

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Dallas
January 20 – 24, 2012**

Topic: Naming YALSA’s Student Conference Scholarship

Background: Dorothy Broderick, longtime advocate for youth and intellectual freedom, passed away on Dec. 17. A couple of Past Presidents suggested that YALSA’s new Student Scholarship be named after her to honor her memory. In January the YALSA Board, via its space in ALA Connect, discussed the proposal and voted to adopt it. Including the item as a part of this meeting simply ensures it will be entered into the official record of the association.

Action Required: Consent

Background:

In 2009 the YALSA Board approved a conference scholarship just for students, with the plan being to use Leadership Endowment funds to support the scholarship. The scholarship has not yet been issued, because the endowment wasn’t generating enough funds. The endowment has grown to the point where the first scholarship can be offered in 2012.

Proposal:

Name the student conference scholarship the Dorothy Broderick Conference Scholarship to honor the memory of her and all the mentoring and support she gave to students and to new librarians.

Rationale:

- Dorothy Broderick was a strong supporter of students and mentored many to help them prepare for a successful career in librarianship.
- The scholarship doesn’t have a name and naming it after Dorothy seems like an appropriate way to honor her memory.

Proposed Action:

Approve the naming of the scholarship the Dorothy Broderick Conference Scholarship for Students and direct the President-Elect to appoint a jury to vet applications for the award.

Additional Resources:

- List of YALSA’s existing scholarships, stipends and grants: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants>
- Information about YALSA’s Leadership Endowment: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/givetoyalsa/leaderendow>
- Article about Dorothy Broderick in SLJ <http://bit.ly/tRRGPg>