

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

Topic: Presidents’ Initiatives

Background: YALSA Presidents can opt to have a theme for their presidential year. Selecting a theme begins with reading the YALSA strategic plan and thinking about what can be accomplished in a year that advances the plan. The purpose of the theme is to give member leaders a focused initiative or set of activities around which to engage members and ultimately helps drive the association forward. The Executive Committee may want to discuss recent themes and related initiatives and how best to carry forward any unfinished elements. The Committee may also want to provide some feedback and/or direction to Shannon for her upcoming theme.

Action Required: Discussion

Ideas for 2012 - 2013

Possible Topic for Theme	Possible Related activities	How the Activities Move YALSA Forward
Something related to research, advocacy and/or connected learning	•	•

Recent Past Themes

Theme	Year	Related activities	How the Activities Moved YALSA Forward
Connect, Create, Collaborate	2012 – 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for IMLS grant again • Explore partnerships with ALISE, LLAMA and others • Host quarterly presidents’ e-chats to engage members • Create regular YALSAblog posts that feature examples of library activities related to the theme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps advance Research Agenda • Can help promote the new Teen Space and other guidelines to library administrators and GSLIS faculty • Is a unique means of engaging members • Helps members connect their YALSA membership to their jobs
Building a Bright Future	2011 - 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a new strategic plan • Submitting a proposal for the IMLS Leadership Grant • LIS Road Trip • Planned Giving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan will provide the board with a set of goals to work toward for the next 3 – 5 years • The Leadership Grant would bring together leaders in the field to discuss where the profession is now and to make recommendations for future directions • The Road Trip is a way to engage student members and help them prepare for their future as a YA or school librarian • Growing the Leadership Endowment can provide funds to prepare new leaders

Additional Resources

- YALSA Strategic Plan, www.ala.org/yalsa/aboutyalsa/strategicplan