

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston
January 8 - 12, 2016**

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

Here are some highlights from ALA Council at the 2015 Annual Meeting in San Francisco that may affect and/or may be of interest to YALSA members:

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Report to Council:

http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2015_annual_council_documents/cd_19_3_IFC_62915_act.pdf

A Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries:

http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2015_annual_council_documents/cd_36_sustainable_libraries_resol_final.pdf

A Resolution on Improving Access to Spanish, Bilingual, and Books in Various Languages for Children in Detention Centers:

http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2015_annual_council_documents/cd_38_Resol_on_chldr_n_%20crisis_rev_63015_final.pdf

An Update from the Center for the Future of Libraries:

http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2015_annual_council_documents/cd_39_CenterfortheFuture_62215_inf.pdf

The ALA Committee on Diversity Report to ALA Council:

http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2015_annual_council_documents/cd_44_COD_Rpt_62715_inf.pdf

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ALA Council Update since the Annual Meeting in San Francisco:

- There have been no conversations on ALA Connect.
- There have been a number of informational messages on the ALA Council List about cyberspying, government surveillance, and how to show support for school libraries.
- Passage of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was strongly encouraged among the membership. Congress passed ESSA and President Obama signed it into law.
- We were informed that Sara Laughlin, one of the ALA President candidates, has had to withdraw her nomination due to family health issues. Three candidates remain for the position: Christine Lind Hage, Lisa Hinchliffe, and Jim Neal.
- The New Jersey Library Association submitted a resolution condemning the choice of New Jersey Senator Cory Booker as a speaker at the President's Program at ALA Midwinter. ALA President Sari Feldman responded to the concern.
- Jamie LaRue was announced to be the new ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom Director and Freedom to Read Foundation Executive Director, effective January 4, 2016.
- Chris Corrigan, the ASCLA Councilor, announced that the group is working on an accessibility resolution that will be brought to the floor at Midwinter.
- I will move and Kim Patton will second a memorial resolution to commemorate Linda Waddle, former Deputy Director of YALSA.

Who might we want to encourage to run for at-large Council spots as petition candidates, and who do we wish to support for the ALA Executive Board election? Two of the six candidates have very strong ties to YALSA. Petition Candidates for Council must be submitted by January 29, 2016.

Additional Resources:

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