

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago  
June 23 – 27, 2017**

**Topic:** May Chair Reports Debrief

**Background:** Each Standing Committee reviewed the May 2017 Chair Reports and shared their observations, ideas, concerns and questions in the Board's space in ALA Connect. The Standing Committee feedback is provided below, along with all of the Chair Reports, so the full Board can come together and discuss strategies for improving support to chairs and encouraging best practices in committee work.

**Action Required:** Discussion

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## **Board Standing Committee Feedback**

### **Standing Committee on Advocacy**

Submitted by Diane Colson

A comment from the Summer Learning Taskforce reminded us of an earlier discussion of writing "job descriptions" for the various committee assignments. The chair mentioned that she, "still thinks members don't know what they're signing on to" when they agreed to serve on the task force. To some degree this may just be the case for some members who aspire to serve on book award committees but are instead asked to serve on a process committee. It's also related to the board's discussion of exit surveys that might give an estimate of how much time members spent on committee tasks.

The Oversight Committee had two concerns. One is that they are responsible for reading the chair reports for the award committees but don't as yet have ready access to them. Sarah remedied this by sending the Oversight chair these reports, but it's something that needs to be built into the reporting process so that they don't need to make the request.

A couple of the short-term taskforces have thus far been inactive. The chairs of the Member Grants and Awards Evaluation Taskforce and the District Days Taskforce have been unresponsive to board liaisons and to Sarah. Jennifer suggested that perhaps the chair of the Legislation Committee, who has been excellent but is moving to an award committee, might be engaged to help with District Days. Another short-term taskforce, the Member Achievement Recognition Taskforce, has completed their survey and reported the results.

Solid work from the Research Committee. They continue to submit research-based blog posts and articles regularly. Teen Top Ten and Teen Read Week are on track.

## **Standing Committee on Fund & Partner Development**

Submitted by Sandra Hughes-Hassell

We had some observations and questions. I'll start with the observations:

There seem to be many opportunities for the various committees and groups to connect with each other and to the organizational plan. For example, Leading the Fundraising TF & FAC; Not Alone TF & the upcoming president's theme; legislative, district days, and advocacy. This is exciting because it shows our alignment work is beginning to take root. It also calls on us to continue to help committees/TF to envision how their work supports the organizational plan and the Future's Report AND to provide them with guidance on how to do this. For example, the Teens are Not Alone TF seems to be spending much of their time making social justice booklists which is helpful, but perhaps their time would be better spent on activities that directly relate to LTTS such as helping members learn how to connect with agencies in their communities that support teens, creating a directory of national agencies that support teens such as Harvard's center for Youth in Participatory Politics, or helping their members transform their library's services and programs. As Board members who liaise with these groups we need to continue to provide constructive feedback as committees create their task lists. The Standing Committees can also potentially help connect the work across committees.

Questions that arose:

1. What can we do to encourage all of the chairs to include enough detail that the reports are meaningful to us as readers? Some of them continue to be short and to include little substantive information.
2. The chairs for DMP and Summer of Learning both note that their committee members don't seem to understand what they are signing up for when they join. We encourage potential members to read the job description for committee members in the Handbook, read the committee charge, and contact former committee members as a way to understand what specific committees do and to see if they are a good fit for them. Are there other things we can do as a Board? Advice we can offer chairs?
3. Chairs continue to rate their committees a 3 for effectiveness but not list any concerns. We find this rating a challenge to interpret when we don't tell them what a 3 means and they provide no context. Perhaps with the new task list template in place we can address this issue?
4. How might board liaisons help chairs get feedback from their committee members? The chair of chair of TRW was looking for feedback from her committee members to improve her leadership & better understand why members were not participating.

I think that's it. We had a fruitful virtual (google doc) discussion. Thanks to the FPD team for their insightful comments! If I missed anything, please add it.

## **Standing Committee on Leading the Transformation of Teen Services**

Submitted by Crystle Martin

**Is each group making adequate progress on their charge and/or tasks? If not, what do they need to get back on track and how will the board liaison communicate this to the chair and provide any necessary coaching? What, if anything, does the standing committee or individual committee members need to do or follow up on?**

- YALSA Research Journal Advisory Board indicated that they had extended their call for special issue. JRYLA continues to struggle with low submission rates. We suggest keeping the call open, as the special issue may be inhibiting submissions, or having a list of topics in the call as not to over focus. We also thought more regular advertising of JRYLA could help with building submissions.

- O & B chair had reported that the size of the committee is too large. The tasks cannot be broken into smaller chunks.

- Teen Read Week - Following up with the chair on what guidance she needs to move forward given that she had some difficulty with losing members (in her own words: "Members that will remain on the committee have expressed a willingness to work but need to be strongly guided through processes.")

**Is there anything high level that should be shared with the President and Executive Director?**

O & B committee size needs to be smaller.

**As a whole, how are these groups doing in terms of supporting the strategic plan goal? Are there any gaps that need addressing? If so, how?**

We particularly love the detailed steps that YALS/YALSAblog Editorial Advisory Board chairs had provided in terms of the next sets of activities that they will pursue. We are especially excited about their effort to recruit diverse bloggers, including teens, and YALS authors which clearly aligns with LTTS's priority areas.

**Are there any commonalities among the groups, either positive or negative? If so, what are they and how might they be addressed?**

JRYLA and the Midwinter Paper are both having trouble getting a sufficient number of submissions. Possibly more regular advertising of these opportunities would.

**Are there opportunities to connect some or all of these groups to each other in order to increase efficiency or impact?**

If this is not done in the past, we think the symposium taskforce and the annual conference marketing committee should be talking to each other in terms of best practices in marketing, programming, author programs, etc. Maybe Nichole could be a connector for these two groups.

**Other? whatever else you feel is needed**

We received two pieces of feedback from the TRW chair that seemed important to pass on:

-A method for committee members to offer anonymous feedback to chairs would be useful for their leadership development as well as the effectiveness of the committees.

-In her own words: “I very much enjoyed being given the empowerment for the committee to shape its own task list this 2016-2017 term. Although we lost several members that took part in that process, which made it much more difficult to complete those tasks, even having those conversations about interdepartmental collaboration showed potential for future partnerships. Also, it was good experience to express the importance of new ideas aligning with our committee's function statement as well as the YALSA Organizational Plan.”

