

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle
January 19-24, 2007**

Topic: Request for Board Action: Odyssey Award Committee

Background: Odyssey Award Committee chair, Mary Burkey, is requesting that the Board consider a change to the committee's charge.

Action Required: Action

NAME = Mary Burkey, Chair, Odyssey Award 2008

REQUEST = The phrase “during the preceding year” be eliminated from the charge of the Odyssey Award.

RATIONALE =

Currently, the charge reads, “To annually select the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States during the preceding year and, if desired, to also select honor titles.” Eliminating the phrase “during the preceding year” will allow the Odyssey Award Task Force to consider audiobooks published for a twelve-month period beginning each November 1st, in keeping with the production cycle for audiobooks.

PRESENTTOBOARD = yes

PRESENTATIONDATE = January 19, 2007