

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Orlando
June 24 – June 28, 2016**

Topic: Confirmation of Filling Board Vacancy

Background: Robin Kurz ran on the 2016 for a three year board member at large position, and was elected; however, she resigned from the position. Article VIII, Section 15 of the YALSA Bylaws states that vacancies other than those provided for in these Bylaws shall be filled by the Board of Directors by appointment until the next annual election, at which time a minimum of one candidate shall be nominated to fill each unexpired term. Candice Mack presented a proposal for filling the vacancy for the board's consideration. On May 2nd YALSA's Board voted to fill the vacancy with Franklin Escobedo. Including the item as a part of this meeting simply ensures it will be entered into the official record of the association.

Action Required: Consent

Options for filling the vacancy:

1. Do nothing and to leave the position vacant until the 2017 election. There would still be a quorum for voting; however, there would be an even number of voting members on the board, which does open up the possibility for tie votes.
2. Appoint a seasoned board member who would be interested in and able to fill the spot. Since at-large board members aren't allowed to serve consecutive terms (per the bylaws), eligible candidates would be from the 2014 - 2015 board or earlier, or would have served in an ex-officio capacity.
3. Appoint a candidate from the 2016 slate, as those individuals have already indicated their current willingness to serve.

Proposal

Appoint Franklin Escobedo to fill the board vacancy.

Rationale

- Franklin is eligible—he's a current member within his 3 committee limit and doesn't have a conflict (such as current service on an award committee)
- Franklin had already been carefully vetted by the Governance Nominating Committee as qualified to serve on the board.

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- He has demonstrated his commitment to YALSA and willingness and availability to serve on the board by putting his name on the slate

Recommended Board Action

The Board directs the President to appoint Franklin Escobedo to serve on the board through June 2017, and directs the 2017 Governance Nominating Committee to include a spot on the slate so members can vote on who will serve out the remaining two years of this term.

Additional Resources

- YALSA bylaws:
www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/BYLAWS_2016approvedchanges.pdf