Also, it would be helpful for committees and taskforces to address what they have done on their task lists and what they are going to do from the task list as a way for board members to have a better sense if they are on track.

## **Chair Reports**

### **Nick Buron**

**Group: National Guideline Oversight Committee**

**Chair's Name: Gail Tobin**

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**Board Liaison: Nick Buron**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee YALSA's portfolio of national guidelines, including performing such tasks as: working with staff to disseminate and promote the guidelines ; regularly evaluating the existing guidelines and making recommendations to YALSA's Board for updating or revising guidelines and/or the need to create supplementary materials or tools; assisting staff with establishing and maintaining liaisons with appropriate decision makers and stakeholders , both inside and outside the library profession, that monitor and evaluate the performance of teen services

programs and librarians. While the Oversight Committee is charged with making recommendations, the authority to adopt, direct the revision of and/ or sunset guidelines rests with YALSA's Board of Directors. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The YALSA Board tasked the committee with reviewing the existing guidelines and to look for opportunities to add messaging about privacy to align with "The Library's Role in Protecting Teens Privacy" position paper. We established a timeline for our reviews and committee members stayed on track with our schedule. We completed our review of the Core Professional Values, Teen Programming Guidelines and Teen Space Guidelines and I forwarded the recommendations that resulted to Beth Yoke for consideration. The committee's review of YALSA's Public Library Evaluation Tool is in progress and will be completed prior to annual.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will complete our task prior to the sunseting of the National Guidelines Oversight Committee at ALA Annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share our recommendations with Beth Yoke and the YALSA board will determine if they will be added to the Guidelines.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: none Additional Concerns or Comments:

The committee did not review the YALSA's Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth since we understand an update is being worked on and will hopefully be approved soon.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

**Group: Publications Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: Amanda Bressler**

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**Board Liaison: Nick Buron**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the development of a publications program in the areas of young adult services and materials; identify topics to be covered and potential authors; to regularly review all YALSA publications in all formats and make recommendations to the YALSA Communications Manager regarding those needing revision or elimination.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our board has provided 2 blog posts for the YALSA blog this quarter.

We also updated the potential authors list, a list of writers, specializing in relevant topics to YALSA, sourced from publications inside and outside of ALA.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our board is being discontinued this year.

With the completion of the update to the potential authors list, we are done with our tasks for the year.

I will be transferring all documents to ALA Connect by the end of May and our work for the year will be complete.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? n/a Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

**Diane Colson**

**Group: awards and selection committee Oversight Committee**

**Chair's Name: Shelly McNerney**

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**Board Liaison: Diane Colson**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA's award and selection committees. To advise committee chairs on recommended procedures for committee operations based on a thorough knowledge of YALSA policy, committee operation, background, and experience.

To collect, analyze and respond to quarterly chair reports. To summarize, analyze and evaluate periodically for the YALSA Board the progress and concerns of the selection and award committees. To facilitate communication among selection and award committees and to identify common areas of concern and identify solutions. To coordinate training and orientation for in-coming committee members. To note particular abilities of committee members in the work of the organization and to share this information with the Board and nominating committees.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Initiated contact with new chairs, answered questions regarding book eligibility, social media policy, and committee member resignations for BFYA committee.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue to support chairs, and to gather additional resources being used by the chairs (form letters, examples of notes, etc.) to pass to the committee next year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? None.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

The oversight committee sometimes feels redundant because many questions from chairs end up being passed to Nichole O'Connor or the YALSA president.

Another concern I have is that chair reports are not being shared with the Oversight Committee. The online quarterly chair form does not allow a chair to submit a copy to their Oversight Liaison.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: Member Achievement Recognition Task force**

**Chair's Name: Kate Denier**

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**Board Liaison: Diane Colson**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Examine successful practices from the association community, and gather and use YALSA member feedback (including feedback from past award winners) to determine the most desirable and appropriate method(s) for recognizing member award winners, including the feasibility of an award event at an ALA conference or YALSA's symposium.

Submit a recommendation to the board for consideration at their June 2017 meeting.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We researched methods for recognizing member award winners. We searched the association community, ASAE, and various other articles pertaining to libraries and the business world. We posted our research on ALA Connect, and group members came up with two sets of potential questions for member surveys: One survey for past award winners and one survey for all members. I narrowed down the questions and sent them to Beth. She did some editing and created two surveys. Kate contacted Letitia and got the contact information of award winners from the past five years, and Kate sent out the survey to them. Kate sent out the member survey to some YALSA listservs, the YALSA blog/social media and YALSA eNews. Beth also helped promote the surveys.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? When the survey closes, Beth will send the results to me, and I will forward that to my group members. We will then come up with our list of recommendations for the Board.

Kate will work with Diane to complete the Board Document, and this will be turned in.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? When our recommendations are submitted, I believe these will be shared with YALSA members. We hope our recommendations will increase member's interest in applying for awards.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There were some occasions where I had to follow up with group members because they missed deadlines. One person had been added late to the group, and was out of town when I contacted her, so we were nearly done by the time she responded. (Though she did contribute some survey questions). A few of the questions that were submitted for the surveys did not have anything to do with the outcomes we were looking for. I made every effort to encourage group members to ask questions if they weren't sure about something, to make deadlines clear and the provide next steps.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I had contacted the Chair of the Member Events task force. I sent her our survey questions in a Google Document to see if she wanted to add any questions, but her group was not required to participate in a survey. I didn't hear back from her, so I think she opted to go in another direction.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Trixie Dantis**

**Franklin Escobedo**

**Group: Teens' Top Ten Committee**

**Chair's Name: Stephanie Charlefour**

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**Board Liaison: Franklin Escobedo**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: We have been busy this quarter reviewing applications for YALSA's Teens' Top Ten Book Giveaway. We are excited we were able to narrow down the applications to the top 50--there are some fantastic choices this year! We look forward to promoting the nominees over the summer, getting librarians and teens excited about voting come August.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We turned over the Top 75 titles to the reader groups to be narrowed down to the Top 25, which was released last month in April. We are thrilled with what the groups selected. This month, we have been vetting the Book Giveaway applications as we are tasked with the challenge of selecting those libraries/librarians who will be awarded the Top 25 titles.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Giveaway applications

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Over the summer, we will be shifting into PR mode to help promote the current nominees. We will also keep tracking those titles submitted by publishers for the 2018 list and compiling the nominations.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We want to be sure to stress that YALSA Members should encourage teens to be reading the nominees during their summer learning programs--it is prime time to be able to do so with teens having more free time typically, than during the school year.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None, we are doing well Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Jane Gov**

**Group: Financial Advancement Committee**

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**Board Liaison:** Jane Gov

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including promotion, fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board year-round to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both members and nonmembers, to support the \$16,000 worth of scholarships and stipends YALSA gives out annually. Periodically review YALSA's Fundraising Toolkit and make updates, as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Finished updating and posted Fundraising Toolkit. Thanked donors.

