

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia
January 24 – 26, 2020**

Topic: Creation of Continuous Education Advisory Committee

Background: As of January 2020, YALSA no longer has an Educational Consultant. YALSA is seeking to create an Education Advisory Committee (EAC) to assist with identifying and providing feedback on Continuing Education topics to YALSA's Executive Director and the newly created position of Program Officer for Continuing Education and Development. The EAC role is to assist with providing appropriate and timely topics for continuing education offerings; identifying qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions.

Action Required: Discuss and appoint EAC

Creation of Continuous Education Advisory Committee (EAC)

All library staff must commit to continuous learning because of the ever-changing nature of teens and the materials and technologies we use to engage with and serve them. Our communities are changing and evolving as well, so keeping up to date on information and skills is essential if libraries are to remain relevant in the 21st century. The expertise of YALSA membership can assist with keeping the offerings of continuous education relevant.

In return for committing to continuous learning, participating in high quality CE helps library staff

- Expand and enhance their job qualifications
- Increase their employability and/or income
- Gain confidence
- Grow a network of peers
- Contribute to improving the profession

The EAC is to assist the Executive Director and newly created position Program Officer for CE and Development as requested with promoting CE opportunities and recognizing the contribution of facilitators, presenters, etc.

The recommended EAC size is 5 - 7 virtual members. As an interim the Executive Director will serve as staff liaison until the new Program Officer is hired. Term: 1 year