

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

Topic: Pre-Conference Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair Reports

Background: Reports from the following groups were not available, as of June 12: Booklist Taskforce, Henne Award Jury, Great Graphic Novels, Great Books Giveaway Jury, Partnerships Advocating for Teens, Publications and Youth Participation Committee.

Action Required: Discussion

COMMITTEENAME = YALSA 50th Anniversary Task Force

CHAIR = Penny Jeffrey, Ma'lis Wendt, Mary Arnold

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Develop an overall theme and work with YALSA committees and office to coordinate, plan and carry out a yearlong celebration of YALSA's 50th anniversary, including events and activities at Midwinter and Annual.

ACCOMPLISHED = February SLJ cover feature; two YA attitudes member surveys posted; Anniversary quilt raffle and photos posted to blog and wiki; Flickr YALSA teen spaces, program and historical photos posted; Teen Tech Week blog posted; YALSA Leader interviews posted to wiki; Teen Lit Day Edwards' winners' profiles on wiki, with link to YALSA-BK; Legislative Advocacy Tool Kit link on YALSA main page. Working with Financial Advancement Committee to promote Friends of YALSA. David Mowery chairing BEA Day of Dialogue panel around adult books for YA.

Annual Conference: Booklist Forum/50th Anniversary Party Friday: 50th Anniversary stickers at all YALSA events; YALSA staff arranged for supporting donations and in-kind with first Printz authors; Awards Luncheon: Judy Nelson personally invited YALSA Past-Presidents for special recognition, anniversary décor for desserts; Sunday Author Breakfast: staff report 11-14 authors to attend, will be identified with "Author Author" buttons (donated), sponsorship invitations extended to publisher contacts by committee chairs; staff investigating possibility of process for attendees to get autographs informally as authors make the rounds of tables, YALSA Past Presidents admitted free of charge; Printz Reception: Anniversary balloons; Power Point recognition of donors & sponsors; music by Bella Corda, teen octet; Live@Your Library author stage: Pam Spencer Holley, possibly Deb Taylor to emcee, with 50th committee members as back-up; President's Program/Membership Meeting: Power Point recognition of FOY, current and former leaders, special sponsors; history of TRW through posters, TTW and YA Lit Day new initiatives; special seating for former leaders and FOY donors; YALSA booth: quilt raffle display; memory book, map with pins or small dots to mark member home locations, giveaways

(50th stickers, pencils, small notepads, candy bars with 50th seal?); flyers for Unshelved T-shirts on sale at ALA store.

Co-chair conference call to prepare interim report for YALSA Executive Committee spring conference call.

TERMWORK = Arnold article for summer YALS issue around 50th anniversary and TRW 10th Anniversary;

Rosemary Honnold book on Teens & Tech programs from Neal-Schuman in 2007

Planned December American Libraries article

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = media,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS = Finalize monthly activities through rest of 2007 during Annual conference meetings; committee member David Mowery has resigned effective July 2007 (in order to prepare to chair MAE 2009--kudos to David for great work!)

COMMITTEENAME = AAAS SB&F Prize Task Force

CHAIR = Angela Leeper

EMAIL = angela.leeper@earthink.net

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Using criteria established by AAAS and SB&F, this task force selects an outstanding science book for young adults.

ACCOMPLISHED = We began our new year in April. Since then, we have determined possible titles for review and have begun our selection process.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = outreach,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Advocacy Task Force

CHAIR = Ma'lis Wendt

EMAIL = mwendt@nyc.rr.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To help plan and carry out YALSA's upcoming "@ Your Library Campaign," which will be launched in 2008, and in conjunction with the national campaign to educate and inform the general public about the vital role libraries and librarians plan in youth development and teen literacy, and to provide YALSA members and library staff with tools and resources to do the same in their communities.

ACCOMPLISHED = Megan Humphrey has contracted with Linda Wallace and Peggy Barber to develop the YALSA @ Your Library Tool Kit. Committee members participated in a Conference call with them on March 29th.

After the conference call the following assignments were made:

Ma'lis - Attend the ALA Lobby Training seminar on Friday and bring back ideas

Jennifer - Collect research articles, surveys, etc

Debbie - Identify specific school library related issues

Barbara - Identify what information a Director and Library Board would need from a Young Adult

Librarian who is asking to increase services or programs

Kelley - Review information from Advocacy training in Seattle for relevant information

Rollie - Collect success stories in conjunction with the Legislation Committee which could lead us to some speaker ideas

TERMWORK = none yet

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Alex Awards 2008

CHAIR = Angela Carstensen

EMAIL = carstnsna@yahoo.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The charge of this committee is to select from the previous yearÆs publications ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18. If ten suitable candidates cannot be selected in a given year, the number of awards can be less than ten.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have requested eligible and promising titles from publishers, read extensively, and nominated appropriate titles. We have also discussed "what makes an Alex book" and other relevant topics via our listserv.

TERMWORK = We are a closed committee so we cannot discuss our current process. We would, however, like to communicate that we are happy to accept field nominations via the online form.

ACTIONAREA = marketing,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = 2008 YALSA Selected Audiobooks

CHAIR = Sarah McCarville

EMAIL = smccarville@grpl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To promote the use of audiobooks among the young adult population; and to prepare annually an annotated list of 25 to 30 recommended audiobook titles selected from the two previous years that represent the wide scope of interests and concerns of listeners ages 12 - 18.

ACCOMPLISHED = All committee members are actively listening and evaluating titles as they are received. Starting in January 2007, we have been assigned particular titles to report on and evaluate so that no titles are missed. Many of us are also seeking out opinions on these titles from teens and educators.

One committee member had to resign early in the year, and a new member was named to replace her.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = We have sought guidance from the ALSC Notable Children's Recordings Committee in order to learn how they set up planned listening assignments among their committee members.

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS = The committee has asked me to submit a request to clarify one sentence in our "Criteria for Evaluation" - in particular, "Correct pronunciation of all text words is required." I will submit this request via the "Request for Board Action Form" (unless that's not the appropriate place?) as we feel it is a request to change, or to explain more fully, one particular section of our charge.

COMMITTEE NAME = Awards Evaluation Task Force

CHAIR = Cheryl Karp Ward

EMAIL = cheryl.ward@ingrambook.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = to conduct thorough evaluation of YALSA's current awards program: ALEX, Edwards, Printz.

ACCOMPLISHED = Committee believes that we conducted a thorough evaluation and meaningful discussion of all areas of our charge. Recommendations and considerations were

submitted to Executive Board for their review. In particular, committee's recommendation for the establishment of a YALSA Nonfiction award is already being planned.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIES = outreach,other

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Announcement of MAE winner pre-Midwinter so that extra hype can be generated from press coverage/press interviews before Meeting.

STRATEGIES = outreach,other

STRATEGIESOTHER = Creation of MAE and Printz booklets/pamphlets by respective committees to be printed for sales or downloaded by members for fair use. (Task Force will request Board action to establish guidelines.)

