

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

Topic: Request for Board Action: Selected Audiobooks Committee

Background: Sharon Grover has submitted a Request for Board Action form regarding a procedure with the Selected Audiobooks Committee.

Action Required: Action

REALNAME = Request for Board Action

NAME = Sharon Grover, Chair Selected Audiobooks Committee

REQUEST = As part of the Selected Audiobooks for Young Adults Policies and Procedures it states that: "The nomination process runs from the end of Midwinter to October 31."

My understanding was that the submission period of audiobook publishers ends October 31 and that is what publishers were told both last year and this year. The nomination process, this year, ran through December 7 in order for committee members to listen to as much of the late October submissions as possible. We chose that date because of Pearl Harbor Day and the ability to easily remember the date. The end-date for nominations could be later than December 7, but not earlier. I would recommend December 10, with the goal of having the nominations posted to the website by December 15.

RATIONALE = Audiobook publishing is different from print publishing and if the nominations ended October 31 the "new" list will always look like an "old" list. Too much of the "good stuff" is released in the late fall. The Odyssey Committee has chosen October-October because of the differences in audiobook publishing.

PRESENTTOBOARD = yes

PRESENTATIONDATE = Monday, January 22