Raised \$990 for LLD.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Fund & Partner Development
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Task list

evaluation: Evaluate fundraising efforts so far; if they are not meeting targets, plan an end-of-the-fiscal-year push. Coffee Klatch at Annual. End of fiscal year push: Share stories from past scholarship/grant winners who have not shared a story yet and share via YALSA blog, e-news, & social media.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? blog post about Toolkit Update Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

## Sarah Hill

**Group:** Executive Committee

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**Board Liaison:** Sarah Hill

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To act for the Board of Directors between Board meetings on time sensitive items that require immediate action. To focus on strengthening YALSA's relationship with ALA by fostering strong ties with ALA governance. To provide oversight and support for fiscal planning, and to communicate regularly to the Board regarding the financial health of YALSA. YALSA's Executive Committee may not: amend bylaws; elect or remove board members; hire or fire the executive director; approve or change the budget; make organizational structural decisions. Committee size: President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Fiscal Officer, Secretary, YALSA Division Councilor and Executive Director (ex-officio).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Executive Committee met on April 18 via Zoom for an hour and a half. No action is taken during an executive

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committee meeting, but some of the items discussed will be coming to the board via one of the three standing committees. You can see the documents discussed here:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/ec/ecmeetings>. Minutes will be posted soon. The group didn't get to discuss two items before the scheduled meeting ending time, and it was suggested that we block off more time for the next virtual meeting.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Fund & Partner Development
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Over the next few months, members of the executive committee will be reaching out to their ALA counterparts to prepare for the Annual meeting. They will also be preparing for the transition to the new executive committee.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? A blog post will be written about the executive committee meeting at Annual.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everyone was present at the April 18 virtual meeting.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

**Group: 2018 Governance Nominating Committee**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Hill**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the YALSA Board of Directors for the YALSA slate for the 2018 election. When building the slate, seek out the most qualified individuals and provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location, being sure to incorporate diversity as defined by ALA/YALSA. To communicate regularly with the Award Nominating Committee and share information about potential candidates to ensure there is no overlap. To educate members about governance and service on the YALSA Board, including conducting necessary outreach via an array of avenues like social media, blogs, newsletters, and partnership with other organizations to ensure diverse representation. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum at the 2018 Midwinter Meeting and candidate interviews for posting on the YALSAblog. To review the process after each election and make recommendations for the next cycle.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We have our preliminary slate almost complete. We have at least one candidate for each open position, and are working to get a few more. Committee members are talking about openings verbally in their states, at professional conferences, and via listservs and other electronic sources.

In an effort to not only promote open opportunities now, but also for the future, we'd like to host an open Q and A with a few of us, so members can learn a bit more about getting involved in governance as

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well as ask us their questions. Our committee has worked in various roles in governance and has the expertise to lead such an opportunity. I'll work with Beth Yoke to plan this all out.

We've also started to discuss alternative opportunities for the Coffee with the Candidates program at Midwinter. We all agree a new format or opportunity is a good idea.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc.)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

I'd like to have our slate near finished by mid-July. That will give us a couple extra weeks to finalize paperwork and address any emergencies that arise before our final slate is due to YALSA.

I hope to host our Q and A June (I know, I need to get planning), so that anyone also attending ALA Annual can contact us for a follow-up meeting if they want.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We've found a lot of success with reaching out to individuals personally, as well as using our own social media accounts to share information. I'm pretty excited that it looks like we will have a contested election.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: It's a busy time of year for many of us, but we've done a lot of work in the early part of this year and are now finalizing candidates.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: Leadership Fundraising Task Force**

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**Board Liaison: Sarah Hill**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Develop and implement a year-long fundraising effort to raise \$20,000 to support YALSA leadership initiatives, including marketing, fundraising, and donor recognition. Submit a draft fundraising plan to the board by April 1, 2017. Upon plan approval, work year-round with staff to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both individuals (members and nonmembers), and organizations. Coordinate efforts with FAC so as not to overlap or compete with their work.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Task Force has reviewed and recommended all photo submissions for the YALSA Leadership Fundraising Coloring Book which are now in the process of being rendered into coloring pages. The group has brainstormed additional Fundraising opportunities inside and outside of membership (particularly in regard to celebrating YALSA's anniversary) and have submitted their first draft of the Fundraising Proposal.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Fund & Partner Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Members of the Task Force attending YALSA Symposium and/or ALA Annual plan to collaborate in connecting with potential donors for YALSA Leadership training, assist in the promotion and sales of the Coloring Book (as needed) and to submit a final draft of the Fundraising Proposal.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Information about Leadership education and opportunities will be shared with a particular interest in addressing our current and potential vendors that hold a YALSA membership as well as the benefits of membership to vendors/organizations outside of library world.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Each member has brought unique perspectives and experience which have served our team and directly influenced progress.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Thank you to Beth and Sarah for their feedback, time and help. Their dedication to YALSA is inspiring and encourages my continued service in such a committed, innovative association.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: President's Program Planning Task Force**

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**Board Liaison: sarah hill**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To work with the YALSA President and Program Office for Conferences & Events to plan, organize and implement the YALSA President's Program at the next Annual Conference.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Participants were invited and presentation list was finalized.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? present the president's program at the annual conference What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The lineup for the president's program. I will be sending information to the YALSA e-news and information will be available on the conference website.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Sandra Hughes Hassell**

**Group: Competencies Update Taskforce**

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**Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Review YALSA's report, The Future of Library Service for and With Teens: A Call to Action, as well as competencies and frameworks from the afterschool, summer learning and connected learning communities to create a futures-focused version of YALSA's Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth which embeds the key principles from YALSA's report as well as adapts best practices and stellar examples from relevant external documents. Ensure that the updated version complements, but is not redundant to, these recent YALSA documents: Teen Programming Guidelines and Core Professional Values for the Teen Services Profession.

