

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle
January 25 – 29, 2013

Topic: Writing Award Evaluation

Background: The YALSA Writing Award has now been awarded twice, in 2012 and 2013. The proposal called for it to be reevaluated at the end of two years by a task force. A proposal to establish a taskforce is presented below by Sarah Flowers.

Action Required: Consent

Proposal: establish a taskforce to evaluate the success of the YALSA Writing Award

Rationale: The YALSA Writing Award was approved by the YALSA Board at Midwinter 2011 and approved by the ALA Awards Committee at ALA Annual 2011. The approved document included this paragraph:

At the end of the first two years, the award will be reevaluated by a task force appointed by the President and composed of YALSA members. Reevaluation is to include: discussion of any changes needed in policies, procedures, and criteria; determination of continuation of the award.

The award has now been presented twice.

Draft Taskforce Charge

Evaluate the success of the YALSA Writing Award, including: 1) measuring impact and determining whether or not the award should continue, 2) evaluating the method of funding for the award, and 3) if the taskforce's recommendation is to continue the award, address any recommendations relating to improvements/refinements needed in policies, procedures, criteria and funding. Taskforce size: 5 members, including at least one member editor/manager and at least one prior Writing Award Jury member. Term: March 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014.

Recommended Board Action: Direct the YALSA President to appoint a task force of YALSA members by March 1, 2013 to evaluate the YALSA Writing Award, as outlined in the above taskforce charge.

Additional Resources

- YALSA Writing Award description and procedures
www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/writing_award