Suggestions for a movie trailer contest, spotlighting a Printz title or any other YALSA award winning book. Contest would be open to teens, possibly distributed for viewing via YouTube.

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Baker & Taylor Award Jury

CHAIR = Patsy Weeks

EMAIL = patsyweeks@msn.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = This grant is funded by the Baker and Taylor/YALSA Conference Grants. The two grants of \$1,000 each are awarded to librarians who work directly with young adults in a public or school library to enable them to attend the Annual conference for the first time. Application must be received in the YALSA office by December 1.

ACCOMPLISHED = We selected the winners, sent congratulatory letters to them, selected a committee member to serve as liaison to each. Planned to meet at Annual to clarify procedures and committee charge.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS = This committee needs to address some ambiguous items in the charge and write more specific definitions and possibly make recommendations.

COMMITTEE NAME = ALA Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC)

CHAIR = Amy Alessio is YALSA Rep.

EMAIL = aalessio@stdl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = BARC oversees all of ALA Finances. The PLAN/BARC meetings at conference are open to division financial leaders to learn about ALA Financial trends and to ask questions relating to division needs.

ACCOMPLISHED = Beth and I have had contact with our liaison, Linda Williams regarding spotty communication between ALA departments and YALSA. This is an ongoing concern. We also expressed concern with changes in service from ALA Departments and how that may or may not be reflected in our overhead contributions.

We turned in a grant proposal for a Diversity campaign with the ALA 2010 money, and are looking forward to hearing the results of that application.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Best Books for Young Adults

CHAIR = Holly Koelling

EMAIL = hkoellin@kcls.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select from the year's publications (more specifically, from the current calendar year and the last four months of the prior calendar year), significant adult and young adult books (fiction and nonfiction titles selected for their proven or potential appeal to

the personal reading tastes of the young adult); to annotate the selected titles (written to attract the YA reader).

ACCOMPLISHED = This is a challenging year for the BBYA Committee, with nine new members and six returning members. The model is to have five new members and ten returning members to assure the committee has a strong contingent of experienced participants to set the pace and standard for our work. In addition, one of the nine new members had to resign, requiring a new member to be selected six weeks before Annual.

All this said, much of my work thus far has been to impart information, educate and hopefully inspire a largely new membership to the work of this committee, which is notoriously overwhelming and which requires incredible amounts of time and energy to successfully perform. This requires regular and detailed communication, including encouragement and correction, which has been a challenge of its own sort with the technical problems YALSA has experienced this year.

In addition to the "people," process and technical aspects of committee work to date, work accomplished includes:

- *Contact with all publishers in our database to introduce them to myself (chair), Rick Orsillo (administrative assistant), the current committee (including updates to the roster), and the work of the committee
- *Correction of the publisher database as necessary (lots to do here)
- *Division of the body of administrative work between myself and the administrative assistant, and regular communication to assure all work is completed accurately and on time
- *Verification and dissemination of all official and field nominations to the committee
- *Completion of one readership poll to date (late April/early May)
- *Notification to all publishers when their titles have received nominations
- *Response to numerous publisher questions and concerns
- *Regular contact with Nichole Gilbert and other YALSA staff to address issues

As of the closing of nominations on May 15th, the committee has nominated 94 titles to be discussed at 2007 Annual. This is only a percentage of the total titles read to consider for nomination.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Youth and youth organizations

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = BWI/YALSA Collection Development Grant Jury

CHAIR = Jennifer Duffy

EMAIL = jduffy@kcls.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To award \$1000 for collection development to YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults ages 12 to 18. Up to two grants will be awarded annually.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have contacted the winners of the grant and it seems that one of them will be able to attend the annual conference in DC. We're hoping to meet her!

TERMWORK = Not much to speak of at this point, we're in-between award cycles.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = professionals serving teens

STRATEGIES = outreach,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Division and Membership Promotion Committee

CHAIR = Erin Helmrich

EMAIL = erinhelmrich@gmail.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA, to promote the Association to our professional colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Strategic Plan

ACCOMPLISHED = We have been working on brainstorming ideas for making the YALSA booth great for annual 2007 - as well as ideas to allocate more funds for the booth for future conferences. We have been talking about membership retention as well.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = marketing

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Editorial Advisory Board

CHAIR = Carol Marlowe

EMAIL = cimarlowe@mindspring.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To serve as advisor to the editors of YALS and YAttitudes on the content of the journal and newsletter by assisting with soliciting contributors and articles and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor(s), and by reviewing scholarly submissions to the publications

ACCOMPLISHED = EAB had a very productive Mid-Winter conference covering the issues of concern to the committee and YAttitudes. A detailed report was submitted to our Board liaison Amy Alessio by the Chair, Carol Marlowe summarizing our thoughts on required changes for YAttitudes to respond to the changing demographics of teen librarians, desired qualifications of the next editor, suggestions for questions the applicants should answer, Suggestions for changes in content and layout for YAttitudes including promotion of the journal continued in the Spring via email. Judy Nelson, requested that Chair submitted a proposal for a referee form to be used for YALSA refereed articles similar to one used by other ALA divisions which has been submitted.

The Editorial Advisory Board will continue upon request by the editors of YALS and YAttitudes provide suggestions for topics for these journals and/or possible authors for these articles or for ones for which the topic has already been decided. Also, upon requested the Editorial Advisory Board will be willing to provide support for the appointment of next editor of YAttitudes, or help in related activities within EAB's stated function, as requested.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,associationsustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS = Concerns have already been discussed in the Mid-Winter post conference report. The primary one being the continuation of the Editorial Advisory Board and improving communication between the various committees that support the publications of YALSA

COMMITTEENAME = Edwards Award 20th Anniversary Task Force

CHAIR = Michael Cart

EMAIL = mrmcart@sbcglobal.net

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To plan a program for Annual 2008 honoring the 20th anniversary of the Margaret A. Edwards Award and to explore other ways to celebrate the anniversary.

ACCOMPLISHED = Task Force will hold its first meeting at Annual.

TERMWORK = None at this time.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS = It's very difficult to find a time when all members can meet simply because our dedicated and energetic members tend to belong to more than one committee and scheduling conflicts become both endemic and epidemic!Now that we're the fastest growing division in ALA, I wonder if it's time to think about limiting the number of obligations members can accept (beyond the present limitations, that is)?

COMMITTEENAME = Margaret Edwards 2008 Award

CHAIR = Brenna Shanks

EMAIL = bshanks@kcls.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The function of this committee is to select an author who best meets the criteria of the award for the 2008.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. We continue to review the eligible works of the selected authors and research their impact on teens.
2. We continue to discuss the authors and their works via e-mail.

TERMWORK = None at this time since our discussions are closed.

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Margaret A Edwards 2007 Award Committee

CHAIR = Mary Hastler

EMAIL = mhastler@bcpl.net

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select a living author or co-author whose book or books, over a period of time, have been accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives. The book or books should enable them to understand themselves, the world in which they live, and their relationship with others and with society.