Taskforce size

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Members worked on new key words and ideas that could be incorporated into the competencies.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be having a planning phone call with Beth Yoke on 5/16 and meeting for a work day at annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? When work complete a new guide will be available for use.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

### **Gretchen Kolderup**

**Group: Summer Learning Task Force**

**Chair's Name: Barbara Bahm**

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**Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To leverage state and local networks to promote the applications for summer learning grants. To vet the applicants for the grants and by February 12, 2017, choose the 20 applications that best meet the eligibility requirements as measured by their responses to questions on the application. To vet the applicants for the summer intern grants and choose the 20 best by February 26, 2017. To compile and/or create resources focused specifically on assisting library staff with implementing summer learning programs and activities and add them to YALSA's wiki as they are developed. To seed discussions and share resources on the Summer Learning Ning. Taskforce size: 5 - 7 virtual members, including the chair. Term: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the last three months, we have vetted and selected 20 winners each for the Summer Learning Intern Grant and the Summer Learning Materials Grant.

We have posted questions and comments to the Ning. We met online and have groups working on updating the website and the intern toolkit. We are working with another group on a contest that will end June 1, 2017. Both groups will have members vet the submissions.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc.)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Most of the task force is in eastern United States. What with ALA, Book Fests and Summer Learning Projects, most of the task force members feel that they will be too busy to take on any special projects so the group will just be posting to the member engagement part of the Summer Learning Ning.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will announce the winners of the Summer Learning Activity Contest.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Had one member that never responded to any of the emails, phone calls or meeting invites. She finally contacted me and said she was way too busy to participate and asked to be taken off the task force. Other than that, everyone has done a great job and followed through with their obligations.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I still fill that that members are not understanding what they are committing to when they accept the position.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Jennifer Korn**

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**Group:** YALSA Legislation

**Chair's Name:** Heather Dickerson

**Board Liaison:** Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To inform librarians and library workers of pending legislation which affects young adults and library service to that population; to provide librarians and library workers with tools and resources to help them educate elected officials and lobby for strong library services to teens; to liaise with the ALA Legislation Committee; and to provide support to the YALSA Board with developing an annual legislative agenda.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have focused on encouraging membership to reach out to their elected officials regarding proposed cuts to LSTA/IMLS/IAL funding. We selected a second stipend winner to attend NLLD. We've also been working on collecting stories related to membership approaches to advocacy in the field so that we can share them out. The committee is also working on more advocacy resources.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We're working on advocacy resources for membership. Chair will organize all materials so they're ready to hand over to the next chair.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We've just shared out blog posts related to NLLD. We're encouraging action for district days beyond the August timeframe with the District Days Taskforce.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: Teen Tech Week**

**Chair's Name: Dawn Abron**

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**Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative that gives libraries the opportunity to feature all their non-print resources for teens and their families. Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Tech Week web site such as professional resources for library staff, program ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Tech Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library, - and education fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

\* We vetted 33 grant applications and chose grant winners and alternate winners.

\* We wrote blog posts for The Hub.

\* We wrote blog posts on the Ning about passive programming.

\* We took over Twitter for a day where we promoted the YALSABlog; The Hub; Programming HQ; and the Ning.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc.)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our committee has concluded What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? N/A

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1:

Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Todd Krueger**

**Group: The Teens Are Not Alone Group**

**Chair's Name: Lorraine Roussin**

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**Board Liaison: Todd Krueger**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: In our post-election society, our teens have turned to libraries looking for answers to assuage their fears and clear their confusion. As librarians, it is our responsibility to show them they are not alone. This interest group is for YALSA members to generate ideas to help teens understand and empathize with our changing world, as well as to empower them to advocate for change in a positive manner.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We haven't done much as of yet, but we did manage to choose a communication platform that would work best for all of us. We are discussing book lists with a Social Justice theme at the moment.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We have three goals for the next three months:

1. To add to YALSA's Wiki Fostering Global Citizenship, Inclusion & Understanding.
2. To create a Book list for books featuring Social Justice.
3. To write a Hub post about the Teens Are Not Alone Group.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to share the Social Justice Book List via the Hub. We'll also add to resources for Fostering Global Citizenship, Inclusion & Understanding via the Wiki page.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Participation has been low, but it's because we couldn't find a platform we were all comfortable using. We've recently moved to ALA Connect and I am hoping this will be easier for everyone to use.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

**Group: Teen Services Coordinators Interest Group**

**Chair's Name: Leah Weyand**

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**Board Liaison: Todd Krueger**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To provide networking and discussion opportunities for YALSA members interested in exploring issues related to coordinating teen services for library systems and/or across multiple locations, such as liaising with staff at individual locations; communicating with administrators; creating and maintaining large-scale, system-wide programs and services; and other such issues, especially as they relate to YALSA's vision for teen services as outlined in the report, "The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: a Call to Action."

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group's work over the past three months included circulating a petition for formation, and has resulted in the Teen Services Coordinators IG gaining official status in April 2017.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Our work primarily has focused on group formation, using the virtual collaboration of Google Docs/Sheets.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Over the next three months, our group will survey participants to identify key areas of interest for further activity; we will set regular meeting times and virtual collaboration times; we will engage in long-range planning for strategies and endeavors for the IG.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to share information about our group virtual meetings and any helpful resources related to the IG that the members create. We hope to share this through periodic YALSA eNews updates.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No concerns at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

### **Kafi Kumasi**

**Group: Research Committee**

**Chair's Name: Robin Moeller**

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**Board Liaison: Kafi Kumasi**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of the field of young adult library services, and to regularly compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, update YALSA's Research Agenda as needed and to liaise with ALA's Committee on Research & Statistics.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee continues to write the quarterly Research Round-up column for YALS. Two pieces were submitted by members this quarter and focused on research regarding advocacy and leadership development.

