YALSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2019 Annual Washington, DC June 20-25, 2019

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  Sat. June 22, 2019, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Room 155

Present: Trixie DeSantis, Kate Denier, Franklin Escobedo, Todd Krueger, Dora Ho, Sandra Hughes-Hassell, Derek Ivie, Crystle Martin, Melissa McBride, Ryan Moniz, Abigail Phillips, Mega Subramaniam, Valerie Tagoe, Dorcas Wong, and Tammy Dillard-Steele

Guest: Tracie Glass, Charli Osbourne, Tess Wilson

Board II  Sun. June 23, 2019, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Room 155

Present: Trixie DeSantis, Kate Denier, Franklin Escobedo, Todd Krueger, Dora Ho, Sandra Hughes-Hassell, Derek Ivie, Crystle Martin, Melissa McBride, Ryan Moniz, Abigail Phillips, Mega Subramaniam, Valerie Tagoe, Dorcas Wong, and Tammy Dillard-Steele

Guest: Amanda Barnhart, Rebecca Denham, Traci Glass, Jeremey Guthrie, Karen Lemmons, Gina Seymour

A quorum was present for the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

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

- BARC Representative, Peter Hepburn on Saturday.
- ALA Executive Board Representative, James Neal on Saturday.

Board I: Saturday

Call to Order:

C. Martin called the meeting at 1 p.m. EDT, June 22, 2019

Information Forum:
Board I:

- D. Ho updated the Board on the ongoing sale of ALA HQ and rental of new office space. Encouraged the board to attend BARC Division Leadership where more information would be shared about IT projects and Midwinter.
- F. Escobedo updated the Board about the ALA conference committee meeting work. The last Midwinter as the members know will end in 2020 and the new model would begin in 2021.
- M. McBride shared with the board an update from the Joint Advocacy meeting a new phone to action will be used to email members representatives. This was happening at conference and for two weeks after conference ends.
- S. Hughes-Hassell reported on the successful YALSA 301 program that took place earlier in the day, 17 people attended who were interested in YALSA Leadership roles.
- C. Martin informed the board that YALSA 101 was also a huge success with 71 new members attending.
- T. Krueger attended the President Elect lunch and discussed the EDI plan. Shared AGSCLA interest in a possible partnership on programming aimed at preventing POC going to prison. Specifically interested AGSCLA and YALSA, trying to prevent POC going into the prison.
- C. Martin updated the board on Thursdays Joint Executive Meetings of AASL, ALSC, and YALSA. Information about the joint committees work on the Crosswalk Documents and the next steps for the incoming committee, received a report from the Legislative Committee on the renewal of the Legislative Day 2020 and their research into Anti-Bullying legislation.
- P. Hepburn BARC Liaison, reported that SCOE invited BARC to have a representative in the process moving forward. The next step for SCOE is to look into the costs and cost saving. Shared that BARC is working on metrics for the investment budget. Reported that Midwinter overspent on IT and that ALA was looking to budgeting realistic cost for AV at conferences. Reported on future of Midwinter which will be known as Vision (21) to take place in Indianapolis 2021. Sale of the ALA headquarters was ongoing and that an agreement has been made with the potential buyer.
- J. Neal, ALA Executive Board Representative, updated the Board on the ALA ED search update. MLS Preferred, Association leadership and management. ALA Executive Board approved sale of the HQ, negotiated lease of new HQ on Michigan Ave. SCOE preliminary ideas and rethink council and exec boards, divisions and roundtables. Virtual meeting on July. ALA has put significant funding into IT upgrades and hiring an external CIO to lead the upgrades. Midwinter change in 2021 and core of new event is on members and professional needs. Center of the futures of libraries has proposed programming. Implement an investment budget, a finance group and working on implication of SCOE benefits and impact.

Board II:

- C. Martin reported on the BARC Division Leadership meeting, shared BARCS plan for return on investments for spending on IT and Advocacy and development
• S. Hughes-Hassell shared that she was on a panel with AASL, ALSC, and YALSA on the topic of research agenda. S. Hughes-Hassell shared that a taskforce was created by ALSC to create an online portal for various research papers and agendas.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion #1: M. McBride moved that the YALSA Board adopt the agenda with flexibility. D. Ivie seconded. Motion Passed.