ACCOMPLISHED = The Committee selected Lois Lowry as the recipient for the 2007 Margaret A. Edwards Award at Midwinter in Seattle. She received the award for *The Giver*, which virtually meets every literary criterion including complexity, controversial, and infinitely discussable. The writing is tight and every word was carefully chosen—a perfect coming of age story. Originally published in 1993, *The Giver* won the Newbery in 1994 and has received numerous other awards and recognitions.

The committee will participate, as appropriate, in the preparation for the MAE luncheon at ALA Annual, on Saturday, June 23, 2007.

The committee suggested creating colorful and hip posters. One poster could be of Lowry and the previous selected authors and the second poster could be a rendition of the 22 different edition covers of *The Giver* with reading/teaching discussion tip/guide on the reverse. The committee also suggested creating bookmarks with the authors & titles listed on one side and a cool graphic promoting YALSA on the reverse.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Financial Advancement Committee

CHAIR = Mary Arnold

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Offer support and assistance to YALSAÆs fiscal officer as requested, including attending BARC meetings as appropriate; oversee implementation of Friends of YALSA, including development of recognition program for individuals, organizations and vendors who donate funds, and provide suggestions for other viable revenue generating ventures to YALSA Board.

ACCOMPLISHED = Friends of YALSA: PresidentÆs letter to 2006 donors, and follow-up generated several more donations; new donors received letter of thanks and welcome; plan for ongoing retention of donors annually; worked with Board liaison and Exec Committee to finalize perks for high-level donors and insure they are received; Board approved level of donation for YALSA Board members and communicated to 2007 candidates, resulting in new FOY donors; YALSA leadership add email tagline promoting FOY; YAttitudes article on sustained giving; 50th Anniversary quilt raffle to benefit FOY; FOY reasons to give bookmark in process for annual; suggestion for email blast to general membership promoting FOY as way to celebrate 50th anniversary; preliminary discussion of second raffle fund-raiser for 2007 to tie into Teen Read Week. FOY donors will be recognized at Annual Membership meeting.

Welcomed two new members, Daphne Daly and Sarah Krygier. Jennifer Gallant, VM, suggested several avenues for revenue to explore, including directed efforts at involving YALSA Past-Presidents, and donor recognition thank you gifts (similar to public television, something related to YALSA they will actually use)ùfor inclusion on meeting agenda.

Committee will work with fiscal officer to gather information on YALSAÆs various revenue streams and work with ALA Development office;work with communications officer to create effective multimedia approach for organizational donors;

TERMWORK = FOY recognition in fall YAttitudes;

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = ALA divisions, youth organizations, literacy organizations and publishers,

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = First Time YA Author Task Force

CHAIR = Ann Theis

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop the policies and procedures for a new YALSA committee that will annually select a First Time YA Author Award that will be funded by the Morris endowment and offered for the first time in 2008; to develop criteria for the First Time YA Author Award; to create a proposal according to the ALA Awards Manual guidelines for the new award for YALSA Board's consideration.

ACCOMPLISHED = A second draft of the proposed award was prepared following the Midwinter task force meeting and was discussed during a YALSA Board meeting. Useful feedback was provided to direct the task force in preparing the next draft of the award.

A third reworked copy of the draft will be distributed to the board for further consideration.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIES = outreach,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = outreach,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Intellectual Freedom

CHAIR = Kathy Krepps

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To serve as a liaison between the division and the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and all other groups within the Association concerned with intellectual Freedom; to advise the division on matters pertaining to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the ALA Library Bill of Rights and their implications to library service to young adults, and to make recommendations to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom for changes in policy on issues involving library service to young adults; to prepare and gather materials which will advise the young adult librarian of available services and support for resisting local pressure and community action designed to impair the rights of young adult users.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee has updated, redesigned and revised materials for the IF web page. The new format features less text, updated links, and user-friendly, effective and proactive advice for YA librarians on what to do when faced with a book challenge, and a concise thorough brochure on social networking.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research,continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,parents,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Legislation Committee

CHAIR = Don Latham

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To serve as a liaison between the ALA Legislation Committee and YALSA and with other ALA youth groups and units interested in serving this age range, to inform and instruct librarians working with young adults of pending legislation, particularly that which affects young adults, to encourage the art of lobbying; and to recommend to the YALSA Board endorsement or revision of legislation affecting young adults which might be proposed or supported by the ALA Legislation Committee.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee has collected advocacy success stories to be used at the annual conference session in 2008, and we continue to plan for that session. The session will consist of a panel of librarians and others who have been successful in partnering with community organizations to advocate on behalf of teens and libraries. Our committee also continues to monitor social networking legislation aimed at libraries. And some of our members blog regularly about legislative and advocacy issues.

TERMWORK = None at this time.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Outreach to community organizations at the local level, particularly community organizations devoted to youth services.

STRATEGIES = outreach,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS = None at this time.

COMMITTEENAME = Local Arrangements

CHAIR = Diane P. Monnier

EMAIL = diane.monnier@montgomerycountymd.gov

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Planning and participation in local arrangements for 2007 Annual Conference in Washington D.C.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. Created a Local "Things to Do" handout - now posted on YALSA site
2. Arranged for "hosts" for all meetings sponsored by YALSA

3. Maintained contact with YALSA staff regarding pre-conference needs in the D.C. area

TERMWORK = Might be fun to do an article on "local arrangements" in general for YALS. Interviewing past chairs about some of the "fun" things that come up. I would be interested in doing such an article.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = outreach,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Midwinter 08 Social Events Task Force

CHAIR = Linda W. Braun

EMAIL = lbraun@leonline.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Plan and implement a social event that includes gaming (video, electronic, board, role playing, etc.) for Friday Jan. 11th from 7-9 PM at the 2008 Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. Tasks include: developing the content for the event; working with YALSA staff on a budget, PR, collaborating w/ PIO's advocacy event and any sponsorships; providing updates to the Executive Committee for the Spring Conference call in April and the Fall Executive Meeting in October as well as provide updates to the Board for the 2007 Annual Conference.

ACCOMPLISHED = We've started to brainstorm what we would like to see happen at the event. We will meet at Annual to continue to figure out what will be the makeup of the evening.

TERMWORK = Nothing at this time.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = AASL, game developers, game stores, ISTE, ACRL

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS = One concern relates to some of the ideas we've been brainstorming and the \$ available for the program. For example, we are thinking of providing hands-on training on setting up a Second Life account, creating an avatar, etc. That might require more technology - laptops and Internet access - than we have used before.

COMMITTEENAME = Non Fiction Award Task Force

CHAIR = Amy Alessio

EMAIL = aalessio@stdl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop procedures for a proposed Award for Nonfiction Literature for Young Adults

ACCOMPLISHED = We have worked out the details and criteria for a NF Award. We will submit a document for Board Input at Annual.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = marketing,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Nominating

CHAIR = Jessica Mize

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To prepare the slate of candidates for the annual election of YALSA officers and directors, the Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee, and the Michael L. Printz Award Committee, in accordance with the YALSA By-Laws, Article VIII, Section I.

