

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

Topic: ALSC/YALSA Partnering Discussion

Background: Past member surveys indicate that members want YALSA to partner with other ALA units when possible. 1,540 of YALSA's members are also ALSC members. In the fall of 2011, Sarah Flowers worked with ALSC President Mary Fellows to set up a meeting to discuss possible collaboration. A summary of the meeting is provided below.

Action Required: Information

At the 2011 October Fall Executive Meeting, the YALSA Executive Committee had a two-hour meeting with the ALSC Executive Committee to discuss service to middle-schoolers (12-, 13-, and 14-year-olds). The group talked about the services both associations already provide for that age range, and brainstormed some things that the two associations might collaborate on in the future. The transcript from the meeting was posted in a work space in ALA Connect and the two committees are discussing which ideas are the best fit for joint collaboration. Once the discussion is completed, it is possible that a proposal(s) will come to the two association boards for consideration.

Additional Resources:

- YALSA Strategic Plan, <http://bit.ly/yQYkrL>
- ALSC Strategic Plan, www.ala.org/alsc/aboutalsc/stratplan