

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
2007 Annual Conference  
Washington, DC, June 21-27, 2007**

**Topic:** Establishment of New Taskforces

**Background:** During the 2007 Spring Executive Committee Call, the committee came to the consensus that two new taskforces were needed in order for YALSA to move forward with specific projects. Charges for these two new member groups are provided below.

**Action Required:** Consent

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**New Task Force Charges**

**WrestleMania Reading Challenge Task Force:** to plan and provide resources for the 2007-2008 Reading Challenge by selecting a required read (one each for middle and high school), updating and expanding the existing toolkit, creating and maintaining a page on the YALSA wiki and other activities that the task force deems appropriate. Read the submitted essays and choose a winner by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Submit a final report with recommendations for future enhancements in May 2008 for the Board to deliberate at Annual 2008.

**Certification Task Force:** will pursue the idea of creating a post MLS certification program to be implemented by YALSA in cooperation with ALA-APA. Task force responsibilities include:

- Familiarize itself with the process of developing an ALA certification program by reading the manual on ALA-APA web site.
- Evaluate YALSA's Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth to determine currency and relevancy to a certification program and whether or not they could be implemented as curriculum.
- If the competencies were deemed appropriate, the taskforce would also determine what outcome is desired for each competency. If the competencies were not appropriate for this effort, then the taskforce would need to suggest another appropriate curriculum.
- Providing a progress report for the 07 Executive Committee and 08 Midwinter Board meeting.
- Providing final recommendations to the Board in May 2008 for deliberation at Annual 2008.