ACCOMPLISHED = The Nomination Committee coordinated with Nicole to set up a e-mail list so that we can communicate easier.

We have been open to receive names of potential nominees while we awaited the Spring election to see if we would need to seek more candidates for new positions.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = association sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS = We have received direction from the Board as to exactly which offices and how many will need to be filled. It was my understanding that adjusts may be made to current terms so that we did not have to find both a fiscal officer and secretary at the same time.

COMMITTEENAME = O&B

CHAIR = Shannan Sword

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Function:

1. To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the Division, for the achievement of its state objectives, and to keep them in harmony with the ALA Constitution and Bylaws.
2. To study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure, to advise on the organization manual, and to make recommendations on other organizational matters.

ACCOMPLISHED = *Revised, then revised some more, then approved the yalsa WIKI guidelines.

*Board document # 15 from Midwinter: rewording the charge for the Odyssey award committee forwarded as approved by board to YALSA-O&B, Odyssey Committee Chair Mary Burkey and ALSC president Kathleen Horning.

*"Selected Audiobooks": committee charge change forwarded as approved to committee chair Sarah McCarville.

*"BBYA": changes to nominations forwarded as approved to committee chair Holly Koelling.

*Odyssey award charge reviewed and approved.

TERMWORK =

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Outstanding Books for the College Bound

CHAIR = Sarajo Wentling

EMAIL = sjwentling@yahoo.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To prepare a revised and updated edition of the Outstanding Books for the College Bound booklists every five years. The purpose of the list is to provide reading recommendations to students of all ages who plan to continue their education beyond high school.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee will meet for the first time at Annual. We have gotten our listserv up and running (which was no easy task due to some email issues some members were having!) and have had some good communication about expectations and planning for our meeting in D.C.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Odyssey Award

CHAIR = Mary Burkey

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = This annual award will be given to the producer of the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States. The selection committee may also select honor titles.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee met informally during Mid-Winter. An Odyssey Sympa listserve was created and the committee has maintained lively electronic communication. Various procedural points were brought to the attention of the YALSA & ALSC leadership, as this is a shared committee, and resolved for the good of the committee. Communication with ALA leadership & audiobook producers about the creation of an award seal was initiated. The chair is compiling items that will be useful when the committee Manual is written. A rubric with the Odyssey evaluation criteria was developed by the chair and serves as a method of record keeping by committee members. The chair established communication with audiobook publishers, and maintains a mailgroup and database of contacts. Submissions were requested and as titles were submitted a "Thank You" message was sent to publishers. As of May 25th, the committee has received 117 audiobook titles. Committee members have maintained a rigorous schedule of listening, preparing for discussion at Annual. Committee members have promoted the Odyssey at presentations for the library and education communities. The chair has pending presentations to promote the Odyssey Award at the Annual, NCTE, and ALAN conferences, and will have an audiobook article featuring information about the Odyssey in the June Booklist Magazine.

TERMWORK = The chair will prepare

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration,other

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = The chair will pursue avenues to promote awareness of the Odyssey to parents, children, & teens.

STRATEGIESOTHER = Creation of an Odyssey Award seal / logo for distribution to publishers as soon as the first award-winners are selected.

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Outreach to Young Adults With Special Needs

CHAIR = Lisa Youngblood

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To address the needs of young adults who do not or cannot use the library because of socioeconomic, legal, educational, or physical factors; to serve as a liaison

between these groups and their service providers, and to identify and promote library programs, resources and services that meet the special needs of these populations; to promote the Sagebrush Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to select annually, when a suitable winner is indicated, the recipient.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. Our committee has assisted in finding one of the panelists who works with teens, has found a facilitator for the afternoon breakout session, has made a list of possible vendors, and has shared ideas about the resources for the 2007 preconference collaboration with ALSC, ASCLA, and OLOS.

2. The Outreach Committee submitted a proposal for the program for Anaheim 2008 about online outreach to teens. The proposal was accepted. All members researched this topic and attempted to find the best practices. The proposed title is "Hyperlinks: Technology Catching Teens Outside the Library." So far the committee has found Elizabeth Figa from the University of North Texas who will speak with Shannon Bomar about the information seeking trends of teens.

5. On behalf of the committee, Victoria Vogel wrote a letter of recommendation for Melanie Kimball, Assistant Professor
School of Informatics

Dept. of Library and Information Studies

State University of New York at Buffalo for a research and an possible program entitled "Information and Service Needs of Disabled Youth and Public Library Service." The letter stated, "We agree that there is a need to better understand the information and service needs of disabled youth and their caregivers, and how public libraries can better meet those needs. We believe that your project will help accomplish both of those goals." We also offered to assist with the research project if funding is found.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

CHAIR = J. Marin Younker

EMAIL = marin.younker@spl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To annually prepare one to five annotated list(s) of at least ten and no more than twenty-five recommended paperback titles, selected from popular genres, topics or themes.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee selected four booklist topics: Sex is a Touchy Subject, What Makes a Family?, Magic in the Read World, and Get Your Game On.

Additionally, the committee has posted information on yalsa-bk, started posting on the yalsa blog and will do so monthly, and established a yalsa wiki page for internal committee communications.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Continued outreach to Teen and Youth Services Librarians with postings to yalsa-bk along with the yalsa blog with the hope of increasing visibility and use of this valuable selection list.

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues

CONCERNS = This selection committee would benefit from more exposure not only among those librarians serving youth and yalsa members, but also those library professionals who serve teens in a reader's advisory capacity, but don't have the knowledge of the literature. These topical lists would be especially helpful in these situations and the question is how to take this list to the next level.

COMMITTEENAME = Sins of YA Lit Preconference

CHAIR = Ty Burns & Walter Mayes

EMAIL = tburns@ccisd.net, wmayes@girlsms.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Plan and execute a preconference of interest to YA librarians for annual in DC.

ACCOMPLISHED = The Precon will take place from 8:00 to 5:00 PM. Each presenter will talk about a different sin. Presenters and their sin are as follows: Virginia Euwer Woolf to Envy, Tim Wynne-Jones to Gluttony, Gail Giles - Anger/Wrath, Jack Gantos to Greed, Nancy Werlin to Hubris/Pride, Annette Curtis Klaus to Sloth, Cecily von Ziegesar to Popularity, Publishers -

Beverly Horowitz (Random House) & Elise Howard (Harper) û Sin of Making Money, Elizabeth Partridge û Lust.

There will be a panel discussion on the sin of formats (audio, graphic novels, etc.) led by Jaime Watson. Panel members include Frank Warren and Barry Lyga. There will also be a panel discussion on Censorship, Controversy, and Challenges. This panel is organized by Patty Campbell and Joni Bodart and will include author Nancy Garden.

Walter Mayes and Ty Burns will conclude the session. Our primary aim is to have participants examine the ôsinsö they may commit each day when they are selecting titles, etc. We want them to realize that it is a great sin to prevent a YA from access to a title or subject they are interested in exploring.

