

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

Topic: New Edition of *Excellence in YA Services*

Background: The 4th edition of this book was self-published by YALSA in 2004 (3rd ed. in 2000 and 2nd ed. in 1997). It is time to begin work on a 5th edition and Amy Alessio has agreed to edit the work. The book is a compilation of programs for teens that are submitted by YALSA members. In 2004 the top five submissions received \$1,000 from YALSA and the next 20 received \$250. This was funded by a grant from the Margaret Edwards Trust.

Action Required: Discussion

Items to consider:

- If we use the same format as 2004, how do we fund the awards, which total \$10,000? Will YALSA write another grant to the MAE Trust?
 - YALSA does have a restricted account for this Excellence program. Currently there is \$7,505 in it.
- In 2004 the group that selected the award winners was YALSA's Executive Committee. Does the Board prefer to follow the new format and establish an award jury to do the judging?
- Sales of current editions:
 - For the 2004 edition: we've sold a total of 697 copies for \$16,304 (since this was self-published we keep all of that revenue)
 - For the 2000 edition (which is still in print w/ ALA Editions): 2,715 copies at \$53,400 (YALSA's take is \$5,300) over the life of the book