Consent Items:

Motion #2: F. Escobedo moved that the YALSA Board move Item #45 from Consent to Discussion. A. Phillips seconded. Motion Passed.

Motion #3: T. Krueger moved that the YALSA Board adopt the consent agenda with the exception of #45 which has been moved to discussion. D. Ho seconded. Motion Passed.

Item #1: Minutes from the 2018 Midwinter Meeting -- Franklin Escobedo
Item #2: Update on Inclusivity and Engagement -- Crystle Martin
Item #3: Pura Belpré Manual Update -- Franklin Escobedo
Item #4: ALSC/YALSA/REFORMA Pura Belpré Taskforce -- Franklin Escobedo
Item #5: Membership Engagement and Volunteer Opportunities -- Colleen Seisser
Item #6: Filling Board Vacancy -- Crystle Martin
Item #7: Pura Belpré Taskforce Recommendations -- Crystle Martin
Item #8: YALSA 101, 201, 301 Task Force -- Colleen Seisser
Item #9: Teen Summit -- Josie Wanatabe
Item #10: Change in Board Contract -- Sandra Hughes-Hassell
Item #11: Presidential Taskforce -- Todd Krueger
Item #12: Member Concerns -- Organization and Bylaws
Item #13: February Chair Report - Letitia Smith
Item #14: May Chair Reports -- Letitia Smith
Item #15: YALS Editor Report -- Crystle Martin
Item #16: JRLYA Report -- Robin Moeller
Item #17: YALSAblog Manager Report -- Tess Wilson
Item #18: The Hub Manager Report -- Stephen Ashley (revised 6/19/19)
Item #19: Program HQ -- Dawn Abron
Item #20: Councilor Pre-Report -- Abby Phillips
Item #45: TRW/TTW Taskforce Report -- Kelsey Socha
Item #46: Research Committee Report -- Kim Becnel
Item #47: 22 x 20 Taskforce -- Yvette Garcia

Mega Items
Item #48: SCOE Impact - Crystle Martin
  • C. Martin

Action Items

Item #21: Creation of Teen Month Celebration Committee -- Crystle Martin
Motion #4: T. Krueger moved that the YALSA Board sunset the current Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week committees. C. Seisser seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #5: S. Hughes-Hassell moved that the YALSA Board establish a new committee that will carry the name of the new month long celebration to be announced in June and begin January 2020. K. Denier seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #6: R. Moniz moved that the YALSA Board directs the Executive Director to work with staff to include the new committee in the appointment process. M. McBride seconded. Motion passed.

Item #22: Filling the Advocate Position for the YALSA Board -- Colleen Seisser, Ryan Moniz, Trixie Dantis
Motion #7: C. Seisser moved that the YALSA Board fill the Board Advocacy seat by an application followed by Board Appointment, similar to that of the ALA Liaison and Board Fellow process. M. Subramaniam seconded. Motion passed.

Item #23: Update on Inclusivity and Engagement (5 min) -- Crystle Martin & Tammy Dillard-Steels
Motion #8: D. Ivie moved that the YALSA Board directs the division and membership promotion to propose a process to notify all members about the status of their application for appointment. S. Hughes-Hassell seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #9: D. Ho moved that the YALSA Board direct the President, Past President, and President Elect to create a manual to support equity, diversity, and inclusion through the process. T. Dantis seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #10: K. Denier moved that the YALSA Board directs the President and Executive Director to evaluate and revise the training for committee, taskforce and jury chairs and members to ensure it emphasizes facilitating equity and inclusivity in the group; engaging with group members, and tapping into their talents; communicating with group members; and showing appreciation for members contributions to the group. C. Seisser seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #11: T. Dantis moved that the YALSA Board direct the President and Executive Director to include items that should be encouraged by the President in the President’s monthly activity list. M. Subramaniam seconded. Motion passed.

Item #24: Selected List Marketing Plan (5 min) -- Franklin Escobedo
Motion #12: F. Escobedo moved that the YALSA Board direct the YALSA President to create a taskforce to market the Selected List and Teen Top Ten and to evaluate after a year, starting August 1, 2019. D. Ivie seconded. Motion passed.

