YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago
June 22 – 27, 2017

Topic:	**Pre-Meeting Division Councilor Report**
Background:	**According to the YALSA bylaws the YALSA Division Councilor, "…shall attend all meetings of the ALA Council; shall report to YALSA about Council agenda before Council meets to request YALSA voting position on any agenda items; shall vote as directed by the YALSA Board on designated Council agenda items; shall represent YALSA positions before Council through necessary presentations and resolutions…." At Council meetings resolutions are typically put forward and other issues are discussed that may be of importance to YALSA. YALSA's Councilor, Todd Krueger, has provided an update below. The Board will want to give feedback on how to cast YALSA's vote on upcoming resolutions and/or determining the desirability of YALSA's Board submitting a resolution.**

Action Required: **Action**

ALA Council Update highlights since the 2017 Midwinter meeting in Atlanta:

1. Most of the discussion on the ALA Council list has revolved around the Federal administration's proposed FY18 Budget which includes the elimination of the Institute for Library and Museum Services (IMLS). The #SaveIMLS campaign was launched and ALA President Julie Todaro led the charge to support the continuation of the agency. Many efforts have been suggested to contact congressional representatives to inform and encourage them to retain funding for IMLS. A concurrent drive, #saveIAL, encouraged representatives to retain funding for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL), a Department of Education program focusing on literacy, which is also set to be defunded.

2. Kathi Kromer has been named the new head of the ALA Washington Office, effective June 5. She had previously served with the ALS Association for the past 11 years.

   https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/kathi-kromer-new-head-ala-washington-office/

3. Loida Garcia-Febo was elected ALA President-Elect:

   http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2017/04/garcia-febo-wins-2018-2019-ala-presidency

4. Net Neutrality has been discussed and it would not be surprising if a resolution was

brought forward on this topic by Councilors in Chicago. The new head of the FCC, Ajit Pai, announced plans to roll back Net Neutrality:

http://thehill.com/policy/technology/330703-fcc-head-unveils-plan-to-roll-back-net-neutrality

This resulted in ALA and ACRL releasing a joint statement opposing any changes:

http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2017/04/ala-acrl-oppose-fcc-plans-roll-back-net-neutrality

Youth Council Caucus
The Youth Council Caucus will be meeting in the Council Suite at the Hilton Chicago on Saturday, June 24 from 5-6pm. Diane Chen, AASL Councilor, has already sent out a message to the Council list encouraging people to attend to discuss matters involving youth. In the coming weeks the ALSC and the YALSA Councilors will be sending reminder messages to the Council list of this meeting. The AASL, ALSC and YALSA Councilors have been in communication via email but at this time there have been no resolutions considered to bring to the Council floor.

I have suggested to the AASL and ALSC Councilors the idea of welcoming and congratulating the Youth Division members to Council and getting them onboard the Youth Council Caucus. As these newly-elected members will start their terms in Denver at MW2018, we will discuss who will contact whom when the youth councilors get together in Chicago.

The nominations for the Council Representatives for the Planning and Budget Assembly (PBA) and those Councilors who may serve on the Committee on Committees (CoC) have been announced. The votes for these offices will take place on Sunday, June 25th, immediately following Council I.

Additional Resources
- Council meeting agendas:
  www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_agendas
- Guidelines for Preparation of ALA Resolutions:
  www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines