

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

Topic: RBA: Program Clearinghouse

Background: The Chair of the Program Clearinghouse Committee is requesting a reduction in the size of the committee and a change in the procedure for submitting conference forms. Details, including a rationale, are provided below.

Action Required: Action

The Program Clearinghouse would like the Board to consider making two changes:

1) Decrease the size of the committee. Currently the Program Clearinghouse has seven members (six members and one Chair). We believe that one Chair and three members could accomplish the charge of this committee.

2) Change the due dates of Forms A and B. The Monday deadlines for both Form A and Form B make it difficult for the Program Clearinghouse to organize the slate of proposed programs prior to the time they need to be presented to the YALSA Board. Currently Form A is due on the Monday of Midwinter and the Board meets on Monday. Would it be possible for the Form A to be due earlier - perhaps Saturday by 9pm - to give the Program Clearinghouse members more time to prepare the slate before presenting it to the Board? I believe the schedule is similar for the Form B due at Annual and that due date could be changed as well. If the due date was Saturday, the Program Clearinghouse could meet on Sunday, organize the proposals, and then present them on Monday to the Board.

Rationale: Each of these requests would allow the Program Clearinghouse to operate as effectively but perhaps more efficiently. Currently, the diffusion of the work among seven people is difficult to track. With a smaller group each member could have a more defined and participatory role.

-Submitted by Tina Frolund, Chair