We will have dinner the night before, sponsored by Little Brown. We will stuff goodie bags (sponsored by Hyperion) with books (signed or with bookplates) the night before. These will be distributed as the attendees leave the precon. Every author speaker will have a signed book or ARC in the attendee bags, and there will be books from other publishers, too. It should be a great bag.

TERMWORK = We are exploring publishing the speeches in a book format. Walter Mayes is leading this investigation.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Youth organiztions

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = 2008 President's Program

CHAIR = Sarah Cornish Debraski and Carrie Bryniak

EMAIL = slcornish@gmail.com, bryniak@hcplonline.info

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = the function statement of the Committee is: to plan, organize and present the YALSA President's Program at the next Annual Conference.

ACCOMPLISHED = This committee has only just formed and not met yet. However, the chairs have provided readings to the committee members to prepare for our meeting at annual. We have also introduced ourselves via email.

TERMWORK = At the time, nothing. However, an article in YALS following the program at 2008 Annual seems a natural follow up.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = 2007 Michael L. Printz Award

CHAIR = Cindy Dobrez

EMAIL = dobrez@chartermi.net

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books.

ACCOMPLISHED = We are working on a teen response video to be shown prior to the Printz Award presentation in Washington, D.C., with the creative and technical help of Rick Orsillo, and the responses from his articulate Seattle teens and some of the committee members' teens.

I have responded to surveys from the awards and selection committee task forces per my experience on BBYA, MAE, and Printz. I plan to work with current 2008 Printz Chair, Lynn Rutan, to make some additions to the chair handbook and some board recommendations for Printz procedures later this summer.

TERMWORK = Angie Benedetti and I co-authored an article for YALS about our 2007 Printz winners.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Michael L. Printz 2008

CHAIR = Lynn Rutan

EMAIL = lynnrutan@charter.net

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit)and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor books.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have been surveying the field of eligible books and reading intensively. We are receiving many books from publishers and we have been reading as widely as possible. At Midwinter we decided to try a "suggestion" method of bringing books to each other's notice on our listserv. If a committee member reads a book that seems especially excellent or if it is a book the committee member wants additional input on, he or she makes a "suggestion" of that title. Committee members then understand that this is a book that we should try hard to read. I compiled a list of the suggested titles that I have sent out periodically. The committee has found this method helpful in prioritizing our reading. Some of the suggestions have become official nominations but not all.

We held several online discussions of literary elements and have had some discussion on the books we are reading. We now have our list of nominated titles and are reading those and preparing for our in-depth discussions at Annual.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,associationsustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS = I have directed a concern to Judy via email. Another ongoing issue is the Chair handbook which the previous Printz chair and I are planning to update this summer and will submit for approval.

COMMITTEENAME = Professional Development

CHAIR = Melanie Kimball

EMAIL = mkimball@buffalo.edu

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To create and maintain a professional development plan that responds to the needs of librarians serving young adults; to implement, evaluate and revise this plan as necessary; and to maintain a liaison with the ALA Committee on Education and other related ALA units.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. The Committee has had ongoing discussion about criteria for e-courses for YALSA. The discussion will continue right up until ALA Annual at which time we hope to make recommendations to the YALSA Executive Committee

2. Individual members are reviewing sections of the Professional Development website. They will forward any changes to the Chair who will forward everything to Nicole so the website may be updated.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Other ALA divisions

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Program Clearinghouse

CHAIR = Tina Frolund

EMAIL = frolundt@lvccld.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To review, facilitate, coordinate and evaluate the planning for all conference and non-conference program proposals; and to make overall recommendations to the YALSA Board on the package of programs.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee has fulfilled its charge by helping to coordinate the slate of programs for ALA Annual, 2008 in Anaheim.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = YALSA Publishers' Liaison

CHAIR = Gail Tobin

EMAIL = gtobin@stdl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To create a better understanding between publishers and librarians in the library's use of materials with teenagers, in order that such materials be supplied more effectively. To select annually in accordance with the terms of the Book Wholesalers, Inc./YALSA Collection Development Grant, two YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. We worked closely with the YASLA office and Beth Yoke to complete plans for the first annual Support Teen Literature Day, which was held in Chicago, IL, at the Benito Juarez Community Academy on April 19, 2007. The event featured author Tiffany Trent, the band High Strung, participation from teens from the High School, and media coverage of the event.

2. The event was further tied to other YALSA initiatives by using it to launch the Teen Read Week initiative, LOL @ your library, which will be celebrated October 14-20, 2007.

3. Committee Chair Gail Tobin emceed the event and spoke to local media to promote teen literature. Other committee members were not able to attend since most do not live in the area and did not budget for an additional business trip. The other event participants, as well as YALSA Executive Director Beth Yoke, were also interviewed. Positive press coverage of the event was documented by the YALSA office.

4. Committee members worked via email to create a sample letter to the editor and suggested activities for members to use at their local libraries to celebrate Support Teen Literature Day. These were posted on the YALSA website and wiki.

5. We worked on revising our program proposal for Anaheim 2008, which was not accepted as originally submitted, and will re-submit the revised plan for a future conference.

TERMWORK = We would like future Support Teen Literature Day events to be featured/promoted in as many YALSA and ALA publications as possible.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Work with publishers, authors, media and other YALSA committees to promote media event and grassroots support.

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues

CONCERNS = We recommend that a budget for Support Teen Literature Day be established so we can do a bigger event and more promotion of the event and the day through mailings, etc. The committee had many good ideas that could not be implemented because of lack of funds.

More input from the YALSA office on restrictions on the event before the committee spends a lot of time researching ideas and making contacts that will not be accepted.

Update committee function statement on the website. The committee no longer administers the BWI grant and requested this change prior to the mid-winter.

Quick Picks For Reluctant Readers

Chair: H. Jack Martin, hjmartin@nypl.org

Committee Function/Purpose Statement:

The list is for young adults (ages 12-18) who, for whatever reasons, do not like to read. The purpose of this list is to identify titles for recreational reading, not for curricular or remedial use.

Accomplishments/News:

As a selection committee, Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers have identified 65 titles for list possibility. While the majority of the titles are fiction, there are several non-fiction and graphic novel nominations as well. Prior to nominating anything, each committee member answered the following questions regarding their reluctant reader populations:

1. Who are the reluctant readers in your service area?
2. What activities have you noticed them participating in?
3. What are their interests? Or if you haven't had a chance to make contact with them, what interests do you think they might have based on your observations?
4. What methods might you use to get them interested in QP nominations?
5. What methods of feedback from them--verbal or written--do you think you will be able to bring to our committee meeting at Annual in June?

Despite the different locations of committee members scattered across the county, we found many similarities regarding the interests of our reluctant reader nominations. Many of our RRs love skateboarding, punk rock, hip hop, heavy metal, movies. Our reluctant readers are interested in discovering stories about themselves, their neighborhoods, their ethnicities, their friends and families. Several are manga fans; other prefer super hero comics. Many of us work with incarcerated teens who have third grade reading levels. Our reluctant readers are interested in sports, sneakers, girls and boys. Reluctant readers everywhere are curious about technology, and they spend hours each day contacting each other via myspace, scolnex and other online meet-and-greet hubs.

