YALSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2019 Annual Virtual Meeting, June 26, 2021

YALSA’s mission is to support library staff in alleviating the challenges teens face, and in putting all teens—especially those with the greatest needs—on the path to successful and fulfilling Lives.

Board I       Saturday, June 26, 2021 -- 2-3:30pm CT on Zoom

Present: Amanda Barnhart President, Kelly Czarnecki President-Elect, Rebecca Denham Board Fellow/Ex-Officio, Kate Denier Fiscal Officer, Tammy Dillard-Steel YALSA Executive Director/Ex-Officio, Franklin Escobedo Organization and Bylaw Chair/Ex-Officio, Traci Glass Financial Advancement Committee Chair/Ex-Officio, Susannah Goldstein Director, Todd Krueger Immediate Past-President Karen Lemmons Director, Melissa McBride Director, Abigail Phillips, Division Councilor, J Colleen Seisser Director, Stacy Shapiro Board Advocate, Valerie Tagoe Director, Josie Watanabe Secretary

Guests: Adamma Ihemeson YALSA Staff, Celeste Swanson, Christine Pyles, Jodi Silverman, Liz Nebeker, Madia Paxon, Sam Bloom, Yolanda Hood, Jennifer Ottinger, Kelsey Forda and Marie McCulley

A quorum was present for the meeting.

DRAFT OF MEETING MINUTES

We’ll pause in the agenda to accommodate 10 min. information exchanges with:

• BARC Representative, Peter Hepburn at on Board II

• ALA Executive Board Representative, Maria McCauley, at Board I

Board I: Saturday

A Call to Order: A. Barnhart called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM CT

Housekeeping:

A.Barnhart: Review virtual meeting norms

M. McCauley, ALA Executive Board Representative

• This is Maria’s last visit to YALSA, she will be continuing on as PLA’s President-Elect

• YALSA’s EDI work is so important
• ALA has relied on publishing and membership—we need to be much more innovative with funding. How are we going to reinvent ourselves?
  - Goal: Increase membership by 5%, examine pathways to membership
  - Fundraising—increase in 10% in advancement dollars,
  - Operating Pathways: Looking at different ways to do our work
  - LibLearnX: Testing out as we look forward of different models, different conference models.
• Forward Together: 13 recommendations to council
• New hires:
  - Kevin D. Strowder to lead ALA’s Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services
  - Mary Davis Fournier named PLA Executive Director

A. Barnhart: Will payment options for membership be permanent? Maria will look into this.

T. Krueger: LibLearnX—what will it be and when will there be more info about it? Maria said the themes are: Literature, Learning, Innovation and User Experience.

Liz Nebeker: LibLearnX will not a mid-winter re-named, but have a committee of a variety of library representation and making it about learning and not meeting.

Information Forum:

A moment of silence for Regina U. Minudri. Also a scholarship was created in her honor. The $3,000 scholarship is to be given once a year to a Masters degree candidate in Library Science who intends to work professionally with young adults in public libraries. The purpose is to provide financial assistance and encouragement to developing young adult librarians. The scholarship was established by Carol Starr to honor Regina U. Minudri a retired director of the Berkeley Public Library who made many contributions in library youth services.

Sam Bloom, ALSC: Interdivisional Committee is working on a Resource list, Clearing house, equity, diversity and inclusion.

Peter Hepburn, BARC Representative

  • ALA is ahead of where it should be for budget
  • Divisions will report quarterly returns instead of monthly
  • Divisions will be asked to present budget in the fall
  • We want to see a balanced budget from divisions

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion #1: V. Tagoe motioned that the YALSA Board approve the Annual Meeting Agenda with flexibility. C. Seisser seconded. Motion Passed.

Consent Items:
Motion #2: K. Lemmons moved that the YALSA Board: approve the minutes from the 2021 Midwinter Virtual meeting, posted by J. Watanabe. M. McBride seconded. Motion Passed.

Motion #3 K. Czarnecki moved that the YALSA Board approve consent items #2-10. A. Phillips seconded. Motion Passed.

