

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Atlanta
January 20 – 24, 20167**

Topic: *YALS* Editor report for Annual

Background: Crystle Martin, the Member Editor of *YALS*, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. The purpose of the journal is: 1) to serve as a vehicle for continuing education for librarians and library workers serving young adults; 2) to publish articles of current interest to the profession; 3) to showcase research and best practices in the field; 4) to provide news from related fields; 5) to spotlight significant events of the organization; 6) to offer in-depth reviews of professional literature and resources; and 7) to serve as the official record of the association.

Action Required: Consent

***YALS* Editor Report, Midwinter Conference 2017
Crystle Martin, Editor**

In December, the Editor position transitioned from Linda Braun to myself. Linda Braun and Anna Lam have been very helpful as I learn the editorial process.

***YALS* 2016 in Print**

In 2015 *YALS* began the process of re-working both the content and the format of the print publication. In July of 2015 the Editorial Advisory Board was tasked, by the YALSA Board, with working with me to re-envision the content, help in finding content and authors, and being more involved in planning and implementing the editorial calendar. Through that work the Advisory Board and I developed new content sections. These include the *YALS* Interview, a new “Highlights” section, the “Future Trending” section, and “Research Roundup” a column focusing on highlighting research of interest to library staff working with teens.

This new format has continued and with the Winter 2017 issue a regular column was added to the Highlights section that features articles about work related in the organizational plan. The new column will have the title slug, YALSA Organizational Plan News. The Research Committee has taken on the writing the Research Round Up column going forward.

In order to align with the Futures Report, we continue this year to integrate more content written by those not working in libraries. This allows for bringing in voices and ideas, mostly from those working in out-of-school time environments, that can help library staff gain new insights and help build partnerships and collaborations. For Summer and Fall 2016, we have articles written by those who do not work in libraries, we also have an article for the Winter 2017 issue.

YALS on the Web

As the YALSAblog's Member Manager, I worked with Linda Braun to create content about the articles in each issue of *YALS* for the blog. Allison Renner the new Member Manager for the YALSAblog will continue working with bloggers to integrate more content that is connected to the journal. This is being done in part by sending the bloggers the final proof of the journal's content so that they can sign up and plan for posts related to *YALS* content.

YALS 2016-2017

At their 2016 Midwinter Meeting the YALSA Board of Directors voted to combine the *YALS* and YALSAblog Advisory Boards in order to continue to connect and streamline the work of these two publications. Linda Braun and I created a task list for the new *YALS/YALSAblog* Advisory Board and have been working through the items together. Current YALSAblog Member Manager Allison Renner will continue to work with me. The combined Advisory Board has worked well aligning these two publications. Advisory Board members have developed ideas for articles for themed issues and solicited authors from their networks. The Advisory Board is also examining the impact of a digital only journal, as directed by the Executive Committee. These topics will connect to the new organizational plan and are:

- Winter 2017 - Cultural Competency (issue in press)
- Spring 2017 - Advocacy (articles solicited)
- Summer 2017 - Leadership Development (beginning to solicit articles)
- Fall 2017 - Funder and Partner Development

Allison and I will continue to work with the joint Editorial Advisory Board to seek out articles that highlight how library and out-of-school time staff are working in these areas and continue to work with bloggers to develop content for the *YALS* site that connects to the topic of each issue.

Additional Resources

- *YALS* information on the YALSA web site, www.ala.org/yalsa/young-adult-library-services