We hope that these findings will provide the committee with a blueprint on which to begin making nominations. Hopefully, in matching these interests with books, we can strengthen the connection between reluctant readers and literacy.

Perhaps YALSA would be interested in looking to the Quick Picks committee to publish an article about the interests of their reluctant reader populations?

YALSA Strategic Plan Action Areas Reached by Quick Picks:

Advocacy
Marketing
Research
Continuous Learning

Strategy Possibilities:

Outreach
Publication
Conference Program
Collaboration

Key Partners:

Teenagers
Education
Media
Parents
Colleagues
Youth Development Organizations

Concerns:

Throughout my two-going-on-three years of service on this committee, members have constantly struggled to comprehend the difference between “what librarians think reluctant readers should read” and “what reluctant readers actually want to read.” The 2008 committee is no exception, and the nominations--the majority of which are teen novels—are the proof.

Whereas the Printz awards are the voice of the librarian in terms of literary quality, BBYA list is comprised of a combination of literary quality and teen appeal. I like to think that our Quick Picks lists are purely the voices of reluctant reader teenagers. Quick Pick committee members, once those nominations have been made, morph from librarians to field scientists to gather reluctant reader feedback to bring back to conference. It's these opinions—straight from the mouths of reluctant readers—that make it such a high quality list. Not necessarily in terms of literary quality, but reluctant reader appeal. It's lists like this that can really help connect or reconnect reluctant readers to libraries. Our list not only impacts their level of literacy, but hopefully it infuses them with a sense of enthusiasm to explore everything libraries have to offer. In a way, in librarian-speak, Quick Picks is truly the apex where services to teenagers in libraries meet library materials.

Perhaps YALSA could devise a method to educate its members about the importance of Quick Picks and the impact that reaching out to teenagers/reluctant readers for input when it comes to library collections and services. I think that not only this would strengthen the committee's ability to create a first-rate, groundbreaking list, but would also help the organization as a whole better connect itself with the teenagers it serves.

Also, as past chairs have requested, if YALSA could interject a line in the Quick Picks voting procedures that nominations must have reluctant reader feedback to receive a positive vote, that would also help strengthen the overall quality of the list.

As this year's chair, my primary goal for Annual conference is to educate committee members (not to mention YALSA members and publishers and educators) about the list: the importance of gathering and disseminating reluctant reader feedback, how to tell a reluctant reader comment from an avid reader one, how to harness reluctant reader interests when identifying a nomination possibility, where to find nominations publishers may not send us (Barnes and Noble, Hot Topic, Virgin Megastores), etc. Hopefully by the end of Annual, the committee will have widened its knowledge about its charge and perhaps begin making strides to develop a tool to help YALSA educate the rest of its constituency.

COMMITTEENAME = RUSA/YALSA Task Force on Reference Guidelines for Teens

CHAIR = Sarah Flowers/Helen Hejny(RUSA)

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop and promote reference guidelines for serving young adults, ages 12 through 18.

ACCOMPLISHED = We re-wrote the introduction to the guidelines, in accord with the wishes of RUSA's Standards and Guidelines committee. We are re-submitting the guidelines for approval by RUSA and YALSA at annual. Meanwhile, we have submitted program proposals for ALA Annual '08 and for PLA '08.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = RUSA, AASL

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Research

CHAIR = Randall Enos

EMAIL = renos@rcls.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To stimulate, encourage, guide and direct the research need of young adult library service; to compile abstracts, disseminate research findings.

The following is no longer part of committee charge
(and judge applications for the Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant.)

ACCOMPLISHED = Previous actions have been reviewed.
Plans for the conference program at upcoming annual conference have been finalized
Investigated best practices of association mentoring programs.
Worked on organizing committee notebooks for incoming committee chair.

TERMWORK = N/A

ACTIONAREA = research

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,colleagues

CONCERNS = N/A

COMMITTEENAME = Sagebrush Award Jury

CHAIR = Cara Kinsey

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The Sagebrush Award is designed to honor a member(s) of the Young Adult Library Services Association who has developed an outstanding reading or literature program for young adults. The award provides a grant of \$1,000 to support the winning member's attendance at the ALA Annual Conference. The award is made possible through an annual grant from the Sagebrush Book Company, a division of The American Companies. Applications must be received in the YALSA office by December 1

ACCOMPLISHED = We've been working to set up next year's committee to publish in the fall (with enough time before the application deadline to put together an application, but close enough to the deadline to encourage applications) an article about what Sagebrush has to offer and what librarians have been doing.

TERMWORK = We're looking to publish an article in the fall, probably in YALS if possible.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = ALA Schneider Family Book Award

CHAIR = Donna McMillen (cmte member/YALSA rep)

EMAIL = donnamcm@kcls.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Selects books for youth in three age categories that best portray the artistic expression of the disability experience.

ACCOMPLISHED = The new committee will start work at the Annual conference. My year is wrapping up with attendance at a luncheon with the winning authors/illustrator for 2006 on Monday at Annual. I finished up an article about my experience on the committee for the YALSA journal in a recent issue. In the article I encouraged anyone with an interest in this area to volunteer for the committee. The committee also updated the bibliography that appears on the web link.

TERMWORK = The YALSA journal recently published the above article "Behind the Scenes on the Schneider Committee."

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = ALA, ASCLA

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = media,colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = YALSA Scholarship Task Force

CHAIR = Terry Beck

EMAIL = tbeck@sno-isle.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop a proposal for a new scholarship that will fund student member(s) travel to ALA's Annual Conference.

ACCOMPLISHED = We're a newly formed task force and while we're trying to get started via email, I think that we'll have a better sense of direction after we meet in person. The task force member who originally proposed the scholarship has just relocated across country for a new job. What we've started working on is a list of questions for YALSA and the biggest question is funding for the scholarship.

TERMWORK = Nothing at this time.

ACTIONAREA = continuous learning, associations sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS = The most significant concern that has been expressed by all the task force members is the funding component for a scholarship--we'd like a little more guidance from YALSA as to the scope and possible of funding. Or, is this something that you're hoping we propose?

COMMITTEENAME = AASL/ALSC/YALSA School/Public Library Cooperation

CHAIR = Kevin Scanlon

EMAIL = kscanlon@hdpl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = This Joint committee will identify, develop, promote and disseminate information on effective cooperative or collaborative projects that link schools and public libraries. The committee will: maintain and update the resources that have been compiled on the ALA website; develop training workshops and/or programs on cooperative or collaborative projects and present them at conferences, institutes and for other organizations serving youth; and detail findings in articles and books for division publications.

ACCOMPLISHED = We are in the process of finishing an article featuring a public library within a school building.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media

CONCERNS = We would like to see an award that spotlight a school/public library collaboration. We also believe that we could develop an online course for school/public library collaboration skills and/or programs.

