

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

Topic: YALSA Councilor Pre-Midwinter Report

Background: YALSA's representative on ALA's Council, Christine Allen, has provided a report of their recent activities and how they may impact YALSA and/or YA services. The Board will want to give Christine direction on how to cast YALSA's vote on any upcoming resolutions.

Action Required: Action

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1. As is probably well-known by now, 2 candidates will be elected to 3-year terms on the ALA Executive Board, beginning at the 2007 annual conference and ending at the 2010 conference. The candidates are:
 - Nancy Zimmerman, (AASL primarily) Associate Professor, University of Southern Carolina, College of Library and Information Science, Columbia, South Carolina
 - Audra L. Caplan, (YALSA primarily) Director, Harford County Public Library, Belcamp, MD
 - Charles E. Kratz, Jr., Dean of Libraries, University of Scranton, Weinberg Memorial Library Scranton, PA
 - Gladys Smiley Bell, Hampton University, Harvey Library, Hampton, VA

Either or both Nancy and Audra would be good representatives for YALSA.

2. Proposed ALA Standards changes for Accreditation of Master's Degree Programs in Library and Information Studies (originally adopted in 1992) COA is wanting to discuss the proposed changes at the following Midwinter meetings:
 - ~ALISE/ALA Committee on Education Forum: Friday, January 19 1:30 – 3:30 CC Room 602
 - ~COA open session Sunday, January 21, 4 – 5:00, Red Lion Hotel, Emerald Board Room I.
 - ~ALA 2007 Annual meeting, Washington, DC, COA Town Hall meeting, Monday, June 25, 1:30 – 3:30 location to be announced.

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From Keith Michael Fiel's October Report to Council:
(under PIO)

Advocacy Institutes: A joint luncheon with YALSA has been confirmed for the Advocacy Institutes at the ALA 2007 Midwinter meeting.

National Book Festival – September 2006 in Washington, DC. ALSC was listed as a major participant. Was YALSA there also? (They gave away Newbery and Caldecott bookmarks and stickers ~ such a deal!) If YALSA was there, or other divisions for that matter, none were noted in Keith's report.

YALSA's news was great as to be expected of course. I am about to be very rude though: ~ I think another way of saying "YALSA is the fastest growing division in ALA" needs to be explored. As in, it prefaces everything now and is, well, to be blunt, getting old. We still want to tell people how YALSA is powerful and growing but maybe a new phrase is needed now? I really don't want to offend anyone but if it has become like a "ho hum" to me, it must be to others also or even, annoyingly common?

Respectfully submitted,
Christine M. Allen
YALSA Councilor