

**Topic: Post-conference Committee Reports  
Item # 14**

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
Conference Call  
1:00 – 2:30 PM (Eastern) August 8, 2007**

- Topic:** Post-conference Committee Reports
- Background:** The Board receives copies of the post-conference reports submitted to the office by committee chairs. Board members will want to pay special attention to the reports of the committees they liaise with to identify activities and problems. It is also a good time to check to see that these committees are aligned with the Strategic Plan.
- Action Required:** Discussion
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COMMITTEENAME = YALSA 50th Anniversary TF

CHAIR = Mary Arnold, Penny Jeffrey, MaÆlis Wendt

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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 YALSAÆs 50th Anniversary, including events and activities at Midwinter and Annual 2007

OUTCOMES = Wow! YALSA was front and center throughout Washington DC! Thanks to fantastic support from staff, Board and partners like WWE, Booklist, publishers, ALA Public Programs and others, our anniversary events were THE place to be. Friday: Booklist forum of 2001 Printz winners, followed by anniversary party; Saturday: Awards luncheon with special recognition for YALSA Past Presidents; Sunday: Author breakfastù22 Edwards and Printz winning authors hobnobbed with over 400 YA lit lovers, then stayed for photo opps; WWE reception to kick off YALSA’s WrestleMania Reading Challenge; Monday: Live @ Your Library Public Programs YA authors reading stage, hosted by Pam Spencer Holley; YALSA Membership meeting recognition of past YALSA presidents and Friends of YALSA; President’s Programù50 years of teens and reading, made even more special by the marvelous group of teen performers and distinguished panel of authors chaired by Michael Cart; Printz program and reception more tickets sold than ever before for an inspiring evening.

YALSA 50 met twice; members contacted YALSA committees and members who will continue to provide content and activities for all members through print, online resources and professional gatherings for the anniversary year. Task Force members promoted T shirt and quilt Friends of YALSA fundraisers. Honnold book Get Connected: Tech Programs for

Teens on sale at ALA store. David Mowery reported on the success of the YALSA sponsored panel at the LJ Day of Dialog during Book Expo America.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Continuouslearning,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,publication,collaboration

WORKPLAN = YALSA leader interviews continue on anniversary wiki; conference photos to be posted on Flickr account; promote YALS memory book publication on wiki and blog; Arnold YALS fall article "Fifty Years of YALSA" and Reading for the Fun of It"; work with Pam Spencer Holley on filling in Presidential Memories for YALSA history; work with Christine Jenkins on documenting YALSA archive; work with staff (intern?) on research into YALSA past leadership and contacts for follow-up to utilize their expertise and offer opportunities to continue to support YALSA; post Edwards and Printz trivia on wiki; My Space, perhaps find mechanism to offer prizes?;

Calendar: July and August: summer reading titles on wiki; TeenRead

September: 50 Years of Reading Freely on wiki; YA attitudes; Advocacy TF Pointers for Library Card Sign Up Month on webpage

October: Teen Read Week; promote Teen Top Ten on wiki; blog  
WWE partnership; FOY fundraiser raffle: autographed books  
Month of the Young Teen: 50 tips for Working with Tweens on Wiki

November: YALSA promotions at AASL and NCTE conferences

December: American Libraries cover story; recommend to include background on YALSA/YASD fiscal and political ups, downs and determination to thrive

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = YA attitudes surveys; YALS article; American Libraries article

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENTMEMBERS = Julie Bartel excused for other obligations;

UNEXCUSEDMEMBERS = None

CONCERNS = In order to maximize the availability of post-conference information and remaining 2007 activities to members at large, we recommend that a direct link to the 50th Anniversary wiki be maintained on the front YALSA webpage through December 2007; the 50th anniversary year is a good opportunity to begin to pull together the organizational history; we have an unbroken timeline of past-presidents; Pam is pulling together presidential year information; would like to see more detail in the Handbook, especially relating to YALSA/YASD fiscal and political background within ALA and honor the determination and dedication of leaders who kept YALSA alive long enough to thrive!

LIAISONDISCUSSION = Yes, briefly; our liaison is Judy Nelson, who had a little bit of responsibility during conference! We've had an email from her since, reminding us of her

continuing interest in the rest of the story for the anniversary year and offering her support and expertise.

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COMMITTEENAME = Advocacy Task Force

CHAIR = Ma'lis Wendt

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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 play 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.

OUTCOMES = The committee met twice -- at the All Committee meeting and again on Sunday morning. On Sunday we met with Linda Wallace to discuss the proposed Toolkit and to answer her questions. We had a very productive meeting. Linda and Peggy Barber are working on the draft. Committee members have assignments to gather more information and respond to Linda by August 13th.

We also discussed a plan for the Preconference at the 2008 Midwinter. The morning session will have a key note speaker (not yet chosen) and then a panel discussion with Barbara Blosser for public libraries, a school librarian and an advocacy expert. Lunch with speaker(s). The afternoon would be breakout sessions for the participants to practice using the components of the Toolkit and to begin to outline their own advocacy efforts. [I spoke to Marci Merola about coordinating with the PIO Advocacy Preconference, for lunch and the afternoon sessions -- she expressed some interest in this arrangement.]

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,research

STRATEGIES = program,publication

WORKPLAN = Linda Wallace and Peggy Barber are working on the draft of the Toolkit. Committee members are gathering information with an August 13th deadline. Draft Toolkit due October 1st with the final one to be introduced at Midwinter.

We are also planning a Preconference program for Midwinter 2008 in Philadelphia and then a follow-up program in Anaheim at Annual 2008.

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = nothing yet

EFFECTIVENESS = 2

ABSENTMEMBERS = Excused: Kelley Worman

GUESTS = none

CONCERNS = We're on a tight time schedule and still uncertain about the format for the Preconference. However we all feel confident that we can pull everything together in time.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = Brief update on our plans.

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COMMITTEENAME = Alex Awards Committee

CHAIR = Angela Carstensen

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The charge of this committee is to select from the previous year's publications ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18.

OUTCOMES = We discussed our nominated titles, other titles we are considering, and what we are looking for. We also had a terrific discussion about ideas for our program at next year's Annual conference, which will celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Alex Awards.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, Continuous learning, Associations sustainability

STRATEGIESOTHER = Selection Committee work.

WORKPLAN = We will continue to read and discuss titles on our listserv.

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = With the Fifth Anniversary of the Alex Awards coming up, an article looking at the titles selected so far might be relevant.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

LIAISONDISCUSSION = I introduced myself to Maria at the end of the Leadership meeting on Saturday morning.

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COMMITTEENAME = Awards Evaluation Task Force

CHAIR = Cheryl Karp Ward

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

OUTCOMES = final report will be emailed to Pauls Brehme-Heeger. committee in agreement with recommendations.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,publication

WORKPLAN = work is completed

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENTMEMBERS = all present

LIAISONDISCUSSION = had telephone discussion with board liaison and beth yokel before annual concerning submitted recommendations.

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COMMITTEENAME = BARC

CHAIR = Amy Alessio

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = BARC oversees ALA finances.

OUTCOMES = I attended the two PLAN meetings on Sunday at conference. As I reported at the Tuesday YALSA Board meeting, I learned that the 2010 monies have been dispersed and we will pursue other funding for our diversity campaign. We have been encouraged to pursue our inquiries about service cuts from PIO through our BARC liasion, Linda Williams.

ACTIONAREA = Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach,collaboration

EFFECTIVENESS = 3

CONCERNS = We have been advised to subtly pursue our concerns by some sources and to air them at question and answer time at the Sunday meetings by other sources. This makes it confusing to figure out how to proceed to champion YALSA's causes and mission strategically.

COMMITTEENAME = Best Books for Young Adults

CHAIR = Holly Koelling

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select from the year's publications, significant adult and young adult books; to annotate the selected titles.

OUTCOMES = The BBYA Committee met for all arranged hours. Meetings included opening remarks, introductions, review of charge and purpose, straw polls and hours of discussion of the nominated titles (94 at Annual). The committee modelled the discussion process for the teens who participated in the teen feedback session on Sunday afternoon. I moderated the teen feedback session.

STRATEGIESOTHER = I'm having a hard time applying our work to this and the preceding question.

WORKPLAN = The committee is in an intense phase of reading to nominate and reading incoming nominations. My most important task (among many ongoing administrative tasks) is to maintain a presence and keep the group informed, united, motivated, and working to standard between now and the Midwinter conference.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENTMEMBERS = Karyn Silverman, excused for advanced pregnancy and doctor's recommendation to avoid travel.

CONCERNS = No concerns based on the work of the committee at Annual. The majority of this committee are new members, and despite my concerns, they performed admirably, if in some cases, timidly. One concern that has arisen since the conference: one of our returning members, Ashley Flaherty, is experiencing some significant health issues that may impact continued participation. She will know more after a meeting with a specialist at the end of this month. I have given her this time as she is a strong committee member - in fact the person I would recommend for Chair next year - and want her to have time and opportunity to come to all the right decisions for herself. I also do not see adding a new member to replace her at this point for a variety of reasons, so don't think time is of the essence.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = The Leadership Development meeting did not allow time for this.

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COMMITTEENAME = Collection Development Grant Jury

CHAIR = Jennifer Duffy

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

OUTCOMES = As the inaugural Jury version of this committee (formerly part of the Publishers' Liaison Committee), we drew up some guidelines about how our committee evaluated the numerous applications to determine the winners. We also brainstormed anew for ideas on how to publicize the grant and increase the number of applicants even more for next year.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,Continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,collaboration

WORKPLAN = We will be sending out publicity blurbs in the fall to alert more folks to the existence of this grant. Then the reviewing will begin, once the applications are in! Also, Roxy Ekstrom will be assuming the chair-person-ship of this committee.

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = Not much at this time...

EFFECTIVENESS = 2

ABSENTMEMBERS = One member was not able to attend the meeting, Nancy Cope. She did alert me in advance, but did not specify a reason.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = At this time, the Jury does not have one assigned.

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COMMITTEENAME = Division and Membership Promotion

CHAIR = Erin Helmrich

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for the Young Adult Library Services Association. To promote the Association to our professional colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA strategic plan.

OUTCOMES = In general terms our committee talked about various ways to improve our marketing and usability for members. We discussed the desire for an improved website that was more attractive to non librarians - with more images - "TeenReads.com" was an example given as a goodlooking site. We do know that this is something already planned. Our



committee also discussed our strategic plan goals specific to our committee - concerns are below.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

WORKPLAN = No dates or deadlines had been assigned to us. At this point the committee will be in contact via email and will work towards goals once more information on the charges list below are clarified.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENMENBERS = Peg Oettinger

CONCERNS = The committee went over the list of tactics passed on to us from the strategic plan as they relate to our committee. The committee will need more guidance on how many of these tactics are to be accomplished - many of us felt that these duties seemed to fit better under YALSA office staff- simply because we couldn't figure out how we would be empowered to do some of them. Specifically: "Make YALSA info and applications available to all non-members attending YALSA training and workshops at conferences," "Send YALSA info to accredited library schools and schools that offer school media specialist certifications for students complete their studies," "Place recruitment ads in AL, PL, Knowledge Quest and caucus newsletters," "Produce info on the benefits of being a member of YALSA and mass mail to all libraries," "Provide special first time offers to new members joining YALSA," "Virtual Regional Advisory Board members will make info on joining YALSA available at conference in their areas." The committee brainstormed ideas for the "special first time offer" - such as give the member a free issue of VOYA, Booklist or Teen Ink, a reduced member rate, or a T-shirt from Unshelved or something similar and also a "tool kit" or TRW packets/kits etc. The committee also felt that targeting teacher organizations would be a good idea since so many media specialists are former teachers. The committee all agreed that they would be happy to work on the above tactics, but were not entirely clear on how some of them would be accomplished by the committee. More specific guidance is needed for these tactics.

Also in regards to the booth - if the booth is similar to last year we will definitely want some posters provided by YALSA staff to put on the board. Some other divisions had posters mounted on foam core - which we assumed were done by office staff, but we do not know that for certain.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = I was my own liaison.

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COMMITTEENAME = Editorial Advisory Board

CHAIR = Carol Marlowe



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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To serve as an 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

OUTCOMES = The focus of the Editorial Advisory Board meeting during Annual 2007 was:

1). Discussion of the survey to be given to YALSA members concerning the structure and content of YALS and YAttitudes

a) questions had been submitted earlier in the week by members of EAB and then compiled by the Chair were reviewed.

b.) the final refinements to the questions and the total number of questions will be coordinated by the new chair, Mary Anne Nichols and completed by early July with the aim of having the survey out to members by late summer.

c.) we discussed software options to be used for compilation of the survey and this will be finalized during the summer

2).The EAB also previewed the referee form for YALSA publications created Carol Marlowe and she will be sending this to the editor of YALS and the new Chair of EAB

ACTIONAREA = Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER = The EAB serves in a support role for the YALSA journals

WORKPLAN = As stated above the first work to be completed is the survey on the content and structure of the journals to be sent to the membership.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

CONCERNS = As outgoing Chair I do not have concerns because many of my previous concerns have been addressed including EAB mostly virtual and their role within the publication of YAttitudes and YALS giving been defined.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = The progress of the survey being compiled and the future work of EAB.

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COMMITTEENAME = Excellence Jury

CHAIR = RoseMary Honnold

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To select the winners for the upcoming round of applicants for YALSA's 5th edition of Excellence in Library Services to Young Adults. This taskforce will select the top five applicants, who will receive \$1,000 each, and 20 honorable mentions, who will receive \$250 each. To work with the book editor, Amy Alessio, plan and implement a program featuring the winners and the new book for the 2008 Annual Conference. The taskforce will follow YALSA's Program Clearinghouse Committee procedures to plan and implement the conference program. The taskforce will provide updates to the Executive Committee for the Fall Executive Meeting in October as well as provide updates to the Board for the 2007 Annual Conference and 2008 Midwinter Meeting. The work of the taskforce will end July 31st, 2008, with a final report the Board submitted by that time.

OUTCOMES = The Jury scored the 58 program entries prior to the meeting at ALA. During the meeting we discussed the outcome and decided on the top five programs. The results were emailed to Nichole Gilbert, Amy Alessio, and Beth Yoke.

WORKPLAN = I believe our next project is planning a program for Annual 2008 to showcase the winners.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

CONCERNS = No concerns. I thought we worked together very well and everyone was prepared for the meeting so the selection process went quickly.

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COMMITTEENAME = Financial Advancement

CHAIR = Mary Arnold

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Offer support and assistance to YALSA's 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.

OUTCOMES = We welcomed new members Daphne Daly and Sarah Krygier; reviewed preconference report and planned agenda of activities for Annual 2007, including FAC role in 50th Anniversary quilt raffle (\$1500 in ticket sales) and T shirt sale fundraisers, Distributed 50 reasons to give bookmark at various YALSA functions; promoted FOY and recognized donors at Membership Meeting; discussed procedure to retain current donors; accepted FOY donations from two members on site; discussed FOY fall Teen Read Week raffle of autographed books fundraiser, FAC role in maintaining FOY budget, creating and maintaining a Leadership-based endowment fund. Chair attended BARC division planning meeting.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER = Membership Meeting promotion

WORKPLAN = Work with Fiscal Officer and staff on wording to create a plan for a YALSA Leadership Endowment Fund; plan for separate FAC meeting at Midwinter 2008 with Fiscal Officer to better understand YALSA finances and business plan in order to provide support and oversight; FOY fiscal year is now calendar year work with YALSA President and staff on retention letter for fall, perhaps to include token thank you gifts; provide email updates to FOY donors on YALSA activities in their area of interest; explore with Communications Officer ways to encourage organizational donors. Review YALSA 2007/2008 budget to provide support and ideas to increase various revenue streams.

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = FOY recognition in Fall YA ttitudes newsletter

EFFECTIVENESS = 2

ABSENTMEMBERS = All present

LIAISONDISCUSSION = Quilt raffle; Endowment fund proposal

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COMMITTEENAME = Great Graphic Novels for Teens

CHAIR = Jody Sharp

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers.

OUTCOMES = The GGNT Committee met on Sunday, June 24, and Monday June 25, 2007. At the Committee business meeting on Sunday, the following issues were discussed: how to handle series, field nominations with incomplete nominator information, program ideas for future conferences.

Outcomes:

- o It was decided that titles needed to be able to stand on their own, but that because of the differences between Manga and western comics the committee would like to handle a few more nominations before making a policy recommendation.
- o The Chair will consult with BBYA about their nomination form and also with YALSA about possible minor changes to the GGNT form. In the meantime, since all field

nominations require seconds from committee members and this hasn't been a major issue, the committee will continue as usual pending more information.

ò A Program proposal will be filed for 2009

After the business meeting on Sunday, the committee reconvened and began the discussion of the 43 nominated titles.

The discussion of nominated titles resumed on Monday, June 25th and concluded at 11:30 am that day.

ACTION AREA = marketing, Continuous learning

STRATEGIES = program, outreach, collaboration

WORKPLAN = Continue to read and nominate titles.

Promote the GGNT list and encourage field nominations through posts on list serves, blogs, or at various presentations as appropriate.

Investigate the areas mentioned at the business meeting.

Plan a program for 2009.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENT MEMBERS = Jennifer Venker Weidenbenner (unable to attend conference)  
Esther Keller (could not attend on Monday, but left comments on specific titles)

GUESTS = We had 2 guests on Sunday and 3 on Monday but they did not fill in observer forms.

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COMMITTEE NAME = Legislation Committee

CHAIR = Christy Mulligan

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = 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.

OUTCOMES = As Chair, I attended an all-day federal advocacy and media training that was very informative. The advocacy session during the morning provided practical, step-by-step guidance on effective grassroots lobbying at the federal level. The media-focused afternoon session led participants through do's and don'ts of media interviews; some participants were interviewed live, on-camera.

During our committee meeting, we touched base on an initiative proposed at Midwinter that committee member Jan Chapman had been working on: collecting advocacy success stories that could be compiled and shared with librarians working with young adults. We recognized that this effort is being coordinated by Stephanie Kuenn and will be used to help create advocacy toolkit. I plan to share the success stories that we've collected thus far. We plan to approach one of the libraries that sent in a success story in hopes they will serve on the panel for our 2008 program.

Committee members worked on planning our upcoming program for 2008 Annual. Specifically, we are working on selecting panel members and fine-tuning the scope of our program. The focus of our program is to highlight a variety of libraries and non-library agencies that have been successful in grassroots advocacy - particularly that which empowers teens to advocate for themselves in support of young adult programs, services and needs. We also discussed creating a wiki to support the committee's work. It could be used to share legislative information and for division members to share any information that would benefit others in the area of lobbying and legislative action.

As Chair, I attended the AASL/ALSC/YALSA joint legislation committee meeting. Committee member Mary Ann Harlan was also present in she serves on the AASL board as well. AASL outgoing committee chair Diane Chen stressed that there is a need for more diversity on ALA council as well as the committee on legislation and that librarians working with young adults need to be better represented. She recommended that we encourage our members to share an interest in serving with Beth Yoke, who can perhaps facilitate. I also participated in Library Legislative Day, attending the press conference to announce the SKILLS act and lobbying my local elected officials.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, research, Continuous learning

STRATEGIES = program, publication, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER = Program - 2008 Annual

Publication - we will use the YALSA blog and wiki to share information, including the resources from the all-day federal advocacy and media training.

Collaboration - between AASL and ALSC; also, we are interested in collaborating/better sharing information with the advocacy committee/task force. Finally, it is important that YALSA Legislation Committee collaborate with FLAN as we need to disseminate or share legislative information, particularly when action is needed.

WORKPLAN = Contact Washington Office to notify them that I am the new chair so that they can contact me when issues arise and I can share with YALSA members.

As chair, contact chair of advocacy committee/task force to see how we can collaborate. Committee ideas were: fielding their input/ideas for panel speaker at 2008 program, jointly writing an article, collaborate on creation of web resources/content, frequent communication between chairs that fosters sharing of ideas, opportunities.

Committee members will be finalizing 2008 program and confirming panel members.

We will be following up with Beth Yoke and further explore the idea of generating a list of YALSA division member contacts in all 50 states that can be used to distribute legislation information. These contacts will be committed to sharing that information on state distribution lists.

Finally, as mentioned, consult with our board liaison about better information sharing and collaboration with Advocacy committee/task force.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

CONCERNS = There is a concern that there is overlap in committee work, a perfect example being the effort by two committees to compile advocacy success stories. In addition, our committee would like to make sure that we are not duplicating efforts of the Executive Director, the President or the Board in an ineffective or negative way (in working with ALA, ALSC or AASL, for example). It seems that we simply need to open communication lines when it comes to any advocacy/legislative work.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = However, we did talk briefly with Nick Buron about progress on the 2008 program.

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COMMITTEENAME = Literature Symposium Task Force

CHAIR = Stephanie A. Squicciarini

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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.

OUTCOMES = Since we were awaiting final word from the Board as to location and other logistical details, the Task Force did not meet at Annual in DC. Right before ALA we did

hear about the location and date though we are still awaiting news on the hotel selected. Once we have these last pieces of information, the Calls for Program and Paper Proposals can be widely distributed and promoted. Once those responses to those Calls are received, the Task Force will read through them and make proposals to the Board on recommended slates to accept for the first Symposium. I was interviewed for a YALSA Conference Pod Cast regarding the Symposium and began answering many enthusiastic questions regarding plans.

WORKPLAN = We will discuss the responses to the Calls for Program and Paper Proposals, brainstorm potential publication opportunities, and narrow down the programs and papers we recommend to the Board for final inclusion in the Symposium.

ABSENTMEMBERS = We did not meet

CONCERNS = We did have one additional member step down from the Task Force right before ALA. While currently the number of members of the TF is still a good one, moving forward we will probably need additional member support. All existing members of the TF are interested in staying on through November 2008 through the Symposium date. Currently our terms are set to expire June 2008.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = We just discussed the excitement that is building.

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COMMITTEENAME = Local Arrangements - Washington 2007

CHAIR = Diane P. Monnier

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Provide support for YALSA in the community where Conference is being held - before, during Annual Conference.

OUTCOMES = I was delighted with the support YALSA received from members of this committee. We provided set-up support for all YLSA events, hosts for all YALSA programs. Committee members created a "what to do in DC" document which was distributed online to members. Committee provided "Have a sunny day in D.C." sunscreen packet favors for M. Edwards luncheon.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER = Membership on this committee gave local YALSA members an opportunity to serve the organization. Hopefully, some will become more involved in YALSA.



WORKPLAN = N/A

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = Doing an article for YALS on "So Conference is Coming to Your Town" - the fun of hosting a conference in your area, might be interesting. I would be willing to write something like this, if needed.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

LIAISONDISCUSSION = Maria gave her support to the work of the committee throughout the conference.

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COMMITTEENAME = Margaret Edwards Award 2008

CHAIR = Brenna Shanks

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

OUTCOMES = 1. We went over the policies, procedures and criteria of the award.  
2. We discussed the proposed authors and narrowed our list of prospective candidates from 9 names to 4 names.  
3. We set goals and made a schedule for the next 6 months.

WORKPLAN = 1. We will review the eligible works of the selected authors and confirm their impact on teens.  
2. We will discuss the authors and their works via the ALA Communities page and via e-mail.

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

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENTMEMBERS = 0

UNEXCUSEDMEMBERS = 0

GUESTS = 0

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COMMITTEENAME = Michael L. Printz Award 2008 Committee

CHAIR = Lynn Rutan

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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.

OUTCOMES = The committee met Saturday afternoon from 1-5:30 and Sunday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. We reviewed our charge, discussed several issues and discussed the nominated titles at length. On Sunday afternoon we took a straw poll and removed several books from active consideration. As we read and discuss over the summer, those books may be returned to active consideration if a requested by a committee member.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIES = publication

WORKPLAN = The committee will read read read and read again. We will be surveying new releases and continuing to reread the nominated titles.

We also decided to continue our practice of making "suggestions" of titles to the listserv to help in prioritizing our reading. We will also share lists of books read to make sure we are covering the YA field and do some initial discussion of titles.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

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COMMITTEENAME = Midwinter Social Event

CHAIR = Linda W. Braun

EMAIL = [lb Braun@leonline.com](mailto:lb Braun@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.

OUTCOMES = Task force members brainstormed ideas for the social event at Midwinter 2008. The group decided it would like to expand on what's been done before. Along with asking vendors to provide opportunities for people to play games we want to get librarians involved before the event with avatar and machinima contests.

We are also working on bringing some teens to the event so that they can talk with librarians about gaming in their lives.

The plan is to create a festival that includes lots of different interactive opportunities.

ACTIONAREA =  
advocacy,marketing,research,Continuouslearning,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,publication,outreach,collaboration

WORKPLAN = All of our work has to be completed by the next conference - since that's when the event will take place.

One task force member is working on connecting with teens.

Another task force member is working with vendors - particularly those that have participated previously.

Two members are working on the contests.

I have already talked with Nichole about moving forward and will continue to keep in touch with her about plans and procedures.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENTMEMBERS = Kelly Tyler

CONCERNS = No concerns at this time.

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COMMITTEENAME = Odyssey Award

CHAIR = Mary Burkey

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = An award for the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults during the preceding year.

OUTCOMES = Meeting discussion:  
Numbers & statistics: 165 titles submitted so far  
Discussion of common language  
Discussion of Odyssey criteria  
Discussion of benchmark titles  
Questions & concerns  
Need for solicitation of field nominations

Discussion with Priority Group Consultant Dudley Carlson  
Tips & tricks for keeping up and staying organized  
Discussion of Odyssey Manual  
Evaluation of suggested titles

Items that need follow-up action:

- ~Form for publisher submissions that will accompany all shipments, made available on websites. Mary Burkey will create a model.
- ~Form for field nominations to appear on websites. Mary Burkey will create a model.
- ~Clear language on designation of birth-to-eighteen age range û is it designation of audience by audio publisher? Of original print publication? Many small audio producers do not segment their catalogs by age range, as their output is very small. Mary Burkey has asked for details on how the Printz committee deals with these questions. Suggestion for criteria/manual language will be submitted by Mary Burkey.
- ~Clear language about focus upon audio production, and the evaluation of ancillary materials such as picture book, DVDs, enhanced CDs, etc. Mary Burkey has asked for input from the Odyssey Committee and is working on language to clarify these issues.
- ~Clear language describing what will designate the release date, verifying eligibility within the Oct 1-Oct 1 window of submission. Titles may be released as downloads, trade ISBN, or school/library ISBN. What if a title is released in multiple formats that straddle the Oct1-Oct1 window? May producer choose which version is submitted, as all three may be slightly different? The Grammy Award has wrestled with these issues, and has made some rulings that Mary Burkey is investigating.
- ~ Odyssey winners should automatically be included in the ALSC Notable ChildrenÆs Recordings & YALSAÆs Selected Audiobooks lists, as are the ALSC award winners & lists.
- ~When & where will the Odyssey be awarded? This needs to be part of the ALA structure of standard time & place events. There is uncertainty about stated plans that the first award should be presented at the proposed Booklist Forum on Friday night. Contact should be made with Booklist Magazine by the ALSC staff.
- ~There are audio titles that have been created by producers in foreign countries, and licensed for distribution in the US by other audio companies, resulting in two US versions of a title: one with sound effects & music that were in the original production, one with the music & sound effects removed. To further complicate matters, the US version that includes the music & sound effects that were in the original production may be available only as an audio download, and not as a physical product. The physical product that is available states as the producer of the US version the US company that only distributes the downloadable production actually created by a foreign company, not the distributor of the physical product. Which items are evaluated, and if all are evaluated, who will actually win the award? This seems to be a unique situation in the audiobook publishing field. Mary Burkey will be in correspondence with the audiobook producers to clarify this situation.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = program,collaboration

WORKPLAN = The chair will promote the award, pursue follow-up action items, track submissions, monitor evaluation and nominations, and solicit field nominations. The time table in the Odyssey guidelines will be followed.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENTMEMBERS = none

UNEXCUSEDMEMBERS = none

GUESTS = None - closed meeting

CONCERNS = Follow-up action items in "outcomes or results" section of this report.

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COMMITTEENAME = Organization and Bylaws

CHAIR = Shannan Sword (outgoing chair)

EMAIL = [slsword@gmail.com](mailto:slsword@gmail.com)

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = 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.

OUTCOMES = 1) YALSA Handbook

Reviewed and wordsmithed recommended changes and updates to sections 1, 3 and 4 of the YALSA Handbook as submitted by Board sub-committee.

2) Committee evaluations

Reviewed charges and function statements and prepared recommendations for updates and changes to present to the Board for the following committees:

- i) Local Arrangements
- ii) TAGS
- iii) Youth participation
- iv) PAT
- v) Program Clearinghouse
- vi) Research Committee

ACTIONAREA = marketing,research,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,collaboration

WORKPLAN = The new Chair, Sara Ryan will be revisiting the evaluations of the program clearinghouse and local arrangements committees based on the unsuccessful recommendation presented to the board at annual 2007.

Evaluations will commence on further YALSA committees.

Review Selected DVDs new direction - Item #18 - to take effect with the 2008 committee (for the 2009 award) After midwinter 2008. Approve asap.

EFFECTIVENESS = 3

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COMMITTEENAME = Outreach to Young Adults With Special Needs

CHAIR = Lisa Youngblood

EMAIL = [lyoungblood@ci.harker-heights.tx.us](mailto:lyoungblood@ci.harker-heights.tx.us)

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

OUTCOMES = The committee members reported on past activities such as writing an article in 2006 about the Sagebrush Award, assisting with another division on a presconference, providing a letter of recommendation for a research project, etc. The committee also discussed using Wiki for committee work. The bulk of the meeting included discussion about the upcoming 2008 conference program entitled "Hyperlinks: Technology Catching Teens Outside the Library." This program was accepted during the Spring of 2007. It will discuss the utilization of the Internet as an outreach tool to teenagers who cannot visit the library and use resources inside the library.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,research

STRATEGIES = program,collaboration

WORKPLAN = The Outreach Committee intends to spend much of its time working on the "Hyperlinks" program. The committee members will research administrative concerns and best practices for providing outreach services through the Internet. The committee will also line up guest speakers.

The committee also plans to utilize the Wiki to communicate effectively.

EFFECTIVENESS = 2

ABSENTMEMBERS = Amy Cheney

UNEXCUSEDMEMBERS = Ruth Jean Shaw

GUESTS = Andrea Heideman, Andrea Erickson

We did not have any observer forms for them to fill out. I asked, but none were available.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = The Board Liaison visited our Committee for some time during our meeting. She showed much interest in our "Hyperlinks" program planning and offered assistance if at all possible.

We also discussed that the concept of having outgoing members instead of incoming members present at the meeting was awkward considering the fact that many outgoing members were torn between attending the meeting and trying to get caught up with what they were expected to do in the upcoming year. Several members felt uncomfortable coming up with an action plan for the coming year when in fact they were rolling off the committee. They felt that they were in effect telling other people what they had to do. The committee suggested that it might be more beneficial to have individuals roll onto the committees at all conference instead of afterwards so that the planning would be done by members who were actually going to be on the committee the next year.

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COMMITTEENAME = Outstanding Achievement Award Jury

CHAIR = Laurel Hicklin

EMAIL = [laurel.hicklin@queenslibrary.org](mailto:laurel.hicklin@queenslibrary.org)

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To advertise the award, solicit applications and choose a recipient for the award which recognizes a YALSA member who has demonstrated unique and sustained devotion to young adult services. [Note: there is currently no official function statement for this jury.]

OUTCOMES = We made a list of the work that needs to be done for this award process and divided up the work tasks between the three jury members. We also exchanged contact information of people who can help us advertise the award.

ACTIONAREA = Continuous learning

STRATEGIES = publication



WORKPLAN = Before the Midwinter Meeting we plan to publish a blurb about the award, in order to solicit applications, on listservs, YAattitudes and possibly YALS. We will keep in communication with the YALSA office to determine if we should look over applications before meeting at the Midwinter Conference and to determine how much meeting time we'll need.

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = We would like help in advertising this new award. Therefore, we would like to publish a blurb in YAattitudes, YALSA, if there is time, and possibly even VOYA.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

LIAISONDISCUSSION = I discovered that this jury does not have a board liaison, but Paula B-H touched base with me personally to let me know that I could direct questions to the YALSA office.

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COMMITTEENAME = Outstanding Books for the College Bound

CHAIR = Sarajo Wentling

EMAIL = [sjwentling@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

OUTCOMES = \* Had a good discussion of the purpose and charge of the committee as well as the general workflow of the group.

\* Decided on 5 Categories for the 2009 OBCB list: Arts & Humanities, History & Cultures, Literature & Language Arts, Science & Technology and Social Sciences.

\* Broke into 5 groups of 3 with a category head for each.

\* Set up a general plan for next steps.

ACTIONAREA = marketing,Continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = publication,outreach,collaboration

WORKPLAN = \* Category groups will come up with their scope statements and selection criteria by the end of August.

\* Chair will pursue the possibility of having an electronic form for committee and field nominations (much like other selection committees have)

\* Review titles from last few OBCB lists for possible inclusion on 2009 list, officially nominate as needed

\* Begin survey of other lists of recommended books for titles.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENTMEMBERS = None

UNEXCUSEDMEMBERS = None

GUESTS = N/A

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COMMITTEENAME = Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

CHAIR = J. Marin Younker

EMAIL = [marin.younker@spl.org](mailto: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.

OUTCOMES = At the business meeting, we made introductions, reviewed the committee's charge including the definition of popularity, and talked about some of the issues and gaps facing each of the lists. We reviewed the titles that were nominated for each of the 4 topics, discussing their suitability and deciding if any should be withdrawn or moved. Within the subcommittees' discussions, the members further defined their lists and talked about possible nominations. Additionally, current and past members were involved in the "Popular AND Smart" program focusing on Popular Paperbacks. Around 75 people attended the session and the program evaluations were very positive.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,publication

WORKPLAN = We will continue to nominate titles for the four topical lists. Each of the nominations will be read by the subcommittee members assigned to that particular topic. Periodically, emails will be sent to yalsa-bk to encourage nominations. A self-selected number of members will continue to blog on the YALSA blog about the inner-workings of the committee. Members will continue to use the internal YALSA wiki to indicate copies received by publishers. Committee chair will continue to work with Stevie Kuenn in the YALSA office concerning publicity opportunities related to the "Magic in the Real World" list which ties in nicely to the end of the Harry Potter Series.

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = I think Julie Bartel mentioned at the Leadership meeting that there is a Popular Paperbacks publication in the works - if that is true, I would be happy to be involved! If there is a possibility of a publication that's not currently in the works, ditto.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENMENBERS = Alison Hendon, Snow Wildsmith from Business meeting because of a PLA program.

GUESTS = 3 guests, names unknown and no forms submitted

CONCERNS = PPYA would like their meetings to be held in the same locations as Quick Picks, Great Graphic Novels, and Best Books to ensure that it's easy for observers to get a taste of all these fantastic selection committees.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = Brief interaction.

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COMMITTEENAME = Presidents Program 2007

CHAIR = Pat Muller/Maria Gentle

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Plan the 2007 Presidents Program

OUTCOMES = I think we presented a very successful presidents program. We were pleased with the results and we received a very nice thankyou note from Judy Nelson, who also seemed pleased.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,publication,collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER = We collaborated with ALA staff, with a secondary school in Arlington, and with ALA archives to accomplish the various elements of the program. We think a publication could possibly come out of this on YALSA history.

WORKPLAN = Again, hope to see a publication, if not a book, then perhaps an article. We think that there should be a more systematic effort to collect photos and other memorabilia of YALSA history from members, especially from former Presidents, some of whom are gone, but others are getting older and may soon be gone. Maybe some kind of oral history project???

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = Do an article on YALSA history and collect photos.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENMENBERS = Everyone attended the program, Blair Christolon could not come to the all committee meeting due to other obligations.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = No discussion

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COMMITTEENAME = SB&F Prize Task Force

CHAIR = Angela Leeper

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = Using criteria established by AAAS/SB&F, to select a winning science book for young adults.

OUTCOMES = The task force is completely virtual, so we did not meet at Annual. However, we are in the process of identifying titles for consideration and evaluating them as a group.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy, Continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, collaboration

WORKPLAN = The task force will continue to evaluate science titles throughout the summer and fall. In October we will narrow our selections down to four finalists. Scientists selected by AAAS/SB&F will join our discussion. Together, we will select a winner in December.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = We talked about the evaluation process and how it is proceeding so far.

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COMMITTEENAME = Professional Development

CHAIR = Melanie Kimball

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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.

OUTCOMES = A. The Committee spent most of our time on finishing our discussion of criteria for YALSA's online courses and coming up with a finalized list for the Executive Committee. Here is the list of e-criteria. It will be sent under separate cover to Beth Yoke as well.

1. Instructor must demonstrate knowledge of the content of the proposed course.

2. Instructor must demonstrate prior experience in leading workshops OR a willingness to work with a mentor to develop teaching skills. In addition, if the instructor has not had experience teaching online, they should be given the opportunity to take a course on how to do online instruction.
3. Priority for course content will be given to topic areas ranked highly on the recent membership survey. Course content should not duplicate that of other e-learning courses currently given by YALSA
4. The course outline should demonstrate that course objectives can reasonably be expected to be achieved in 4-6 weeks.
5. Prospective instructors must submit a course outline, list of course objectives, and a recent resume to the Professional Development Committee for their review.

The Committee also recommends that the membership be surveyed every three years or so to determine topic areas of greatest interest. For example, the top six areas of interest from the 2006 survey were: 1) Young adult literature (72%); 2) Youth participation (62%); 3) Programming (59%); 4) Collection development (55%); 5) Technology (51%); 6) Literacy (50%). Those rankings may change over time. Further, the Committee recommends that YALSA offer a course in how to do online instruction. Teaching online is not the same as teaching face to face, and YALSA would very likely get more people to teach e-courses if we facilitated their teaching experience.

B. The Professional Development section of the YALSA website needs continual updating so at Midwinter we divided up the sections of the website among Committee members. Some members submitted updates to the Chair, others did not. The Chair will send all updated notes to YALSA and will furnish the incoming Committee Chair with a list of those areas that were not updated so they may be attended to in future. One issue that arose was the inconsistency of the web pages on the Professional Development site. There are many typos and inconsistencies with citation style so the pages do not have a uniform, professional look. The Committee supplies content for the page but our understanding is that YALSA itself actually puts the pages up. In future we suggest that the Committee ask one person on the Committee to oversee the Professional Development pages in terms of overall look, typos, and consistency so that the look of the pages will be more professional.

C. The Committee chair also attended the ALA Education Assembly meeting as YALSA's representative.

ACTIONAREA = Continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, other

STRATEGIESOTHER = creation of criteria for online courses.

WORKPLAN = This will be the responsibility of incoming chair Jami Jones, but one item that was discussed was the possibility of giving a program at an annual meeting about online teaching (how to do it).

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENTMEMBERS = Mary Long

CONCERNS =

We lost one committee member shortly before the conference due to a death in her family. One committee member, Mary Long, was given a position of incoming chair to another committee and was not present for most of our meeting as she had to attend the meeting of her new committee. However, the committee members that were present all worked on the problem at hand.

Anthony Bernier, our liaison with the Strategic Planning Committee stopped by and was concerned that the survey results did not seem to be a priority for the Committee. The Chair explained that the Executive Committee had asked us to work on criteria for the e-courses and that was our current priority, although the Committee did discuss survey results at the Midwinter meeting and are using the results to prioritize the topic areas for e-courses.

One issue that came up was wiki space. Discussion of topics for dispersed committees would be much easier if we had a wiki to work with rather than via e-mail. I had filled out a form asking for wiki space for my committee but YALSA never responded so we continued to work over e-mail instead. Wiki space would provide a dedicated place where the discussion could be held without having e-mail messages spread out.

One other area of concern was that the Executive Committee asked for us to submit a report prior to their April meeting. We did so, and in the report were several questions for the Executive Committee. We had no response from the Committee concerning this report either prior to or during the Annual Meeting so we created the criteria without that input. We really felt as if we were flying blind on this one.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = Our new liaison introduced herself. I mentioned the fact that I had not received any response when I submitted a request for wiki space and that I had not received any response from the Executive Committee regarding our April report.

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COMMITTEENAME = Publishers' Liaison

CHAIR = Gail Tobin

EMAIL = [gtobin@stdl.org](mailto: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.

OUTCOMES = 1. The committee reviewed the first annual Support Teen Literature Day media event held at the Benito Juarez Community Academy in Chicago, IL, on April 19, 2007. It featured author Tiffany Trent and the band High Strung and received positive media coverage. Committee Chair, Gail Tobin, emceed the event. The committee also put tips and ideas for celebrating Support Teen Literature Day locally for membership on the wiki and a sample letter to the editor.

2. We noted that we had submitted committee charge change request, but the charge online still states that we select the BWI/YALSA collection grant, which is now administered by an award jury. We also want to add the Support Teen Literature Day responsibilities to our committee charge.

3. The committee began planning for the second annual Support Teen Literature Day event.

4. The committee began brainstorming ideas for a future program proposal.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Continuouslearning,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,publication,outreach,collaboration

WORKPLAN = 1. The committee will continue planning for the second annual Support Teen Literature Day event and promotions.

2. We will continue to update the wiki as needed and try to get information featuring/promoting the day in a variety of YALSA/ALA publications and other media. We will also brainstorm additional ways to promote Support Teen Literature Day.

3. The committee will continue making plans for a future program or article to propose.

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = The committee is looking into an idea for a possible article, wiki entry, or blog. The incoming committee chair, Carlie Webber, will pursue this idea further.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENTMEMBERS = Jane Fleck Atwell, Linda Benson, Kimberley Hrivnak

GUESTS = Emily Valente

CONCERNS = 1. Support Teen Literature Day is a great opportunity for the committee to work closely with the YALSA office on an important initiative: however the committee would like to clarify our role in planning the event and its promotion so we don't work on projects that are not needed.

2. The committee submitted a change request for the committee charge prior to Mid-Winter 2007, but the website has not been updated.



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COMMITTEENAME = Research

CHAIR = Randall Enos

EMAIL = [renos@rcls.org](mailto:renos@rcls.org)

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To stimulate, encourage, guide and direct the research need of young adult library service; to compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, (and judge applications for the Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant).

The part in parentheses is no longer part of the committee's function statement.

OUTCOMES = Conducted panel program (Research: It's Not as Nerdy as You Think) at conference with fifty-eight people in attendance. Remarks from evaluations are being compiled and will be forwarded to Nicole Gilbert.

Made plans to continue work on gaps in research project, to finish best practices in mentoring project and to initiate research project for teen read week.

ACTIONAREA = research

STRATEGIES = program

WORKPLAN = Finish research on mentoring.

Finish gaps in research survey.

Work with Beth Yoke on research for Teen Read Week

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = None

EFFECTIVENESS = 2

ABSENTMEMBERS = All committee members were present

UNEXCUSEDMEMBERS = None

GUESTS = Brandy Morrill, Chicago Public Library, Chinatown Branch  
[bmorrill@chipublic.org](mailto:bmorrill@chipublic.org) (potential committee member)

Susan Peterson Mundy, Perry High School, Baltimore County Public Schools  
[smundy@bcps.org](mailto:smundy@bcps.org)

There were no observer forms available.

CONCERNS = The function statement for the committee should be updated. It is incorrect on the YALSA website and possibly other places. The committee no longer judges entries for the Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = Just briefly touched base to make the connection with our new Board Liaison. Nothing of substance was discussed.

COMMITTEENAME = Scholarship Task Force

CHAIR = Terry Beck

EMAIL = [tbeck@sno-isle.org](mailto: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. The proposal must include these 11 elements:

1. Proposed name of award
2. Definition & purpose of award
3. Rationale for award
4. Number & frequency of award (how many winners & how often awarded?)
5. Administration of the award (jury structure & charge)
6. Screening of nominations (eligibility, award criteria, nomination process, voting procedures)
7. Presentation of award (given when, by whom & how)
8. Form &/or type of award (cash, plaque, etc)
9. Funding, expenses, revenues (from endowment, sponsor, etc.)
10. Catalog description of award (how you want it to read in the ALA Handbook)
11. Evaluation of award program (formal process for measuring its success).

OUTCOMES = It was our first opportunity to meet in-person as a group. We were able to have a brainstorming session and start working through the 11 components of our charge. We see a lot of similarities between a potential Student Scholarship and the Baker & Taylor Award. It makes sense to build on this:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/awardsandgrants/bakertaylorialsa.htm>

But with two significant changes:

1. The scholarship is for a library school student
2. There should be some kind of mentoring process for the recipient. The application and selection process would include identifying a mentor, creating a conference schedule that includes award events and programs.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,Continuouslearning,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,collaboration

WORKPLAN = We'll be working on the components of our charge and hope to have our report done early this fall.

EFFECTIVENESS = 2

ABSENTMEMBERS = Jami Lynn Schwarzwald

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COMMITTEENAME = 2007 Selected Audiobooks for Young Adults

CHAIR = Sarah McCarville

EMAIL = [smccarville@grpl.org](mailto: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.

OUTCOMES = The committee discussed our listening styles and methods and specific plans for voting at Annual. We discussed five different titles with mock votes in order to demonstrate to the new members how it will go. We would also like to work on a rubric for the committee's votes, in order to put weights on particular criteria. This may help future committees to see titles rise to the top faster and more obviously. YALSA Board also agreed with our criteria clarification about pronunciation and editing mistakes: "However, a title would not necessarily be disqualified if an error is deemed by the committee to be minor when evaluating the recording as a whole."

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = publication,collaboration

WORKPLAN = I am randomly assigning titles to each committee member, keeping track of time spent listening so no one member has more assigned time than another. Members nominate titles as soon as they note superior narration. Discussion continues via group e-mail. I will work on a rubric for weighted criteria, as noted above.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

ABSENTMEMBERS = Absent/excused: Drue Wagner-Mees

GUESTS = Daniel Zitt, Director of Production, Listening Library

LIAISONDISCUSSION = Briefly discussed some of the odd field nominations we have gotten over the past year (odd titles, forms not filled out, no nominator's name, etc). I've also e-mailed her (Kim Patton) since the convention about some nomination list details.

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COMMITTEENAME = Selected Lists Task Force

CHAIR = Di Herald

EMAIL = [dherald@mac.com](mailto:dherald@mac.com)

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To conduct a thorough evaluation of YALSAÆs 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. A progress report should be submitted to the Board for the 2007 Midwinter Meeting, and final recommendations should be submitted to the Board for the 2007 Annual Meeting. (There is a Selected DVD Evaluation Task Force currently working. The Selected Lists Task Force will need to make sure they connect with that group before finalizing their report). Task Force size: 5.

OUTCOMES = We came up with our suggestions for the board to look at regarding the 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.

#### General Recommendations

Propose a task force be created to examine creating a selected list for best adult books for young adults. This list could have the same relationship to Alex as BBYA has to Printz.

Propose a task force be created to examine creating a selected list for video games.

Create a graphic design to be used to identify YALSA Selected Lists and make it available for sale on stickers that can be purchased by libraries and book sellers to promote books and media named to the selected lists.

It is recommended that whenever possible the board liaison to the specific committee have served on that committee in the past.

It is recommended that a conference program featuring booktalks of books and clips of the various av media selected by the lists be offered.

#### Committee Policy and Procedures specific recommendations

##### BBYA

change: Eligibility Time Frame to  
Eligibility

In that section after first paragraph add:

To be eligible, a title must have been designated by its publisher as being either a young adult book or one published for the age range that YALSA defines as "young adult," i.e., 12 through 18. Adult books are not eligible.

Change third paragraph of section titled Membership to:

If someone resigns prior to annual conference, the current President of the Association appoints a new person to fill that particular term. Positions vacated after annual conference will not be filled.

Change the fourth paragraph of section titled Membership to:

There are 15 personal committee members. The Editor or designee of the "Books for Youth" section of Booklist is a non-voting member of the committee and serves as an advisor.

#### Quick Picks

In section titled Evaluation add:

Committee members are encouraged to solicit the opinions of teens on titles being considered.

Delete the section titled Booklist Consultant:

The Editor of the Books for Youth section of Booklist serves as consultant to the committee. The consultant shall attend committee meetings and assist the Chair.

Selected Audiobooks:

Add: To be eligible, a title must have been designated by its publisher as being either a young adult title or one published for the age range that YALSA defines as "young adult," i.e., 12 through 18. Adult audiobooks are not eligible.

ACTIONAREA =advocacy,marketing,research,Continuouslearning,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,publication,outreach

WORKPLAN = We have completed our assignment.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

CONCERNS = I do have the report we came up with including the policies and procedures with suggest changes in red as a Word document that I could send.

This committee worked very hard and discussed the issues we were charged with at great length. The major change we recommend, changing the eligibility of adult titles for BBYA and Selected Audiobooks was extremely difficult but after talking to committee members, past and present, we determined that the booms in publishing for the YA audience of books and graphic novels is a huge field to consider and that also considering adult books for young adults made the current charges impossible for the committees.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = Saw her briefly but I did communicate with her via email over questions regarding the recommendations we were making.

COMMITTEENAME = Selected Videos and DVDs for Young Adults

CHAIR = Michael T. Wallace, Sr

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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.

OUTCOMES = 1. Presented an annual showcase of selected videos and DVDs for young adults.  
2. Networked with producers/distributors of "YA" videos and DVDs.  
3. Strengthened group collaboration and cohesion.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Continuouslearning,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,outreach,collaboration

WORKPLAN = 1. Solicit "YA" videos and DVDs for review and nomination.  
2. Strengthen group collaboration and cohesion.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

UNEXCUSEDMEMBERS = Ms. Wanda Jones

COMMITTEENAME = Sins of YA Literature Preconference

CHAIR = Ty R. Burns and Walter Mayes

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To plan and implement a preconference on controversial themes in YA literature and discuss censorship issues.

OUTCOMES = The preconference had about 147 actual attendees plus the authors and publishers.

The event was highly successful and people were talking about it the rest of Annual. Many of the committee members were approached in the following days and complimented on one of the best preconferences many participants had attended.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,Continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = outreach,collaboration

WORKPLAN = Participants were invited to add information they created to the YALSA wiki on the preconference.

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = Walter was working on possible publications that would result from the preconference and the various speeches made by the authors and panels.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

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COMMITTEENAME = Strategic Planning Committee

CHAIR = Allen Nichols

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The Strategic Planning Committee met during the All-Committee meeting and conducted the following business:

- Welcomed Mary Hastler as the committee's incoming chair
- Approved a draft Request for Proposal for use in seeking a consultant to facilitate the next planning process. The committee was adamant about allowing YALSA members who have experience in planning to submit a proposal. A statement encouraging them to apply is included in the draft.
- Reviewed the updated plan.
- Developed the action steps for Item 5-G. This is the only item identified in the plan as having an FY08 completion date.

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COMMITTEENAME = 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.

OUTCOMES = YALSA Board approved the Guidelines. RUSA's Standards and Guidelines Committee approved the Guidelines, and will submit them for RUSA Board approval at Midwinter '08.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing

STRATEGIES = program,publication,collaboration

WORKPLAN = We are planning conference programs for PLA in March '08 and ALA Annual '08.



YALSAPUBLICATIONS = After RUSA approves the Guidelines, we will submit an article for publication in YALS.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1

LIAISONDISCUSSION = I was the Board Liaison.

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DISCUSSIONGROUPNAME = Teaching YA Literature

CONVENOR = GraceAnne DeCandido

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS = Here are a few things we discussed at the Teaching YA Literature Discussion Group on Sunday morning:

Elected GraceAnne DeCandido (unanimously!) to be convener.

Due to an irreconcilable conflict, GraceAnne had to leave only twenty minutes into the meeting. Mary Wepking, Senior Lecturer University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Information Studies submitted these notes, gratefully accepted.

We briefly discussed a new 1-credit online class being offered this fall through UW-Milwaukee SOIS -- GLBTQ Literature for Young Adults.

Some of us shared projects & assignments currently in use in the YA Lit classes we teach. These included booktalking assignments (with and without an actual performance required), reading records, writing reviews & annotations (Diane shared that VOYA has great guidelines available for these), a reference interview with teens, teen-reader interviews, an essay on a Margaret Edwards Award-winning author with reading of & research on 5 of his/her books, a poetry anthology on a topic with an introductory essay (problem: can't be publicly used because of copyright issues), poetry slam, annotated bibliography.

A new YA Lit textbook is available: Tomlinson, Essentials of Young Adult Literature.

> <http://www.ablongman.com/catalog/academic/product/0,1144,0205290140,00.html>

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> Those present were:

> GraceAnne Decandido, Rutgers (convener, needed to leave early)

> Connie Mitchell, Indiana

> Don Latham, Florida State

> Annette Goldsmith, Florida State

> Mary Wepking, Wisconsin-Milwaukee

> Kate Stewart-Taylor (MLIS student)

> Jane Cothron (interested cataloger -- I didn't catch the institution -- sorry!)

Diane Tuccillo - University of Arizona-Tucson

ACTIVEPARTICIPANTS = We have had 8-12 people present at the past four meetings. Others have expressed interest in hearing what we had to say, both in person and online.

WHYCONTINUEGROUP = We always have a lot to share. There are two other things we can do besides or instead of live meetings. One is to have an online discussion group of teachers of children's and young adult literature. MANY people have expressed interest in that. Can ALA do that for us? I would be happy to be its convener, also.

We do have a LiveJournal community space,

<http://community.livejournal.com/teachyalit/>

but it is not in heavy use at this time.

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COMMITTEENAME = Teen Read Week 2007

CHAIR = RoseMary Honnold

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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 added to the tip sheet and Teen Reading website, and to recommend promotional activities and products.

OUTCOMES = The Teen Read Week 2007 Committee met at the All Committee Meeting at the ALA Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. on June 23, 2007 at 10:30 am.

Attending the meeting were: Chair RoseMary Honnold, Megan Fink, Eva Violin, Robyn Lupa and a guest. Grace Riario is our virtual member. Ty Burns and Elizabeth Call were unexcused committee members.

RoseMary reviewed the highlights from the Leadership Meeting held prior to the All Committee Meeting. 1) The committee needs to contact Linda Braun about making contributions to the YALSA blog about Teen Read Week. 2) Mina Gallo is the new contact person for publications (it was previously Julie Bartel), which includes YALS and YAttitudes. Her contact info: [egallo@cuyahoga.lib.oh.us](mailto:egallo@cuyahoga.lib.oh.us) 3) Contact Nichole Gilbert if the Teen Read Week Committee wants to do a program at Annual. We received a sheet that listed the expenses for requesting audio visual equipment (very expensive). 4) Teen Read Week has a new board liaison, Kimberly Patton.

Members read over the minutes from the Midwinter meeting. Megan moved to approve the minutes and Eva seconded and the Midwinter Meeting Minutes were approved by all.

Members reported on their contributions to Teen Read Week:

RoseMary: Submitted article "Not Feeling so LOL about Teen Read Week?" to YALS, organized TRW wiki, contributed creative project ideas list to TRW website, contributed a booklist to TRW website, submitted a reading survey for TRW website, contributed comedy movie list to TRW wiki. Acquired a comic strip from Unshelved for TRW website. Sent all submitted committee work to Nichole at YALSA.

Ty: Ty has not contacted the Teen Read Week Committee

Elizabeth: Elizabeth has not contacted the Teen Read Week Committee

Megan: Contacted authors and publishers for What Makes me Laugh quotes for TRW wiki. Contributed an article for the Teen Read Week website and an article for YALS on school and public library collaboration.

Robyn: Submitted list of activity ideas for TRW website and a read alike list for TRW website. Robyn also wrote about programs with movies for YALS.

Eva: Submitted a list of social program ideas for TRW website

Grace: Submitted 3 different contest and display ideas. a book review, a volunteer letter, 2 trivia questionnaires and 1 word find puzzle to be used with the three contests for the TRW website.

Megan Fink is the chair for the 2008 Teen Read Week Committee. Information about selecting a slogan and theme for TRW 2008 was passed on to Megan. Megan will be contacting the new committee.

The next meeting will be at ALA Midwinter Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIESOTHER = Some of the committee members wrote for YALS, YAttitudes, the Teen Read Week website, and the Teen Read Week wiki.

WORKPLAN = Beth sent suggestions for the committee to work on a theme for Teen Read Week 2008.

EFFECTIVENESS = 4

ABSENTMEMBERS = Grace Riario is our virtual member.

