

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

**Topic:** Petition Candidates for ALA Council

**Background:** At this time, 10 (or 11%) of the 90 candidates for ALA Councilor are members of YALSA. The Executive Committee may want to explore ways to connect with and support these members. The Executive Committee may also want to discuss options for encouraging more YALSA members to run for and participate in Council. ALA is accepting petition candidates through Midwinter for the 2012 slate. Information about the petition candidate process can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/59efgg>

**Action Required:** Discussion

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**Petition Candidates:**

Of the 90 candidates selected to run for the position of Councilor-at-Large by the ALA Nominating Committee, 10 are YALSA members, and another 12 are members of ALSC and/or AASL:

**YALSA Members:**

Nancy L. Baumann  
Susan Fichtelberg  
Betsy Fraser  
Meghan Harper  
Jody Howard  
Amiya Hutson  
Nancy J. Snyder  
Carolyn Jo Starkey  
Tracy-Lyn Van Dyne  
Jamie Watson

**ALSC and/or AASL Members:**

Judy T. Bivens  
Rebecca P. Butler  
Jenifer Cabangan Canezal  
Gail Guidry Griffin  
Susan Grigsby  
Meghan Harper  
Susan Clifton Paul  
Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada  
Floyd Pentlin  
Rhonda K. Puntney  
Michael A. Rogalla  
Daniella Smith

This is a better representation of youth-oriented candidates than last year, when there were 53 candidates and only 3 (6%) were YALSA members. However, we can do even better by getting more YALSA members on the ballot. Petition candidates for ALA Councilor-at-Large will be accepted until February 2, 2012. Petitions may be submitted in paper or in electronic form. They require the signatures of at least 25 personal members of ALA.

Petitions are available online at <https://www.ala.org/template.cfm?template=/CFApps/epetition/index.cfm>. Paper petitions will be available at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. The Executive Committee may want to discuss possible good candidates for Council and options for encouraging other YALSA members to run for Council.

**Possible Next Steps:**

- Ask each Board member to identify one possible YALSA member to run for Council (can post suggestions in ALA Connect to coordinate) and then contact them and encourage them to do so.
- Identify someone to post on the YALSAblog about running for Council
- Direct the Division Councilor to contact candidates who are YALSA members, offer himself as a resource and invite them to attend the Youth Council Caucus at Midwinter
- Direct the Division Councilor to contact candidates who are youth-focused, but who are not members, and talk to them about the benefits of YALSA membership
- Other?