COMMITTEENAME = Selected Videos and DVDs for Young Adults

CHAIR = Michael T. Wallace, Sr

EMAIL = michaelwallace@verizon.net

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select videos and digital video disks especially significant to young adults from those released in the past two years; to prepare an annotated list for publication in Booklist, School Library Journal, the YALSA web site, and other appropriate publications; and to present an annual showcase for selected items.

ACCOMPLISHED = Continually engaged in team building.
Sent letters to producers/distributors of materials selected for 2007 list.

Created a Process Evaluation Subcommittee to evaluate previous year's operations and submit recommends for improvement.

Created a Wiki Feasibility Subcommittee to ascertain how it can be utilized by the committee to pursue its mission and objectives.

Utilized input from subcommittees to create both a Member's Only Wiki and a public Wiki of the YALSA site.

Planned an informative, entertaining, and engaging program for the Annual Conference.

Created an Action Plan that includes tasks, deadlines, and responsibilities, to guide the committee's activities through Midwinter 08.

TERMWORK = "The Danish Poet," a film selected by the SDVD at the Midwinter Meeting, was awarded an Academy Award for the "Best" animated short film.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Selected Lists Task Force

CHAIR = Di Herald

EMAIL = dherald@mac.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The Selected Lists Task Force has been charged with conducting a thorough evaluation of YALSA's current selected lists program (Audiobooks, BBYA, DVDs, GN, OBCB, PP, QP and TTT) including: 1) continued relevance of the existing focus/philosophy of the lists; 2) appropriateness of current policies and procedures; 3) opportunity for generating revenue; 4) strengths and weaknesses of marketing efforts; 5) strengths and weaknesses of the current format for the announcement and any subsequent recognition and/or conference program(s); 6) determining completeness of YALSA coverage of selection lists, and any possible need from librarians for additional lists.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have surveyed YALSA membership as well as current and previous chairs of the Selected Lists for problems with the committees as well as what is working well.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = marketing, associations sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Members have expressed a need for stickers to identify materials that have been named to the lists.

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program

STRATEGIESOTHER = Conference programs could help members use and understand the lists.

CONCERNS = We want to meet face to face at annual to come up with our final recommendations.

COMMITTEENAME = Strategic Planning

CHAIR = C. Allen Nichols

EMAIL = allen@wadsworthlibrary.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To make recommendations to the YALSA Board for the division strategic plan; to monitor and evaluate the existing strategic plan; to make recommendations to the YALSA Board for updating the strategic plan.

ACCOMPLISHED = Maintained the currency of the existing plan by updating procedures as they are accomplished

Began developing an RFP to assist in the next round of strategic plan writing

By June 4 it will submit a list of items that have not been completed for the YALSA board to review

At the Annual Conference, the committee will complete the action steps for the 2008 items and finalize a draft RFP to submit to the executive director.

TERMWORK = None

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = SUS Evaluation Task Force

CHAIR = Francisca Goldsmith

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To evaluate the serving the Underserved program and to make recommendations to the YALSA Board on ways to improve or enhance the program; to consider ways that revenue may be generated, either by products or services, from the SUS program....

ACCOMPLISHED = While we have continued to receive a small trickle of input from SUS trainers, we have not been able to present the survey to agencies and institutions where SUS training took place, 2001-2006, that we believe would be informative.

TERMWORK = In fact, the filling of positions on this Task Force was not completed this term. While Elizabeth Shuping and Francisca Goldsmith remained active, the other previous members went away and new appointees seemed hesitant to accept the invitation to participate. The YALSA Institute format is tighter and better clarified than the current SUS model of staff development program delivery, so it may be possible to spin out SUS content into as many as 12 more institutes (eg, Adolescent Development, Library Policy, etc.) but a good beginning would be to provide SUS with a focused governor.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = LAMA, PLA, PTA

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS = It is clear that the SUS program deserves a paid oversight leader in order to address the issues identified in my post-conference report in January 2007: assistance for trainers in negotiating contracts, assistance for agencies in finding the appropriate trainer, and evaluation of the training, both short term and long term. There is much that is good in this program, but SUS is currently so diffuse in its organization and oversight that neither the trainers nor their prospective clients have clear paths of communication with each other, nor effective methods by which to assess their suitedness to their strengths and weaknesses.

COMMITTEENAME = Teen Advisory Groups

CHAIR = Melissa T. Jenvey

EMAIL = mjenvey@nypl.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To provide a forum for learning and discussion of TAGs as a critical part of library service to teens, to liaise with other groups and organizations on issues relating to TAGs, to promote the establishment of TAGs in both school and public libraries; to identify and disseminate best practices in establishing and maintaining TAGs; to advocate for teen involvement in library services; to incorporate the principles of TAGs and youth involvement into YALSA initiatives, such as Teen Read and Teen Tech Weeks.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have created 50 Tag Tips for our Blog to later be added to our Wiki and Website resources. We have discussed establishing a TAGs portion on the YALSA Wiki and will continue with that initiative in the coming year. We have continued to Blog on the YALSA Blog about TAGs.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research,continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Technology for Young Adults

CHAIR = Meg Canada

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To provide a forum for learning and discussion of the use of technology with young adults, to liaise with other groups and organizations on technology issues, to promote the use of technology and other media; to suggest ways to use those media with young adults; to advocate equal access.

ACCOMPLISHED = Planned session for Annual conference.
Contributed to YALS (interview with Michael Stephens)
Created handouts for upcoming Conference session

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = marketing,continuouslearning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication,conferenceprogram

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Teen Tech Week

CHAIR = Stephanie Iser (2008) Linda Braun (2007)

EMAIL = stephanie.iser@gmail.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to encourage teens to use librariesÆ nonprint resources for education and recreation and to help teens recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Committee responsibilities may include: Developing content for the Teen Tech Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended web sites, video games, DVDs, audiobooks, etc.; promoting Teen Tech Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, e-zines, blogs etc. within the library, education and technology fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting with the selection of an annual theme and related products; providing recommendations as to appropriate potential celebrity

spokespersons and potential Corporate Sponsors, Promotional Partners and Non-Profit Supporters.

ACCOMPLISHED = Linda: After the Midwinter Meeting the Committee continued to get ready for the first Teen Tech Week. This included setting up virtual events for teens and librarians and continuing to help promote TTW programs and events. The two virtual events held for TTW were a discussion on teen publishing and media with Lauren Myracle, her publisher and Anastasia Goodstein (of Ypulse) facilitated by Carlie Webber. The second event was a discussion on gaming with a rep. from Wizards of the Coast and Craig Davis of Youth Digital Arts Cyberschool. This discussion was facilitated by Jami Schwarzwald. Neither event drew a big crowd - only about 5 people attended each. Following TTW committee members judged the Lauren Myracle contest and the YouTube contest.

Stephanie: The committee analyzed the TTW 2007 survey results and developed strategies to address concerns mentioned. Currently, the committee is in the process of gaining teen input for the 2008 theme. We have also discussed web and wiki content and have begun putting together a plan for the web site.

