

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco
June 26 – 30, 2015**

Topic: Confirmation of Support for President’s Program

Background: Liz Burns, YALSA’s representative on the ALA Accessibility Assembly, has provided an update to the Board.

Action Required: Information

**Report for YALSA
From ALA ASCLA Accessibility Assembly Meeting at ALA Midwinter 2015, February 1,
2015
From Elizabeth Burns, YALSA Representative**

Business discussed:

- Best approach to reporting accessibility issues and concerns that develop at the conference cite and conference hotels
- Distributed and reviewed ASCLA’s Checklist of Accessibility Services. Committee will be working on updating this document.
- Distributed press release dated 1/14/15 sent to committee by Mike Marlin regarding the ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. (Note: here is a link to the press release <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2015/01/ala-task-force-seeks-your-input-equity-diversity-and-inclusion>)
- Report on IMLS grant to help libraries provide resources and services to individuals with the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- Discussed inviting a representative from either a software company or institution to update the Assembly on related products.

Specific recommendations to YALSA:

- Since the issue of accessibility for presenters is an issue every year, YALSA may want to take proactive steps on this --- ALA being told ahead of time that that presenters have accessibility requirements isn’t enough. YALSA could check out rooms, layout, etc., prior to the programs so that “last minute” fixes are taken care of beforehand so that the presenters are not dealing with it at the actual “last minute.
- YALSA to continue with including teens with ASD in all levels of services and programs offered by teen librarians. Since sometimes adult services librarians refer adults with ASD to the teen and children librarians, YALSA may consider either a, addressing this with a program/webinar or b, expanding its marketing for these resources to adult services librarians.