Members also submitted posts on these same topics for the blog.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)

other: The works submitted by the committee are considered efforts toward continuing education and resource development.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our workplan for the next three months includes continuing our efforts to write research-based pieces for YALS and the blog. The next Research Round-up submission will focus on funder/partner development. Committee members are also currently working on developing pieces for YALS and the blog that takes a closer look at the

implementation of the revised Research Agenda. We anticipate that these pieces will be submitted within the next three months.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will continue to share information about relevant research with members through YALS and the blog. Both mediums will also be used to share information about the revised Research Agenda.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

### **Candice Mack**

**Group: Symposium Taskforce**

**Chair's Name: Dawn McMillan**

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**Board Liaison: Nichole O'Connor/Candice Mack**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events with the planning, marketing and implementation of an annual teen services conference, including the creation and maintenance of an online social networking site that will be the primary marketing tool for the event, vetting papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications and more. Members will regularly add content to the social networking site to build excitement for and share information about the event. Members will work with YALSA's Communications Specialist to create and assist with the implementation of a marketing plan. Members will work with presenters leading up to the event to ensure high quality programs on a full range of topics relating to teen services.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past three months, our taskforce has submitted member selections for the paper presentations, program proposals. Additionally, the taskforce members have submitted author recommendations based on authors who have approached YALSA to present at the symposium.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The taskforce anticipates working to stipend/scholarship applications over the next three months.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The taskforce members will continue to market the symposium via social media resources.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

### **Crystle Martin**

**Group: YALS/YALSAblog Editorial Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: Allison Renner**

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**Board Liaison: Crystle Martin**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To serve as advisor to the co-chairs of the Advisory Board, the editor of YALS and the YALSAblog Member Manager, on the overall content of the print journal and the blog. To take an active role in determining content for both publications and an annual editorial calendar that identifies timely topics as well as authors for articles and blog posts. To create messages and content to promote the blog and the journal and to cross-populate each to highlight the content and focus of each publication. To work to ensure that key YALSA guidelines, resources, initiatives, etc. are integrated into the blog and the journal. To assist with the search process for a new editor or member manager, when appropriate.

Committee Size: 6 virtual members including at least two members from the previous year. Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

-Brainstormed ideas for issue themes for Volume 16 of YALS -Brainstormed article ideas and potential authors for Summer and Fall issues.

-Created survey for YALS readers, 164 readers responded -The results of the survey were used to develop a board document to be reviewed at Annual 2017

- Created and published quality posts aligning with YALSA's Futures report

- Created and published quality posts to promote and expand upon YALS articles

- Polled current bloggers about contributor status and writing interests

- Partnered with the Hub about future collaboration themes

- Brainstormed ideas for theme weeks and months What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.:

- Advocacy

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)

- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

-Make final decision themes for Volume 16 -Brainstorm ideas for Winter 2018 issue -Create new task list

- Meet virtually with current bloggers to reiterate importance of Futures report in posts

- Draft a checklist for bloggers to use before posting

- Draft sample "good" and "bad" posts as examples for bloggers

- Partner with the Hub for theme posts

- Recruit more diverse bloggers

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

- The blog is trying to recruit more diverse bloggers, possibly including teens.

- We will better explain the differences between the Hub, YALSAblog, and YALS through posts, articles, and interviews.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: YALSA Research Journal Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: Vanessa Irvin**

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**Board Liaison: Crystle Martin**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: YALSA's Research Journal Advisory Board oversees the peer reviewing process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines that were approved by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Editor of the journal by assisting with the solicitation of contributors and articles as well as generating ideas for topical articles or themes, when requested from the Member Editor. Advisory Board size: 5 to 7 virtual members, including Chair.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Advisory Board reissued a CFP for an extension date for a special topics issue of the Journal. The JRLYA editor reports two submissions for the issue. Board members also peer-reviewed articles submissions upon request from the editor.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We intend to continue to support the journal editor in whatever she needs and requests.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? There is no new news from the JRLYA Advisory Board at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

How would you improve this reporting form? :

**Melissa McBride**

**Group: Organization & Bylaws**

**Chair's Name: Melissa McBride**

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**Board Liaison: Melissa McBride**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the division, for the achievement of its stated objectives, and to keep them in harmony with ALA Constitution and Bylaws; to study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure; to advise on the organization handbook; and to make recommendations on other appropriate organizational matters. Committee size: 9 including at least two members from the previous year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? YALSA membership recently voted to approve two bylaws changes - to the way members are placed on Awards Committees as well as changes to the Governance Committee. These changes reflect several months' worth of work - rewriting the bylaws and outreach to membership letting them know how the changes would impact them.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.) other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We need to begin looking at the Handbook and committee functions to make sure everything is up to date, especially considering the recent bylaws changes. There are also some items the Board is discussing that will probably end up coming to O&B. We will possibly be investigating Board structure/eligibility requirements and committee structures. What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? TBD - what/how we share will depend on what we are currently working on. We might only be communicating via email with committee chairs or we might also be writing posts for the blog to communicate with all members.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please

list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Sometimes it feels like there are too many members for our work, it can get hard to break down the tasks into small enough chunks so that everyone can participate. I need to think about the structure and function as we continue our work and see if this continues to be an issue.

The size can feel unwieldy at times.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Kate McNair**

**Group: Division Membership & Promotion committee**

**Chair's Name: Colleen Seisser**

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**Board Liaison: Kate McNair**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with staff to develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA; to promote the association to colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Strategic Plan; to promote and maintain good relations with existing members through activities such as the member booth at conferences; recognition of member anniversaries and outreach to lapsed members.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

February:

The committee continued to work virtually using Google docs and forgoing a virtual meeting due to schedule and time zone restrictions We worked on a shared document to develop ideas for the YALSA 101 session This led to developing action items for the month and another working document for creating the session's agenda and narrowing down our ideas for discussion topics The committee finalized ideas for the YALSA 101 session and decided to have the meeting set up as a speed dating style of session where YALSA experts on specific topics will be seated at various tables and then attendees would change tables We also developed ideas for prize drawings, door greeters, and an informal way recording new members/current members on the topic "why I joined YALSA"

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**Topic: May Chair Reports Debrief**

