

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

2020 Midwinter, Philadelphia January 24-28, 2020

YALSA's mission is to support library staff in alleviating the challenges teens face, and putting all teens—especially those with the greatest needs—on the path to successful and fulfilling lives.

Board I Sat. January 25, 2020 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 304

Present: Traci Glass, Valerie Tagoe, Melissa McBride, Josie Watanabe, Colleen Seisser, Gregory Lum, Jane Gov, Charli Osborne, Abigail Phillips, Karen Lemmons, Amanda Barnhart, Tammy Dillard-Steels, Todd Krueger

Absent: Trixie Dantis, Kate Denier

Guests: Sandra Hughes-Hassell, Gina Seymour

Board II Sun. June 26, 2020, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 304

Present: Traci Glass, Valerie Tagoe, Melissa McBride, Josie Watanabe, Colleen Seisser, Gregory Lum, Jane Gov, Charli Osborne, Abigail Phillips, Karen Lemmons, Amanda Barnhart, Tammy Dillard-Steels, Todd Krueger

Absent: Trixie Dantis, Kate Denier

Guests: Peter Hepburn

A quorum was present for the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

We will pause in the agenda to accommodate 10 min. information exchanges with:

- BARC Representative, Peter Hepburn
- ALA Executive Board Representative, Dr. Maria McCauley

Board I: Saturday

Call to Order:

T. Krueger called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. EST, January 26, 2020

Information Forum:

Board I:

J. Gov reported on Treasury Notes-Sale of Chicago building went into endowments. ALA used excess funds from Divisions to pay off debt. BARC meeting for divisions, tomorrow at 1:00 p.m-3:00 p.m.

T. Dillard-Steels reported that a newly formed operating taskforce will not be made of every division and so she is advocating for YALSA representation.

T. Krueger reported that there was a large shortfall in the ALA budget and that money was taken out of division funds.

G. Lum reported that the Joann Sweetland Lum Grant was approved by ALA this morning.

Dr. M. McCuauley ALA Executive Board Liaison, reported that the new ALA Executive Director will be Tracy Hall. ALA is moving to 225 N Michigan Ave.

A. Barnhart attended the President Elect Lunch and reported that there was a discussion about *Who is ALA and What are our values?* Three divisions are hoping to merge, LITA, LLAMA and ALCTS. New ALA President, Julius Jefferson Jr. is not doing a Presidential Theme, but instead will have several smaller foci. He hopes to visit underrepresented communities in a van. He will fundraise for the van.

C. Seisser and M. McBride, facilitated YALSA 301, reported that they had 4 attendees and the content was from YALSA 201. They recommended to bring back YALSA 201.

T. Krueger and A. Barnhart had a visit from the Library Board from Singapore and reported they were very enthusiastic and interested in learning more about YALSA and had an interest in presenting at Symposium.

T. Krueger welcomed Board Fellow T. Glass as Director.

YALSA's ALA Liaison: Gina Seymour reported out that the Freedom to Read Foundation, Reading Assembly were discussed Accessibility.

Board II:

P. Hepburn reported that YALSA is stable financially and ALA withdrew money from the divisions to pay monthly bills. ALA has large endowments, but little liquid cash.

T. Krueger reported out on the YALSA Executive Meeting, 2021 budget will be ready mid-April, the need to evaluate the YALSA Director position that has memberships with all of the affiliates and explore other possibilities.

A. Phillips reported that the Youth Council Caucus meeting was well attended by YALSA and other divisions. There was discussion about the new ALA amendment on a specific free speech zone. The new name for the Dewey Medal is the ALA Medal of Excellence.

T. Krueger asked Abby to will vote her conscious on the ALA Council Members.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion 1: K. Lemmons moved that the YALSA Board adopt the agenda with flexibility. A. Phillips seconded. Motion passed.

Consent Items:

Motion 2: A. Phillips moved that the YALSA Board adopt the consent agenda with the exception of Item #7 & #12. G. Lum seconded. Motion passed.

