for members' consideration. J. Korn seconded. Motion passed.

- Item #19. Pre-Meeting Division Councilor Report – Todd Krueger
 - Todd shared that a resolution to oppose Islamophobia passed. The group discussed ways to provide libraries with information to best support people dealing with Islamophobia in

their communities. The Council for American Islamic Relations could be a resource.

- Youth Council Caucus met and plans to use Connect to create youth-centered Council resolutions for Annual.

Item #20. Dues Categories & Rates – Linda

Motion #7: L. Braun moved that the YALSA Board table the discussion on dues revisions and review the topic after organizational planning is complete. R. McGrath seconded. Motion passed.

Item #21. Portfolio of Guidelines & Position Papers – K. Trouern-Trend & Linda

- The Board agreed that YALSA documents need consistent language.
- The group discussed the possibility of using this as a micro-volunteering opportunity to engage members.

Motion #8: L. Braun moved that the YALSA Board instruct the Executive Director to work with the association's Communication Specialist to manage the process of revising YALSA's position papers and updating the associations website to guarantee that users are aware that outdated content is under review and to revisit this issue to devise a long term solution for managing these documents once organizational planning is complete. C. Martin seconded. Motion passed.

Item #22. 2016 Fundraising Plan – Jane Gov & Linda

- The Board discussed the proposed plan and how the division's fundraising fits into the bigger ALA structure.
- The group thanked Jane Gov and the Financial Advancement Committee.

Motion #9: J. Gov moved that the YALSA Board adopt the new 2016 Financial Advancement Committee fundraising plan. D. Colson seconded. Motion passed.

Item #23. Diversity on the YALSA Board – Nicola McDonald

- The group discussed the modifications submitted and thanked the task force for their work.

Motion #4: G. Kolderup moved that the YALSA Board adopt the modifications to the function and member qualifications of the governance nominating committee and the awards nominating committee as outlined in the document brought forth by the Board Diversity Task Force. K. McNair seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion Items –Monday

Item #24. Update from Executive Committee Meetings – Candice

- Candice shared updates from the Executive I meeting.

Item #25. Updated Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth – L. Squires

- The Board discussed the suggested updates.

Motion #10: C. Shoemaker moved that the YALSA Board thank the Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth task force for their service and direct the President to appoint a new task force for Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth updating beginning February 1, 2016, and concluding June 1, 2016. C. Mack seconded. Motion passed.

Item #26. Financial Update – Linda & Beth

- The group discussed the association’s financial picture.

Item #27. Communications Plan for Strategic Planning – Kate McNair

- The Board discussed the proposed communication plan and appreciated that it broke down who would be responsible for each step.
- It was agreed this will need a project manager.

Motion #11: C. Martin moved that the YALSA Board moved to adopt this communication plan as outlined and directs Kate McNair and the Executive Director to oversee implementation of the plan. S. Hill seconded. Motion passed.

Informational Items

Item #28. Guidelines for Board Meetings

Item #29. Board Responsibilities for 2016 Conferences –Beth

Item #30. 2017 Nominating Committees Rosters – Sarah Hill

Item #31. 2015 YALSA Donors – Letitia

Item #32. Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives Libraries & Museums –Beth

Item #33. Communications Report – Anna Lam

Item #34. Continuing Education Report – Nicole Munguia

Item #35. Events & Conferences Report – Nichole O.

Item #36. Membership Report – Letitia

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Executive Session -- Monday

Item #37. Executive Session (10 min) – Candice

- **No executive session was called.**

New Business -- Monday

Item #38. YALSA Councilor Midwinter Activities Update – Todd

- Todd shared that two resolutions were tabled until Tuesday. One is regarding improving access at conferences for people with disabilities. The other is to ask Library of Congress to change the subject heading “illegal aliens” to “undocumented immigrants.”
- The candidates for the ALA Executive Board spoke to Council and voting will end later on Monday.

Motion #12: C. Shoemaker moved that the YALSA Board direct the YALSA Division Councilor to vote his conscience and for the best interest of the association at Council. C. Kausch seconded. Motion passed.

Item #39. Updated Research Agenda —Kafi Kumasi

Motion #13: A. Phillips moved that the YALSA Board adjourn the YALSA Midwinter meeting on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Adjournment – *Monday*

C. Mack adjourned the Midwinter 2016 meeting at 2:21 p.m. EST, on January 11, 2016.