We finalized the YALSA 101 session time for the Friday afternoon of conference A “YALSA membership benefits” message was created for February and sent to the following groups: YALSA-BK, YAAC, YouMedia Learning Labs Network, Teen Services Underground, ALA Think Tank Facebook Group, PA Public Libraries Listserv, PUBYAC, NMRT, ACRL, MD Library Association, NYLA, PLA, ILA YASF, and Spectrum Scholars The monthly messages highlight what was going on at that time of the year/month that YALSA members have unique access to Members were encouraged to tailor the message to their specific audiences We had a new member start service due to recent member resignations and they agreed to stay on this year and then next year through June 2018

March:

A message was created for March and sent to assigned groups listed above Working with Letitia Smith, the committee finalized plans for prize drawings and recording during the YALSA 101 session The committee also narrowed down the topics of discussion to a total of seven, and fine-tuned the topics thanks to feedback from Beth Yoke

April:

A message was created for April and sent to assigned groups listed above Working with Letitia, the committee received names and contact information for speakers for the YALSA 101 session. Committee members Casey and Colleen reached out to various speakers and at the time of writing this report all but one speaker has been confirmed Letitia sent word that a YALSA member, Adrienne Strock is interested in helping out at the YALSA 101 session and Colleen got in touch with her immediately to have her help out with the planning and inputting her into an area in need of help during the session (door greeter, prize drawer, media table recorder etc.) Colleen also checked in with all committee members this month in regards to their attendance at Annual and if they would be able to help out at the YALSA

101 session. From there, Colleen started putting together tentative assignments of what we will need help with during the session

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Continue to post messages to selected listservs, groups, etc. to attract new members who are already using YALSA services or working with teens Continue to plan and then execute the YALSA 101 session at the ALA Annual conference Brainstorm how we can bring YALSA to our local conferences and events Continue to brainstorm about unique marketing ideas and diverse groups to outreach to, and explore putting action to the ideas Keep people in mind for YALSA’s referral program Start up a new year with a new committee of members focused on the above

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

We plan to share information monthly to selected listservs/groups/etc. that highlight the benefits for YALSA membership. A message will be crafted that committee members will take to their selected listservs/groups/etc. and tailor it to their audience. This message will also be shared with Letitia Smith so she can share via email to users of such sites as YALSA Teen Read Week site, YALSA Teen Tech Week site, and YALSA’s Summer Learning site.

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We may also explore posting to YALSA Blog about our work, but that depends on if there is time for members to contribute.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Working virtually in Google Docs and via email and forgoing virtual meetings for this committee has been very successful. Members expressed in the past that they were not readily available for virtual meetings due to other obligations and time zone differences. At the end of January, we moved strictly working via collaborative documents on Google and via email communication. The committee has been responding well and we have been much more efficient in getting work done.

Additional Concerns or Comments: none at this time Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA Research Grant Jury**

**Chair's Name: Kellie Tilton**

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**Board Liaison: Kate McNair**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Encourage submissions and judge applications for the Frances Henne Research Grant.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? This group has mostly been inactive the past three months. I have had to fill out and respond to a few evaluation surveys, but that's it.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Email and SurveyMonkey

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The Frances Henne Group will be turned over to the new chair. I'll happily provide documents and best practices to whoever this may be!

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Not Applicable.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Not Applicable Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: Website Advisory Committee**

**Chair's Name: Gina Seymour**

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**Board Liaison: Kate McNair**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To regularly assist the YALSA Web Services Manager with the oversight and maintenance of YALSA's online presence, including but not limited to its wiki and social media channels. To liaise with YALSA member groups, member editors and member blog managers regarding the use of YALSA's website and social media tools in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Web Advisory Committee; and to recommend, develop and update policies for YALSA's web presence to the YALSA Board.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Continuing to participate in ALA WAC activities and to share that information.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Transferring control of the committee's work to YALSA staff as this committee is no longer functioning as of July 1, 2017.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Timely YALSA web resources (i.e. wiki, etc.) are shared via social media to members.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/a Additional Concerns or Comments: It might be beneficial for Anna or someone from YALSA staff to attend the ALA WAC meeting in Chicago during Annual.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

### **Jessi Snow**

**Group: Teen Read Week**

**Chair's Name: Amanda Barnhart**

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**Board Liaison: Jessica Snow**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to encourage all teens to read for the fun of it.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

- A blog post summarizing the findings of TRW survey was posted.
- A blog post on successful TRW grant elements and links to examples of successfully funded TRW programs featured on YALSA Programming HQ was written and will be submitted to the YALSAblog.
- Committee members developed content for the Teen Read Week 2017 manual.
- One of our tasks was to request that the TRW mini-grant include an additional request of its recipients to submit their winning program to the YALSA Programming HQ. When looking into this possibility, the stipulation was already required for grant recipients.
- Conversations about cross-promoting Teen's Top Ten and Teen Read Week led to two ideas submitted by members. One member explored the idea of creating a webinar that would feature a panel of TTT new book group leader, the TTT chair and a publishing rep. This idea sounded interesting and TTT chair was agreeable to the idea, but there were no ideas submitted by TRW committee members on how to be involved in such a cross-departmental project. In other words, this idea did not generate any further traction. Should next term's TTT and TRW chair be adventurous, this idea might make a very interesting panel for next year (perhaps in a different format).
- Conversations about continuing or starting new work regarding working in cooperation with TTT and/or YALSA's Interdivisional Committee on School/Public Libraries led nowhere (see "Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them." section).

- I had planned to remind members about applying for the TRW mini-grant in May through the e-newsletter, but noticed someone else had already submitted it.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- Talk to the YALSAblog manager about scheduling "Secrets of Grant Success:

Give Your Community the Chance To "Unleash Your Story."

- Vet the TRW mini-grant applications for award recipients and forward recommendations to YALSA.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I believe this task will fall upon the shoulders of the next TRW chair.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: - Members that will remain on the committee have expressed a willingness to work but need to be strongly guided through processes. This type of learning/ability, coupled with the loss of several members this 2016-2017 term, created many difficulties in exploring new ideas that were generated in our self-created task list in 2016.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

- I very much enjoyed being given the empowerment for the committee to shape its own task list this 2016-2017 term. Although we lost several members that took part in that process, which made it much more difficult to complete those tasks, even having those conversations about interdepartmental collaboration showed potential for future partnerships. Also, it was good experience to express the importance of new ideas aligning with our committee's function statement as well as the YALSA Organizational Plan.