Item #1 Meeting Minutes from 2019 Annual

Motion 3: C. Seisser moved to approve Item #1 YALSA ALA Annual Meeting Minutes with corrections--add C. Seisser as present and correct T. Dantis spelling. M. McBride seconded. Motion passed.

Item #2 TeenTober Toolkit--TRW/TTW Taskforce

Item #3. Evaluating Authenticity--Rob Bittner

Item #4. Joann Sweetland Lum Grant -- Gregory Lum

Item #5. Reevaluating and Reimagining YALSA 101/201/301 -- Amanda Kordeski

Item #6. Odyssey Award joint YALSA/ALSC group recommendations-- Rob Bittner

Item #7 November Chair Reports -- Letitia Smith (Not Passed)

Item #8 YALS Editor Midwinter Report – Tammy Dillard-Steels (Yolanda Hood)

Item #9 JRLYA Editor Midwinter Report – Robin Moeller

Item #10 The Hub Blog Manager Midwinter Report – Stephen Ashley

Item #11 YALSAblog Manager Midwinter Report – Tess Wilson

Item #12 Teen Programming HQ Manager Report – Dawn Abron (Not Passed)

Item #13 Odyssey Award group recommendations - Rob Bittner

Item #14 Councilor's pre-conference report - Abby Phillips

Item #15 - Board Appointment - Todd Krueger

Action Items:

Item #16 2020-21 Board Fellow Selection—T. Krueger

Motion 4: T. Krueger moved that the YALSA Board move into Executive Session. J. Gov Seconded. Motion passed.

Motion 5: J. Gov moved to adjourn Executive Session. M. McBride seconded. Motion passed.

Item #19 Educational Advisory Board—T. Dillard-Steels

Motion 6: C. Seisser moved that the YALSA board approve Item #19 with amendments—the board doc will be revised to add, the president will appoint the board... and add that appointments will be staggered. A. Phillips seconded. Motion passed.

Item #20 Creation of Alex Awards Re-Imagining Task Force---N. O'Conner and T. Krueger

Motion 7: C. Osborne moved to direct the president to form a taskforce to investigate ways to align Alex Award with other book awards by March 2020. G. Lum seconded. Motion passed.

Item #23 Board Member Contract—T. Dillard-Steels

Motion 8: J. Gov moved to adopt the Board Member Contract as outlined in document #23 with amendments. V. Tagoe seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion Items:

Item #17 Strategic Planning Agenda – T. Krueger, A. Barnhart and T. Dillard-Steels

Item #18 Board Training reactions, regroup, next steps – T. Krueger

Item #21 Update of EDI Taskforces – T. Krueger

Item #22 Financial Report – J. Gov

T. Krueger called a recess at 4:48 p.m. EST, January 25, 2020

Board II: Sunday

Recess ended T. Krueger called the meeting back to order 4:00 p.m., EST, January 26, 2020

Item #31 Executive Session – Josie Watanabe

Motion 9: Todd moved that the YALSA Board goes into executive session. Jane seconded. Motion passed.

Motion 10: Karen Lemmons moved to adjourn executive session. Josie seconded. Motion passed.

Item #32 YALSA Councilor Midwinter Activities Update – A. Phillips

Item #33 3PBA/BARC report -- Executive Committee—J. Gov

Item#34 Future "MidWinter" Board Meeting Discussion—T. Krueger

Discussion: Standing Advocacy Board-Community Listening—J. Watanabe

Informational Items:

Item #24 Guidelines for Board Meetings—T. Dillard-Steels

Item #25 Board Responsibilities for 2020 Conferences – T. Krueger

Item #26 2020 Board Development Committee Roster – A. Barnhart

Item #27 CE and Grant Projects Update – L. Braun

Item #28 Communications Report – A. Lam

Item #29 Events & Conference Report – N. O'Connor

Item #30 Membership Report – L. Smith

Adjournment

Motion 11: M. McBride moved to adjourn meeting. C. Seisser seconded. Motion passed.

T. Krueger adjourned Midwinter at 5:00 p.m., EST, January 26, 2020