

**Spring Executive Committee Meeting
April 17, 2013, via conference call**

Topic: Nominating Committees Update

Background: Members of the 2014 YALSA Governance and Awards Nominating Committees began working on developing a slate of candidates January 1, 2013. The Governance Committee is seeking candidates for President-Elect, Fiscal Officer, four candidates for the Board. The Awards Committee is seeking candidates for the 2016 Edwards Committee, 2016 Nonfiction Committee and 2016 Printz Committee. The groups are required to have a completed slate to the YALSA Office by August 31, 2013.

Action Required: Discussion

**Awards Nominating Committee
Work in Progress and Completed**

Since February 2013 the following items have been completed:

- ✓ Accounts in ALA Connect and Google Docs were set up with all committee members connected.
- ✓ Committee members have received all documentation in regard to the committee and its task.
- ✓ The 2010-2012 list of award and selection committee chairs was divided among committee members and each was written and asked for recommendations of possible candidates for one or any of the three award committees. All information received has been added to Google Docs and ALA Connect.
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- ✓ The list of possible candidates has been vetted for YALSA membership with additional information about past committee work added.
- ✓ A request for members interested in applying to be a candidate for any of the three award committees was sent via YALSA e-news; three forms were submitted.

As of April 8, the following remains to be accomplished before Annual:

- ❖ Similar information about applying to be a candidate needs to be sent to Hub and YALSAblog.
- ❖ An e-mail will be sent to each member who has been suggested asking for completion of the application form if she/he is interested in being a candidate for one of the three award committees. Return by April 30 will be requested.

- ❖ Based on some suggestions received from the Executive Director of YALSA, a template for follow-up questions with potential candidates will be developed.
- ❖ The list of members interested in running for election to an award committee will be divided among committee members. Each will call potential candidates and ask questions, based on the developed template, to determine suitability for candidacy.
- ❖ Results will be returned to Chair of ANC with information added to ALA Connect.
- ❖ List of top candidates and back-up candidates for each award committee will be developed.

Governance Nominating Committee

Work in progress

Committee members have:

- Brainstormed names of potential candidates.
- Looked at current Board profile and identified areas to focus on
- Discussed what to say when talking to potential candidates.
- Posted in the YALSA eNews about the nominating process.
- Written an article for the Spring issue of *YALS* about the nominating process.
- Started contacting candidates to discuss options for the 2014 governance slate.

At the time of this report, there are several strong candidates who have indicated their interest in running for YALSA Board. Committee members are also in conversation with some potential secretary and fiscal officer candidates. There are other possible candidates who are running for either selection or governance positions on the 2013 slate; the committee has agreed to wait until after the election results are published to contact these people. The committee will start posting articles on the YALSA blog after the current election cycle is over.

The committee would appreciate input from the Executive Committee on possible presidential candidates.

Additional Resources

- Finding Effective Board Members: <http://tinyurl.com/2a9poux>
- Recruiting and Vetting Nonprofit Board Members: www.bridgestar.org/Library/RecruitingBoardMembers.aspx
- Get Involved in Governance page on YALSA's site, www.ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/governance#get
- Election page on YALSA's site, www.ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/election