

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

Topic: Leadership Institute Possibilities

Background: During the 2007 Midwinter Meeting the Board discussed the possibility of hosting a Leadership Institute, which might be held at the 2008 Annual or Midwinter Meeting. An ad-hoc Board group consisting of Nick Buron, Sarah Flowers and Allen Nichols was established to explore the issue further.

Action Required: Discussion

Report from Ad-Hoc Group:

After much deliberation we agreed that the topic needs greater input from the full board – even though it is part of the strategic plan. We were unable to reach a consensus on how to best proceed. There are two pieces that need further exploration:

1 - The Board needs to determine whether YALSA as a whole wants to take on another large training activity.

2 – If the answer is yes, we believe that a task force should be appointed to develop a curriculum and plan and schedule the event.

--Submitted by Allen Nichols

Notes from 2007 Midwinter Discussion:

Discussion ensued about what would a leadership institute curriculum entail. It was pointed out that management topics are different from leadership skills. Would a YALSA institute cover both topics or just one? Beth felt management issues would be important to cover. Kim felt that to be a good manager, you had to be a good leader, so that the two were to some degree intertwined. Amy asked if the topic made for a financially viable event. Nick suggested making leadership part of an institute, but not the whole thing. Nick felt that leadership was a different topic from management.

There was not a general consensus that leadership would be a successful topic for a full day institute. It was suggested that it be a half day topic for Annual 08. For the 08 Midwinter Institute, it was suggested that the topic be on advocacy, as 2008 is the year YALSA joins the @ your library campaign. An institute on advocacy could double as a way to inform members about YALSA's involvement in the campaign.

Pam moved that Judy appoint a taskforce to develop an institute with a focus on advocacy (funding, grant writing, collaboration, partnerships, staffing) that gives a report for the spring conference call.

Amy made a motion to set up an ad-hoc group to explore the idea of a leadership institute and explore existing programs. Allen, Sarah F. and Nick to serve on the group, which will report back at Annual.

Both motions passed.