Item #25: YALS Format Update (5 min) -- Crystle Martin
Motion #13: C. Martin moved that the YALSA Board to direct the Executive Director and the YALS editor to explore new formats for YALS based on the Board Discussion. S. Hughes Hassell seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion Items

Item #26: Accepted Language/Terms (5 min) -- Research Committee
Motion #14: V. Tagoe moved that the YALSA Board thanks the research committee for their work. M. McBride seconded. Motion passed.

Item #27: Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (5 min) -- Research Committee
Motion #15: T. Krueger moved that the YALSA Board thanks the Research Committee for their work and directs the Executive Director to work with staff to modify the process. D. Ho seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting Time Extended
Motion #16: F. Escobedo moved that the YALSA Board extend the meeting by 10 minutes. S. Hughes-Hassell seconded. Motion passed.

Item #29: YALSA Library Community Survey Analysis (5 min) -- Research Committee

Item #30: Extension of Strategic Plan (10 min) -- Sandra Hughes-Hassell
Motion #17: F. Escobedo moved to that the YALSA Board direct the Executive Director to work with ALA Legal to terminate the contract with Adapt Nation. S. Hughes-Hassell seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #18: T. Krueger moved that the YALSA Board extends the current YALSA Strategic Plan for an additional year or until a new strategic plan is completed and adopted by the Board and directs the President and Executive Director to identify elements of the plan to focus on for 2019-2020. C. Seisser seconded. Motion passed.

C. Martin called a recess at 5:07 p.m. EDT, June 22, 2019.

Board II: Sunday

Recess ended C. Martin called the meeting back to order 4 p.m. EDT, June 23, 2019

Item #31: EDI Plan Update (10 min) -- Crystle Martin
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Motion#19: T. Krueger moved that the YALSA Board direct the President and Executive Director to move forward with the commended steps outlined in Board Document #31. C. Seisser seconded. Motion passed.

Item #28: EDI Leadership Training (10 min) -- Linda Braun, Julie Winkelstein, Josei Watanabe, and Amanda Barnhart

Motion #20: J. Watanabe moved that the YALSA Board direct the board to pursue EDI Training as outlined in Document #28. M. McBride seconded. Motion passed.

Executive Session

Item #32: Executive Session (10 min) -- Franklin Escobedo

Motion #21: S. Hughes-Hassell moved that the YALSA Board move into Executive Session. D. Ho seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #22: F. Escobedo moved that the YALSA Board move out of Executive Session. S. Hughes-Hassell seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Item #33: YALSA Councilor Annual Activities Update (5 min) -- Abby Phillips
  - First council had an two hour EDI facilitator lead discussion.
  - The membership meeting resolution passed.
  - The resolution to rename the Melville Dewey Award passed. The Awards Committee has been tasked at developing a new name.
  - SCOE will be presented at Council II.
  - Youth Council Caucus was well attended by new YALSA Board members. Most have raised concerns in the SCOE propositions.

Item #34: Standing Board Committees (15 min) -- all Board Members

Item #35: Adoption & Presentation of Resolutions (5 min) -- Crystle Martin & Tammy Dillard-Steels

Meeting Time Extended

Motion #23: S. Hughes-Hassell moved the YALSA Board to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. F. Escobedo seconded. Motion passed.

Item #36: Installation of New Board Members (5 min) -- Crystle Martin & Todd Krueger

Informational Items

Item #37: Guidelines for Board Meetings -- YALSA Handbook
Item #38: Preliminary 2020 Conference Information - Tammy Dillard-Steels
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Item #39: Board Liaisons for 2019 - 2020 - Todd Krueger
Item #40: Literacies Projects Update -- Taylor Crossley
Item #41: Communications Update -- Anna Lam
Item #42: Membership Update -- Letitia Smith
Item #43: Events & Conferences Update -- Nichole O'Connor
Item #44: CE and Grants Projects Update -- Linda W. Braun

Adjournment

Motion #24: C. Osbourne moved that the YALSA Board adjourn the Board meeting. K. Lemmons seconded. Motion passed.

T. Krueger adjourned the Annual Meeting at 4:57 p.m. EDT, June 23, 2019