UNEXCUSEDMEMBERS = Ty Burns, Elizabeth Call

CONCERNS = Due to the growth and change in the Teen Read Week goals, this committee needs a new charge that is a meaningful contribution.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = We discussed a possible redirection of efforts for the Teen Read Week Committee and more communication between the committee and the YALSA office.

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COMMITTEENAME = Teen Tech Week Taskforce

CHAIR = Stephanie Iser

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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.

OUTCOMES = At the ALA annual and post-conference virtual meetings, the Teen Tech Week taskforce planned content for the official TTW web site and YALSA wiki, and also divided development tasks among taskforce members. Additional outcomes of the conference included an interpretation of the 2008 Tune in @ Your Library theme for ALA Graphics with a list of suggested products, further brainstorming on potential corporate sponsors and contest ideas, and working plans for the Tech Guides, which will be released monthly starting in September.

The Tech Guides serve as digestible reports on emerging technologies that will help to demystify concepts like podcasting and virtual worlds. Supporting YALSAÆs continuous learning initiative, these guides are intended to educate the less technologically advanced of the profession while the more advanced users will appreciate the annotations included for further learning.

Taskforce member Frances Jacobson Harris has demonstrated her role as wiki manager by migrating data from the 2007 wikispaces to the new and improved YALSA wiki. Beth Yoke reports that the wiki has already received over 700 hits, coinciding with its inclusion in the recent press release announcing the 2008 theme, Tune in @ Your Library.

Registers of Teen Tech Week will have the option to sign up for e-mail delivery of the tech guides. Additional suggestions regarding incentives for registration include an audio CD of selected YALSA podcasts, downloadable TTW logo, random samples of ALA Graphics products, and any giveaways that may be available through partnerships with corporate sponsors.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Continuouslearning,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,publication,outreach,collaboration

WORKPLAN = The taskforce is currently working on tips for a social networking bookmark to be sold as a YALSA product, finalizing suggestions for corporate sponsors and contests, and developing web pages for the official Teen Tech Week web site in addition to our featured tech guides. Other immediate tasks include working to develop a marketing plan with taskforce member Kimberly Bolan, which will be sent to YALSAÆs communication specialist Stevie Keunn for feedback and approval.

Taskforce member Beth Saxton is compiling suggested survey questions to be released online during Teen Tech Week 2008 as a virtual youth participation activity, made possible through a partnership with Bee Smart Wired. The survey asks questions about teensÆ use of technology and the types of technology teens think should be in the public library.

In the less immediate future, Teen Task Force will develop contest guidelines, brainstorm and develop virtual events to take place during TTW 2008, and carryout the marketing plan by creating podcasts, publishing articles, and writing for the YALSA blog. (We currently have two teleconference meetings scheduled to discuss some of the above projects.)

Beth Saxton and I have contacted the YALS editor about creating articles for the TTW issue of YALS, which includes ôTech Tools for Librariansö and ôTeen Tech Week Partnershipsö. Frances Jacob Harrison has contacted the editor of Knowledge Quest about a possible TTW piece.

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = Specific publications we are targeting include YALS, Knowledge Quest, AASL, YAttitudes, YALSA BLOG, and YALSA Podcasts. I have also contacted the conveners of the music and media interest group about partnering with TTW TF by helping with various publications including the TTW issue of YALS, collaborative editing of the music resources on the TTW wiki, and ideas for and/or creation of YALSA podcasts that relate to music and media technology.

EFFECTIVENESS = 2

ABSENTMEMBERS = 0

UNEXCUSEDMEMBERS = 0

GUESTS = Crystal Niedzwiadek

CONCERNS = I am concerned about TTW TF operating as a taskforce as opposed to a year-round committee. TTW is an ongoing event and it makes sense for it to be turned into a regular committee instead of a YALSA taskforce, which seem to be temporary in nature. I hope the work we are doing this year to establish a regular timeline of TTW projects and expectations makes us eligible for committee status. Additionally, I recommend that at least two committee members from the previous year serve on the next induction so that things can run smoothly for years to come.

There is a concern amongst committee members about the 2008 TTW theme being chosen without wide-reaching teen input. I have recommended that YALSA let teens vote online for the 2009 theme. Nichole Gilbert believes this will be possible, which means teens will be able to vote during TTW 2008 for next year's theme. Therefore, recommendations for the 2009 theme from YALSA board and office will need to be in place for TTW 2008.

LIAISONDISCUSSION = Erin and I introduced ourselves to each other at the library conference! After the conference, I sent her notes from our meeting so she would be aware of what was discussed.

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COMMITTEENAME = Virtual Booklist Task Force

CHAIR = Mary L. Peterson, Chair

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = The members of the virtual task force joined this committee because, for one reason or another, they are unable to regularly attend the annual and mid-winter conferences but want to remain active in YALSA. The function of this task force is to compile book lists at the request of YALSA.

OUTCOMES = This question is not applicable as no member of this task force attended the 2007 Annual Conference.

ACTIONAREA = marketing,research,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = publication,outreach,collaboration

WORKPLAN = In the past two years, this task force has been requested to compile book lists for many topics including the cooperative project in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. We are currently tasked with four major projects: compiling a list of titles comparative to Kite Runner; adding additional AV resources to the Lincoln Booklist for Young Adult Readers; updating the PPYA diaries book list; and initiating a YALSA wiki.

YALSAPUBLICATIONS = It might be appropriate to talk about this task force's involvement in the Lincoln Booklist for Young Adult Readers when it is officially published.

EFFECTIVENESS = 2

ABSENMENBERS = All members of this virtual task force are excused from attending the Annual Conference.

CONCERNS = In the past, the major concern with this committee has been getting total committee involvement. Since this is all done by e-mail, we must rely on members' attending to their e-mail on a regular basis and responding. The new committee members seem to be very happy to be involved, and hopefully this will not continue to be a problem.

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COMMITTEENAME = Youth Participation

CHAIR = Gail Zachariah

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To establish guidelines and/or procedures to involve young adults in the decision-making process which directly effects their access to information and library service at local, state and national levels; to provide continuing education and public professional awareness of youth participation.

OUTCOMES = We have been charged with redoing the survey about the Teen Summit and Teen Award. We talked with our priority consultant about this project and feel that we have better direction about what is wanted by the Board differently.

ACTIONAREA =  
advocacy,marketing,research,Continuouslearning,Associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = program,outreach,collaboration

WORKPLAN = The committee will continue to work on the survey. The new committee chair will contact the new committee members and ask for their input. New survey questions will be written and given to the YALSA office to put up on Survey Monkey.

The committee discussed the possibility of doing a conference program on youth participating in libraries as volunteers, interns, and employees. The committee will continue to discuss this at midwinter.

The committee also discussed the long-standing problem of whether we still have a mission. Right now we have something to do and the committee feels good about its place in when this charge is completed. Perhaps, the solution is to eventually disband the committee.

EFFECTIVENESS = 4



ABSENTMEMBERS = Thom Barthelmess

LIAISONDISCUSSION = We discussed the survey our committee has been charged with completing.

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COMMITTEENAME = Youth Participation Coordinator

CHAIR = Jerene Battisti

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FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To oversee the effort to ensure adequate involvement of teens in YALSA programs at conference and in other programs, where appropriate. The goal is to recruit local teens to participate at each Mid-Winter and Annual Conference, thus enabling YALSA to hear from teens around the nation.

OUTCOMES = The BBYA Teen Participation was wonderful. The teens were briefed in the morning about the kinds of comments the committee was looking for and given Exhibits badges for the day. At 11:30 am we convened for the luncheon hosted by Penguin Putnam Young Readers Group. Penguin brought Laurie Halse Anderson and John Green to talk with the teens. It was an amazing discussion with great enthusiasm on both sides. The teens had read their books and had penetrating questions to ask. It was a joy to be part of this opportunity.

ACTIONAREA = advocacy,marketing,Continuouslearning

STRATEGIES = collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER = The teens came from both public libraries and schools in the greater Washington, D.C. area and this collaboration makes the program a success.

WORKPLAN = My plan is to contact the teen librarian at Philadelphia Free Library, as they have an active book group. I have also been contacted by groups from New Jersey and New York. I have told them that the Philadelphia area has first chance for their teens. Keeping the group to about 40 has worked very well, both for the teens and the BBYA Committee.

EFFECTIVENESS = 1