- It might prove worthwhile to provide committee members with the option to offer anonymous feedback on their chair. This was a very hectic year for TRW to lose so many committee members and I spent much time bringing new members up to date. However, I wonder whether my focus on guiding new members left need for improvement elsewhere. Just a thought.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

### **Mega Subramaniam**

**Group: Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Committee**

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**Board Liaison: Mega Subramaniam**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: "To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA 's presence at the ALA Annual Conference. To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA programs and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Annual Conference."

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our committee has been hard at work for the past three months. We've contributed two or three monthly posts to the YALSA blog each month. We're currently organizing a YALSA sponsored Chicago tour. Hoping to get everything finalized this month. The YALSA wiki has not required much in the way of editing. Our group reviewed it several times over the past few months.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? More blog posts and more organization for the tour. We will meet virtually twice during June to prepare for the conference, mostly to deal with conference scheduling.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I'm super pleased with how dedicated and excited this group is. We are working well and they are wonderful at responding quickly to e-mails.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

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**Group:** Midwinter Paper Presentation Planning Committee

**Chair's Name:** Cindy Welch

**Board Liaison:** Mega Subramaniam

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Plan and implement an annual research-focused paper presentation to be given at the Midwinter Meeting on a topic of general interest to those who work for and with young adults in libraries, including: working with YALSA's Communications Specialist to promote the call for papers, vetting the applicants and working with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events to plan the presentation at Midwinter.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We have posted the call for proposals in the following places: ALISE (multiple times), YALSA E-News and the blog, JYRLA manager, YALS, YALSA reps on ALA committees, ALA's Emerging Leaders listserv and FB page. We have also individually posted it on listservs as follows: Tennessee public and school library lists, AISL, Ohio public, youth services, and school library lists, and YALSA LA-Area Interest Group. I have responded to three requests for additional information, and we're going to do one more push before our June 1 deadline.

As of today, May 19th, we have 1 submission and I am awaiting word from Letitia to see if that number increased.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Once the June 1 submission deadline has passed, we will confirm the number of entries and consult with YALSA to see if we want to or need to extend the deadline a few weeks (if possible).

If we have at least 2-3 submissions we will move on to the evaluation phase of our work and notify the winner (if there is one) by September 1, 2017. I will work with Nichole to make arrangements for the announcement and the session.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will continue to promote the opportunity until the June 1 deadline. We will work with Nichole and Anna to determine the best avenues for announcing the winner and promoting interest in the MW session. This will likely include an announcement in YALSA media outlets, but will also include ALISE and possibly other venues.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None at the moment.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at the moment.

Were you able to touch base with your

## **AWARD/SELECTION COMMITTEES**

**Group: Alex Award**

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**Liaison: Summer Hayes**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Alex Award committee has been seeking out, requesting, and reading books eligible for our award. As Chair I have communicated with members individually to make sure they have what they need to do the committee work as well as sending out updates to the group as a whole. With our Administrative Assistant, we are tracking our requests and nominations or no-nominations. I have also corresponded with various publishers and at least one author who have requested information about the Alex committee.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The Alex Award committee is preparing for award discussions at ALA Annual Conference in June. We are seeking out the best books for our teens and devoting time and energy to reading and evaluating. Post-Annual we will begin meeting virtually and conducting surveys to prepare for the award vote at Midwinter. Members will also be seeking out new titles from publishers attending the Annual conference.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? In March, we posted a news item on the YALSA e-news for members to submit a field nomination for the Alex Award. Most likely we will do so again in July or August in preparation for the Fall publishing season. With Summer Reading/Learning season just around the corner, individual committee members will also be encouraged to use favorite platforms (blogpost, Twitter, Facebook, etc.) to promote the award and its previous winners as well as talking to their teens in the library and at programs. I developed a bookmark with award titles through the LibraryAware

platform that I have shared with committee members in the past and will share again in the coming months.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

**Group: Best Fiction for Young Adults**

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**Liaison: Rob Bittner**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the year's publications significant fiction books (excluding graphic novels) published for young adults; to annotate the selected titles.

Committee size: 15, plus an administrative assistant, if requested by the chair, and a consultant from the staff of Booklist. Term: 1 year, beginning February 1st and ending January 31st of the following year.

There is a possibility for reappointment for one additional year provided that the member's committee participation has been satisfactory and that he/she has submitted a volunteer form.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Through the end of April, 40 titles have been nominated by members.

All titles nominated through May 20 will be discussed at ALA Annual.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will meet during ALA Annual to discuss the nominations to date. We will continue to read broadly and diversely, with ongoing conversations through our listserv and other tools about the titles that we're reading.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will continue to update our nominations page monthly, and to use Twitter and periodic entries on the YALSA e-news to encourage nominations from the field.

To date, we have received 12 field nominations, and members have been taking those titles into consideration.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I reached out to member Amie Wright at the beginning of April since she had not made any nominations up to that point or been involved in any listserv conversations. I followed up mid-April, and she responded that a friend's cancer diagnosis had impacted her involvement but that she was keeping up with the reading and anticipated being more involved in the near future. She sent an update on April 21, saying that things were worse than originally thought, and that she wasn't sure if she should continue on the committee. I made YALSA leadership aware at that point, and Amie and I talked by phone. She said that she would like to try to stay on, and we agreed that if she could keep up with the reading, I would not look for any nominations from her before Annual. On May 2, Amie sent another update letting me know she had come to the conclusion that she wasn't going to be able to continue on BFYA. I sent that on to YALSA leadership with the recommendation that we try to recruit a former BFYA member given the fact that so many of the BFYA

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Topic: May Chair Reports Debrief**

2018 members are serving their first year. President Sarah Hill moved very quickly (thank you!), and BFYA 2017 alum Matt Layne is the newest member of the 2018 committee.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: Edwards**

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**Liaison: Charli Osborne**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recognize an author for a contribution to the field of young adult literature (I'm paraphrasing here).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We conducted a straw poll which yielded several dozen candidates.

