

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

Topic: Request for Board Action: BBYA Committee

Background: The BBYA Committee Chair is requesting a change in procedure.

Action Required: Action

NAME = Karyn Silverman, BBYA Committee Chair

REQUEST = Change to procedure language:

FROM: The Committee will consider and vote on books published within their assigned calendar year, January 1 to December 31, in addition to those published between September 1 and December 31 of the previous year.

TO:

The Committee will consider and vote on books published within their assigned calendar year, January 1 to December 31, in addition to those published between September 1 and December 31 of the previous year. A book originally published outside the United States will be considered according to its U.S. publication year. Any book which was voted on at the Midwinter Meeting is not eligible for nomination the following year.

AND

FROM:

Nominations from authors or publishers for their own titles are not eligible for the list.

TO:

Nominations from authors, publishers, agents or others with a vested interest in a title for their own titles are not eligible for the list.

RATIONALE = This year we had a situation where a Canadian publication, not released in the US, was nominated. As a result, we realized that some things that have been considered policy were in fact based on past practice but were not written in our Policy and Procedures. This also makes the eligibility requirements match those of other annual selection committees.

The second change (and that is only a suggested language change) is due to at least one field nomination from an agent as well as 16 nominations from a woman employed by Scholastic; Printz and QP also received nominations. Each year more titles exist for people who play a role in and have a financial interest in a book's success; the policy needs to be broadened to include those changes in the field.

PRESENTTOBOARD = yes