

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago
June 23 – 27, 2017

Topic: Standing Board Committees

Background: Sarah Hill has designated time in the Board’s agenda for the Standing Board Committees to meet. This is an opportunity for the Committees to transition to new chairs and members, discuss any work that will carry over into the new year, and ask questions.

Action Required: Discussion

Standing Board Committees for 2016 - 2017

Advocacy

Diane Colson (chair)
Franklin Escobedo
Jennifer Korn
Gretchen Kolderup
Kafi Kumasi
Sarah Hill

Fund & Partner Development

Kate McNair
Linda Braun
Melissa McBride
Sandra Hughes-Hassell (chair)
Todd Krueger

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Candice Mack
Crystle Martin (chair)
Jane Gov
Jessi Snow
Mega Subramaniam
Trixie Dantis

Standing Board Committees for 2017 - 2018

Advocacy

Diane Colson
Sarah Hill
Derek Ivie
Kate McNair (chair)

Heather Sparks

Fund & Partner

Clara Bohrer
Kate Denier
Franklin Escobedo
Jane Gov
Todd Krueger (chair)
Mega Subramaniam

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Kathy Ishizuka
Kafi Kumasi
Crystle Martin
Melissa McBride
Jess Snow (chair)

Updated Standing Board Committee Charges

Advocacy

Coordinate and periodically evaluate the advocacy activities as outlined in the Implementation Plan. Take responsibility for updating the Advocacy portion of the Implementation Plan at least yearly, or more often if warranted, and submit the updates to the full Board for adoption. Regularly scan the ALA community, association industry and the teen services profession for 1) emerging challenges that may require proactive advocacy efforts; 2) new advocacy initiatives that support YALSA's strategic advocacy objectives; and 3) opportunities for collaboration. Communicate regularly with the board on advocacy strategies and issues, work with the board, designated staff and other relevant YALSA groups to integrate efforts into a cohesive message, make recommendations to the board for revisions or adjustments to advocacy strategies as well as a structure for YALSA to use in designating responsibility for continuing advocacy work, and assist in building the capacity of the Board and of the YALSA membership at large to become effective advocates at local, state and federal levels.

Fund and Partner Development

Coordinate and monitor the fund and partner development activities as outlined in the Implementation Plan. Take responsibility for updating the Fund and Partner Development portion of the Implementation Plan at least yearly, or more often if warranted, and submit the updates to the full Board for adoption. Regularly scan the ALA community, association industry and the teen services profession for 1) new capacity building resources and efforts that support YALSA's strategic objectives; 2) opportunities for collaboration; and 3) emerging issues that may impact YALSA's fund and partner development efforts. Communicate regularly with the board on capacity building strategies and issues, work with the board and other relevant YALSA groups to integrate efforts across the division, make recommendations to the board for revisions or adjustments to fund and partner development strategies and periodically evaluate the structure in YALSA which implements ongoing fund and partner development work.

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Coordinate and monitor the activities in the Implementation Plan related to Leading the Transformation of Teen Services. Take responsibility for updating the Leading the Transformation portion of the Implementation Plan at least yearly, or more often if warranted, and submit the updates to the full Board for adoption. Regularly scan the ALA community, association industry and the teen services profession for 1) new best practices efforts that support YALSA's strategic objectives; 2) opportunities for collaboration; and 3) emerging issues that may impact YALSA's leading the transformation efforts. Communicate regularly with the board on leading the transformation strategies and issues, work with the board, designated staff and other relevant YALSA groups to integrate efforts across the division, make recommendations to the board for revisions or adjustments to leading the transformation strategies and periodically evaluate the structure in YALSA which implements ongoing transformational work, and assist in building the capacity of the Board and of the YALSA membership at large to embrace and implement YALSA's vision for teen services.

Guidelines for Standing Board Committees

Vision: standing board committees are oversight/coordinating committees that manage the work of appointed member groups which relate to a particular Strategic Plan goal in order to ensure efficient and effective progress towards achieving the goals and objectives in the plan and the related tasks outlined in the Action Plan. Standing board committees are oversight groups only. Decision making authority is the sole purview of full Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has the authority to establish new or sunset existing standing board committees, as it deems warranted.

Composition:

- Each May the incoming President appoints board members to the standing committees, taking into consideration their interests and areas of expertise. The incoming President strives to ensure a continuum of knowledge from one year to the next by balancing each committee with new and continuing members.
- Appointments are made to the standing committees in conjunction with identifying board liaisons, so that board members will liaise with those appointed member groups whose work directly supports the same strategic plan goal as the standing board committee on which the board member will serve.
- All board members, with the exception of the President, will serve on a standing board committee.

Key Activities

- Standing board committees will each meet virtually four times per year to discuss quarterly chair reports (these meetings replace the quarterly board meetings via conference call). The focus of the meeting will be to identify and discuss common threads or issues between or among the reports and how the standing committee might

best address them. Committees will leverage board meetings and the board's virtual work space to share out high level information with the full board, such as trends, overarching challenges, milestones achieved, etc. Standing board committees may opt to meet more often, if they feel doing so is warranted.

- Standing board committees periodically (at least annually) measure the progress towards achieving the goals of the strategic plan and share that information with the full board.
- Standing board committees, because of their focus on a particular strategic plan goal, should seek to become experts on the goal/topic by learning about all aspects of YALSA that relate to the goal/topic as well as by looking beyond ALA/YALSA for news, information and resources that help them build knowledge on the goal/topic. As experts on the goal/topic, the standing committee may be called upon to provide background information, reports, training materials, etc. to the full board for meetings or monthly chats.
- Standing board committees are welcome to develop exploration, action, discussion or information items for board meetings, especially as they relate to advancing the work of YALSA in their particular goal area.
- Standing board committees may opt to take on specific tasks, if they deem them to be appropriate, or if directed by the board or president; however, standing board committees serve primarily as an oversight body, rather than a group that executes the tasks outlined in the Action Plan or in other related documents.
- Individual standing board committee members will provide on-going support throughout the year to the chairs with

Additional Resources

- Organizational and Implementation Plans, www.ala.org/yalsa/aboutyalsa/strategicplan