

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting

Topic: *JRLYA* Editor Semi-Annual Report

Background: Robin A. Moeller, the member editor of *JRLYA*, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. The journal is YALSA's peer-reviewed, open source research journal, launched in November 2010 as part of the Board's strategy for addressing the research goal in the strategic plan.

Action Required: Consent

Updates

1. Issues Published During the Reporting Period

Volume 12, number 1 was published in June of 2021. Between June and December, *JRLYA* received five manuscript submissions. Of these submissions, one has been accepted, three have been rejected, and one currently under review. A new issue of the journal will likely be published in February or March 2022.

2. Current Issues/Difficulties

As it has been noted in the past, finding enough research papers of publishable quality to fill issues continues to be a struggle. Using a combination of open calls for manuscripts and the *JRLYA* board's development of thematic issues has continued to work to a certain degree. Currently, there are three active members serving on the *JRLYA* board. I will ask them in January to develop a theme which we can use to attract additional submissions.

Note: I have very much enjoyed editing *JRLYA* since 2018. I feel that it's now time for someone to take over the position. I will finish up my current year, working until June 30, 2022. After that I do not plan to renew my contract. I plan to publish at least one more issue during that time. My thanks go to the YALSA Board for your continuing support of *JRLYA*.