



**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
August 21, 2023, 2:30-3:30pm CST\***

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Members are welcome to share their comments, ideas, requests, etc., during the “Information Forum” that begins each meeting. If there are a number of guests wanting to speak, it may be necessary to set time limits for speaking. Members may not introduce new topics or speak during the board's general business unless called upon by the President for input.

AGENDA\* – as of 8/8/2023 (learn more about board [agendas](#) and [documents](#))

Present: Colleen Seisser President, Yvette Garcia President-Elect, Kate Denier Secretary, Elizabeth Nebeker Division Councilor, Meaghan Darling Fiscal Officer, LaMoya Burks Interim Executive Director, Josie Andrews Director, Kim Dare Director, Matthew Layne Director, Melissa Malanuk Director, Gail Tobin Ex-Officio, Caroline Aversano Ex-Officio, Ziba Perez YALSA Liaison

Absent: Traci Glass Ex-Officio, Abigail Phillips Director, Melanie Wachsmann Director, Franklin Escobedo Immediate Past President

Guests: Todd Krueger, Dierric Rogers

**Call to Order – C. Seisser, 2:30 PM CST**

Information Forum – 5 minutes are allotted at the beginning of each session for visitors and board members to share news or ask questions.

Adoption of the Agenda – **All in Favor**

**Consent Items** (these are typically items discussed or acted on in between in-person meetings or are reports submitted for the board's review)

Item #1: 2023 Annual Minutes

Item #2: [Item #1 Board of Directors Endowment Funds FY 23 Revision](#)

Item #3: [Item #2 Board of Directors YALSA Secretary Confirmation](#)

Adoption of Consent Calendar – **All in Favor**

**Reports –**

A. YALSA Executive Director

--L. Burks discussed highlights from the August 2023 YALSA Executive Director report. Increase of \$10,000 to the Regina Minduri Scholarship. The 3<sup>rd</sup> iteration of the FY24 budget was submitted. Symposium Planning is ongoing. We have work to do but membership is strong at 3,144. New temporary Communications Specialist is being onboarded. Detailed updates to YALSA and ALA Continuing Education schedule of webinars is coming soon. We are moving forward with the revised YALSA Sponsorship guide.

B. [Executive Committee Report July 2023](#)

--YALSA's Budget –C. Seisser discussed YALSA's budget challenges and the need reduce the gap between revenue and expenses. No Symposium in 2024. Program Officer position will be cut for FY24 only. New ED will focus on staffing and a recovery plan for FY25. Operating Agreement Update –C. Seisser explained YALSA's Executive Committee met to discuss the four options for overhead payments in the revised Operating Agreement.

C. YALSA Liaison Report

--Z. Perez gave an update from ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee. –Be aware: A schoolboard is using AI to identify “books with sex acts.” –Banned Books Week: You can add your event to [this website](#). –State Intellectual Freedom Network: Updates and resources can be found [here](#). –Free People Read Freely: Will do a summit on book challenges. Look for a Save the Date in early September.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

A. Operating Agreement Revision and Operating Costs

--C. Seissor showed sections of the Operating Agreement Implementation Taskforce PPT showing the 4 options for overhead payments in the revised Operating Agreement and explains the Executive Committee narrowed it down to 2. Board will discuss this further on Connect.

YALSA Board must pick the option that we believe is best for YALSA's financial health. Other divisions have asked for a year of modeling, which we could do as well.

#### B. Strategic Board Committees review

--Strategic Plan: C. Seisser explains YALSA is in our last year of our current Strategic Plan. We will work with our new ED to figure out how to move forward. --Strategic Committees: C. Seisser notes there are several tasks that need to be done, and the Strategic Committees will take the lead on what to do. 2 groups still need leaders, who are responsible for organizing meetings and reporting back to the Board. L. Burks is here for consultation if needed and those committees can move forward with meeting.

#### C. Communication with YALSA Members

##### 1. Determine Membership Meeting Schedule

--Several board members noted we should do an in person meeting at Annual. K. Dare asked if it would be a hybrid meeting and C. Seisser noted that depends on the technology available. C. Seisser will work to plan the first virtual membership meeting soon.

##### 2. Look into Connect Live style events for Board Members to connect with YALSA members Connect Live:

--C. Seisser explained it and how it gives Board Members who cannot attend conference a chance to interact with membership. Y. Garcia suggests trying one after a membership meeting. K. Dare asked if membership has been surveyed recently on topics of interests. L. Burks explained the recent interactions with membership. C. Seisser suggests we pilot this after the first membership meeting but consider K. Dare's idea of a survey.

#### D. ED search update

--C. Seisser fills in details on search committee for new members. They completed interviews on 7/11/23. She is close to being able to make an announcement and will update YALSA Board when she knows for sure.

Adjournment – **All in favor.** Adjourned the meeting at 3:12 pm CST.