

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
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Topic: YALS Advisory Board Charge Update

Background: Linda Braun has submitted a request below to update the charge of the YALS Advisory Board to reflect the online presence of YALS.

Action Required: Consent

Proposal: To approve a change in wording of the YALS Advisory Board charge to better reflect the work of the group.

The current charge reads:

To serve as advisor to the editor of YALS on the content of the journal by assisting with soliciting a diverse group of contributors, identifying timely topics for articles and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor. To assist with the search process for a new editor, when appropriate.

The revised charge will read (changes indicated in *bold & italics*):

To serve as advisor to the editor of YALS on the content of the *print journal and online presence which may include* identifying timely topics for print *and/or web articles, developing content for the online journal site*, and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor. To assist with the search process for a new editor, when appropriate.

Rationale:

- The work of the YALS Advisory Board has changed over the past few years. Currently the Advisory Board focuses on supporting the journal web presence; this role is not covered in the current charge.
- In the future an editor may again ask the Advisory Board to provide feedback on articles for the publication. The revised charge provides the Advisory Board and the journal editor with flexibility in the work of the group.
- With a flexible Advisory Board structure the member group will be better able to support the needs of the journal and its editor. As a result this will help guarantee high-quality content of both the print journal and web-based presence. And as a result serve member needs.

Recommended Board Action: the board accepts the new charge as written above and directs the Executive Director to work with staff to update the charge on the web site and roster.

Additional Resources

- YALS' online site, www.yalsa.ala.org/yals/