Item #1: Minutes from the 2021 Midwinter Conference - Josie Watanabe
Item #2: CALA/YALSA Joint Taskforce - Crystal Chen, Valerie Tagoe, and Susannah Goldstein
Item #3: Teen Programming HQ Advisory Board – Colleen Seisser and Dawn Abron
Item #4: Administrative Assistants Serving on YALSA Book Award Committees - Kim Dare, Traci Glass, Kate Denier, and Stacey Shapiro
Item #5: YALS Editor Report - Yolanda Hood
Item #6: JRYLA Editor Report - Robin Moeller
Item #7: The Hub Blog Manager Report - Sara Beth Coffman
Item #8: YALSAblog Manager Report - Tess Wilson
Item #9: Councilor’s Pre-Conference Report - Abby Phillips
Item #10: May Chair Reports - YALSA Chairs

Discussion Items

Item #11: Fiscal Report - Kate Denier
Item #12: "Dropped Board-Approved Initiatives and Plans" - Todd Krueger
Item #13: YALSA Councilor Annual Activities Update - Abby Phillips

Executive Session:

No motion was made to move into or exit executive session.

New Business:

Item #14: Use of Endowment Funds - Tammy Dillard-Steels

Motion #4: M. McBride moves that the YALSA Board: Direct the ED to work with YALSA and ALA staff to expend the endowments’ interest as outlined in document #14 and to provide updates via quarterly reports to the Executive Committee. C. Seisser seconds. Motion Passed.

Motion #5: J. Watanabe moves that the YALSA Board: Extends Board I by 15 minutes. S. Goldstein seconds. Motion Passed.

Item #15: Virtual Meeting Dispensation for Award Committees - Franklin Escobedo

Motion #6: T. Krueger moves that the YALSA Board: approve the virtual meeting dispensation be approved for the Alex, Morris, Nonfiction, Odyssey and Printz Award committees. T. Glass seconds. Motion Passed.
Item #16: Presidential Taskforce -Kelly Czarnecki

Motion #7: K. Czarnecki moves that the YALSA Board: Approve the formation of a Presidential Taskforce with Kelly Czarnecki as the Chair. A. Phillips seconds. Motion passed.

Item #17: Board Member Agreement-Tammy Dillard-Steeels

Motion #8: K. Lemmons moves that the YALSA Board: Approve the Board Member Agreement with the corrections. S. Goldstein seconds. Motion Passed.

Item #18: Strategic Planning Feedback Session -Amanda Barnhart

Motion #9: C. Seisser moves that the YALSA Board: Move the Board to approve the new mission, objectives, and goals of the 2022-25 strategic plan. M. McBride seconds. Motion Passed.

Item #19: Updates to Core YALSA Toolkits -Todd Krueger

Motion #10: C. Seisser moves that the YALSA Board: directs the President to appoint a 5-7 person Task Force by September 30, 2021 to evaluate the Teen Literacies Toolkit and the Teen Advocacy Toolkit, with a report back to the YALSA Board for review by December, 2021. The Board directs the President-Elect to appoint a 5-7 person Task Force before June 1, 2022 to examine the need to update the Fundraising, Makerspaces, and Partnering Toolkits, with a report back to the YALSA Board for review by December, 2022. K. Denier seconds. Motion Passed.

Item #20: Evolving the Social Media Marketing Taskforce into a Strategic Committee -

Christine Pyles

Motion #11: S. Goldstein moves that the Social Media Marketing Taskforce turn into a Strategic Committee with 2 co-chairs and staggered appointments. T. Glass seconds. Motion passed.

Item #21: Award Committee Attendance Requirements -Todd Krueger

Motion #12: K. Lemmons moves that the YALSA Board:The Board directs the YALSA staff to update the Policies, Procedures, and/or Committee Calendar for each of the four awards to strike the in-person attendance at the Annual Conference. The Board directs the President to communicate this decision and rationale to the membership. D. Kirkpatrick seconds. Motion Passed.

Item #22: Adoption & Presentation of Resolutions -Amanda Barnhart

Motion #13: K. Czarnecki motions the board to extend Board II by 20 minutes. V. Tagoe seconds. Motion Passed.

Item #23: Resolution for Dawn Abron -Colleen Seisser

Item #24: Installation of New Board Members -Amanda Barnhart and Kelly Czarnecki

Adjournment:

Motion #14: K. Czarnecki motions the YALSA Board to close the annual meeting. L. Nebeker seconds. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM CT