

**Fall Executive Committee Meeting
October 21-22, 2011, Chicago**

Topic: Midwinter Board Preparation & Orientation

Background: Board members must be well-prepared for their leadership positions and the Executive Committee plays a key role in this preparation. The Executive Committee will want to discuss the effectiveness of the current format of the Board Planning session at Midwinter to ensure the Board has the resources and skills needed to operate effectively as a cohesive governance body.

Action Required: Action

General considerations:

- This year's Board Planning session is 2.5 hours
- Topics covered in the Board chats leading up to Midwinter dealt with the board role in planned giving and fundraising and how the board can use social media for transparency in governance and to raise awareness about the work YALSA does
- At Annual 2011 in-coming Board members received a brief orientation, which was followed up in July with a 60 minute webinar about YALSA and ALA, in particular how the finances work through the Operating Agreement
- How might self-assessments and learning plans be incorporated into the session?
- Board Planning needs to cover topics that are relevant to new Board members as well as seasoned ones

Last year's Board Planning Session was 2.5 hours and covered:

1. **Call to Order** – Kim Patton
2. **Introductions/Short Icebreaker** – Francisca Goldsmith (15 min.)
3. **Governance within ALA** (90 minutes)
 - A. ALA/YALSA Relationship -- Beth
 - B. Understanding ALA Finances & their Division Impact– Mary
 - C. Connecting with the ALA Leadership – Linda Braun
 - D. ALA Committee Appointments – Sarah Flowers
 - E. ALA Council – Nick Buron

Wrap Up/Q & A – Kim (10 min.)

Housekeeping – Kim (10 min.)

- A. Develop questions for ALA presidential candidates – Sarah
- B. Develop questions for ALA Executive Board candidates – Nick

Materials Provided:

Board Roster
YALSA & ALA ppt

YALSA Strategic Plan
YALSA Business Plan, FY 11 – FY 13

Additional Resources:

- “CEO to CEO: What resources does your organization use for board orientation and development? (ASAE, 2007)
www.asacenter.org/PublicationsResources/ANowDetail.cfm?ItemNumber=27097