After some discussion and thoughtful reflection, members nominated candidates for formal consideration. We had a list of 13 authors with books cited for each one, and spent a couple of months reading and rereading. Weekly online discussion via e-mail commenced during the last week of April.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Since our work will ultimately spotlight the work of an author, I believe that it falls best under advocacy (that is, advocating for young adult literature), and once our decision is announced then we will apply some of the straggles listed above.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are currently holding weekly online discussions of candidates during the months of May, June, and July. We will hold a vote at the beginning of August to narrow our field of candidates from 13 down to 6-8.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I do not plan to share anything. It's top secret. ;- ) Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: Great Graphic Novels for Teens**

**Chair's Name: Alea Perez**

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**Liaison: Nichole O'Connor, Summer Hayes**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare an annotated list of significant titles in a graphic novel format that appeal to a young adult audience.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Between February 15 and May 15, the GGNFT committee will have:

\*Held a video conference call to begin informal discussion of nominated titles \*Nominated an additional 49 titles, for a total of 70 for the year thus far

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc.)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our group plans to continue seeking out titles and recommendations for graphic novels that would best serve teens aged 12-18. We will do so by searching libraries, e-newsletters, NetGalley, Edelweiss, and other outlets, as well as seeking recommendations from other members of YALSA, from other librarians, and seeking feedback from teens in our libraries.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I plan to share monthly releases of our annotated bibliography and monthly requests for nominations from the field. It will be shared via the YALSA website and YALSA e-news.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

The committee has just, in the past week, lost a member due to personal issues. I am currently working with YALSA to find a replacement who can smoothly jump into our work and contribute.

Prior to that, there was discussion among members of the committee regarding their feelings of uncertainty towards making nominations. There was encouragement from each other, as well as myself, and everyone seems to be more comfortable with their level of participation. I foresee this being an ongoing area of concern for the committee and plan to continue encouraging participation in whatever capacity members feel most comfortable and able.

Additional Concerns or Comments: We also continue to make nominations that are diverse and not entirely mainstream, which speaks to the depth this year's list will have. We've currently had roughly 49% of the total nominations from last year's committee already made in our first 3.5 months of active work; I anticipate a higher overall nomination total this year, when compared to last.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: Morris Award**

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**Liaison: Shelly McNerney**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select and annotate from the previous year's publications a short list of five of the best young adult books written by a first-time author, then to select one winner from among the five.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Morris committee has been reading and nominating titles for the award. We have been holding discussions through email and ALAConnect as well as a video conference using Zoom.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue reading and nominating titles. We will all meet in June at ALA Annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Will continue to post reminders in E-News for members to submit field nominations.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I had a member forget to attend our video conference.

We had a conversation via email about the importance of participating in all conversation venues.

Additional Concerns or Comments: We had an issue with a committee member and a comment getting tweeted about a potential book. The issue was dealt with via phone conversation between Chair and committee member as well as a discussion with the Board Liaison and Staff Liaison. The board may inquire about the incident more fully if needed.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: Nonfiction Award**

**Chair's Name: Wendy Stephens**

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**Liaison: Sandy Craft**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best non-fiction title published for young adults between January 1 and December

31 of the current year, available in English in the United States and, if desired, to also select honor titles. The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning, honor and nominated titles announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting in January.

The winners and honor books and authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA conference, and the Committee will have the opportunity for input into the planning and implementation of the event.

Committee size: 9, four to be elected, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested. Term: 12 months, commencing February 1st and ending the following year on January 31st.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have been reading and requesting nonfiction from publishers, determining a list of titles for discussion at Annual.

We also placed a call for field nominations in the YALSA e-newsletter.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc.)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will meet at Annual for a mock deliberation based on the titles we believe are in contention at this point. We will continue to look for new titles, read and share responses to the nonfiction published in our range, narrowing down the options for a short list and then to finalists, creating annotations as we go.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We have placed a call for field nominations in the e-newsletter. Because of the nature of our work will be confidential until the finalists are released in December. I have fielded inquiries from potential future Nonfiction members about the reading load and process.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everyone seems to be reading and commenting, and we are getting more submissions by the day.

Additional Concerns or Comments: No concerns.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: 2018 Printz Committee**

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**Board Liaison: Angela Carstensen**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select the most distinguished YA book and honor books of the 2016 year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We completed our task.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Closed door deliberations

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We're done What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? It was already shared at the Youth Media Awards ceremony in January.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Christina Vortia - many members of YALSA were involved with dealing with this particular individual.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I strongly recommend that a person not be appointed to the Printz Committee, or any other major committee, as their first YALSA committee experience of any kind. I also recommend that a person be finished with her MA, if possible, when beginning the work as it requires a certain amount of knowledge and experience.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

**Group: Printz Award**

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**Liaison: Shelly McNerney**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have discussed the policies, procedures, criteria, and especially what is meant by "literary merit". We have read widely, discussed books using Slack, and participated in three live committee meetings via Zoom. Right now we are finalizing our nominations to be discussed at Annual in Chicago before the May 15th deadline.

What topics in the Organizational Plan [1] were addressed? Select as many as

apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: YALSA is highly regarded as a source of young adult literature awards and lists. We are proud to serve this great tradition and contribute to YALSA's continuing excellent reputation.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will meet twice at the Annual conference, and then continue to read widely, discuss and nominate books that live up to the Printz Award criteria.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I plan to invite field suggestions via E-News.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

One member has struggled with understanding and following the social media policy. She has also missed two Zoom meetings due to pure forgetfulness.

However, she has figured out the limits of her blogging for the year, and in our one-on-one telephone conversations she is simply wonderful. She is reading widely and commenting perceptively on Slack. She has important perspectives and her participation on the committee is well worth the extra hand-holding necessary.

One other member seems rather detached and isn't following my recommendations for reading and commenting. She has also missed two of the three live meetings. I need to have a conversation with her, but our schedules haven't worked out yet.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Overall, this is a really terrific group of people. They are working hard, excited and enthusiastic, and focused on literary merit. We cannot wait to meet each other at Annual, and dig into our nominated titles.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

### **Additional Resources**

Feb. 2017 Chair Reports,

[http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/ChairRpts\\_Feb\\_AN17.pdf](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/ChairRpts_Feb_AN17.pdf)