TERMWORK = Linda: Perhaps a story on the libraries that won the two contests mentioned above and how they are using technology to promote programs and services might make an interesting article. One thing noticed looking through the contest submissions is that there isn't a lot of out-of-the-box thinking in terms of technology, teens, and libraries. Submissions were very focused on teaching teens how to use technology as opposed to integration of new technologies or youth participation when it comes to technology. Articles with ideas on how to move forward and move beyond the traditional might be useful.

Stephanie: After Teen Read Week has completed, we would like to begin publication hype of Teen Tech Week. Possible articles include inventive Tech programs, recommended tech reading lists, video game recommendations or promotion of TTW contests.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research,continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,conferenceprogram,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = AASL, game designers/developers, software, hardware,technology companies, ISTE, web designers

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS = From Linda - In the first year I was not always clear on the work that the committee was charged with vs. what YALSA Office staff is charged with. This might be simply a reflection of being a first year event. I think the Committee could have done a better job of helping publicize the programs, events, and celebration in general and that was a job that the first year chair (me) did not do as well as possible. In the future the chair of the committee should

find out early in the year that is responsible for what aspects of the event. Perhaps a document that outlines the different tasks and who does what when would be helpful. This might be more bureaucratic than necessary but I think gives the idea of the kind of framework that needs to be developed.

Stephanie: I am also concerned about the marketing of Teen Tech Week, and hope to address the issue by formulating a marketing plan. I will share the plan with YALSA office to get a better understanding of who does what, in regards to the marketing and promotions.

So far the committee members have been successful in brainstorming and developing ideas for Teen Tech Week and there are no concerns about participation and contribution.

COMMITTEENAME = Teen Read Week

CHAIR = RoseMary Honnold

EMAIL = honnolro@oplin.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To provide recommendations for each annual Teen Read Week to the ALA/YALSA staff; to assist in the selection of a slogan, the drawing up of a timeline, the creation of new items to be added to the tip sheet and Teen Reading website, and to recommend promotional activities and products.

ACCOMPLISHED = Our committee established a Teen Read Week wiki and submitted material for the Teen Read Week website.

TERMWORK =

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

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CONCERNS =

COMMITTEENAME = Regional Advisory Board

CHAIR = Angela Parks

EMAIL = aparks@olatheks.org or aparks96@gmail.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To collect and share information with the YALSA office about issues relating to young adult librarianship at the state and regional levels; to liaise with state and regional chapters and share with them information and resources about key YALSA programs and initiatives; to communicate with YALSA's Division and Membership Promotion Committee and collaborate as appropriate; to work with ALA's Chapter Relations Office as appropriate; and to assist the YALSA office with participation in state and regional conferences.

ACCOMPLISHED = Our biggest accomplishment was obtaining information about the upcoming conferences for 2008 and deciding which conferences it would be in the interest of YALSA to have a presence at. Contact information was included with these recommendations.

I also wrote an article for the YAattitude this year about the committee and how neat it is to be volunteering for YALSA through virtual means.

TERMWORK = NA

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOUTREACH = Membership Committee

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = educators,media,colleagues,youthdevorgs

CONCERNS = Communication continues to be a concern, and I am not sure if this is a problem with other virtual committees. Hopefully with the wiki for the VRAB Committee this will be eliminated.

COMMITTEENAME = Web Site Advisory Committee

CHAIR = Linda W. Braun

EMAIL = lbraun@leonline.com

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To regularly provide oversight for YALSA web content and methods of distribution.

ACCOMPLISHED = Continued to update and maintain YALSA's MySpace space.

Completed revisions to wiki application and guidelines, approved applications, setup wiki spaces for several committees, task forces, and discussion groups.

Worked on the For Members Policy for the YALSA web site.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,associationsustainability

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PARTNERS = teenagers,educators,media,parents,colleagues,youthdevorgs

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COMMITTEENAME = YA Galley

CHAIR = Edith Cummings

EMAIL = ecummings@acpl.lib.in.us

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous years among the voting teen group members as well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote.

ACCOMPLISHED = Collected and posted nominations from groups, disseminated information about the project to group leaders, compiled and distributed final list of nominations for TRW 2007.

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STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS

COMMITTEENAME = YA Literature Symposium Task Force

CHAIR = Stephanie A. Squicciarini

EMAIL = ssquicci@libraryweb.org

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To plan and implement YALSA's first Young Adult Literature Symposium, consider the idea of the symposium as a venue for presenting scholarly papers on topics relating to young adult literature (papers could then be gathered and published by YALSA), explore the option of including vendors as a means of generating revenue, and work with the YALSA office as necessary. This event should feature, but not be limited to, authors who have recently won YALSA awards, be at least one full day long, be funded in part by monies from the Morris endowment, be a biennial event held separately from the ALA Annual Conference or Midwinter Meeting, and be held in 2007 or no later than 2008.

ACCOMPLISHED = After the feedback from the Board, the Task Force brainstormed new potential themes and narrowed down the list to the top 5 vote-getters among the committee. The top five were: True Confessions of Young Adult Literature (4), The Terrible Teens: The Defiant Adventures of YA Literature (4),

All I want is the Truth...and Something Juicy to Read (3), How We Read Now: YA Lit, Chick Lit, Graphic Novels, Street Lit, and... (3), Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll, and Four-Lettered Words: The Ever Controversial Genre of YA Literature (2). We submitted these 5 to the Executive Committee to vote on. How We Read Now was their recommended theme. We also worked on Call for Program Proposal and Call for Papers forms which Beth Yoke fine-tuned for us. They are awaiting the final decision on location and theme before being put out for member use. After that we pretty much went into a holding pattern until we begin to get program and paper submissions and final location, date, and theme from the Board.

TERMWORK = No news to report. Once we receive paper submissions, there will be much more to discuss.

ACTIONAREA = marketing, research, continuous learning

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, colleagues, youth dev orgs

CONCERNS = We did have two members step down from the Task Force. While currently the number of members of the TF is a good one, moving forward we may need additional members.

COMMITTEENAME = Youth Participation Coordinator

CHAIR = Jerene Battisti

EMAIL = jbattisti@ci.renton.wa.us

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To oversee the participation of adequate numbers of teens in YALSA programs, by recruiting local teens to take part at the Midwinter and Annual meetings. This enables YALSA to hear from teens around the nation and gives them an opportunity to experience the excitement of ALA and YALSA.

ACCOMPLISHED = I have contacted groups in the greater Washington, D.C. area to recruit teens for the BBYA session on Sunday, June 24, 2007. Coordinated with Lara Phan of Penguin Putnam Young Readers Group to provide the luncheon for the BBYA teens. Penguin will be bringing John Green and Laurie Halse Anderson to that event. Coordinated with Judy Nelson to have a "stand-in" for me on Sunday morning, due to my Odyssey Committee meeting.

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STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers,colleagues

CONCERNS =