

YALSA Board of Directors  
Midwinter Meeting, Seattle  
January 25-29, 2019

**Topic:** Quarterly Chair Reports for November

**Background:** Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work their group has accomplished since mid-May. Standing Board Committees each discussed the reports relating to their strategic goal area. They considered the following questions:

- Is each group making adequate progress on their charge and/or tasks (as outlined in the task list)? If not, what do they need to get back on track?
- 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?
- Are there any commonalities among the groups, either positive or negative? If so, what are they and how might they be addressed?
- Are there opportunities to connect some or all of these groups to each other in order to increase efficiency or impact?
- What, if anything, does the standing committee or individual committee members need to do or follow up on?
- Is there anything high level that should be shared with the President and Executive Director? If so, what?
- Other? whatever else you feel is needed

At this meeting, Standing Board Committees are encouraged to reflect on the reports and discuss trends, common threads, overarching issues, opportunities for cross-committee collaboration, etc. among the reports so that the Board might address them as a whole.

**Action Required:** Consent

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Missing Reports as of 1/2/2019:

- 2019 Margaret Edwards Award, Rebecca Dunham
- Teen Read Week/Teen Tech Week Taskforce, Kelsey Socha
- Symposium Local Arrangements Taskforce, Sharon Deeds

**Franklin Escobedo**

**Group:** Teens' Top Ten

**Chair's Name:** Micki Waldrop

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**Board Liaison:** Franklin Escobedo

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous publishing years among the voting teen group members as well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens' Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote. To assist with the collection and vetting of applications from libraries who wish to host an official reading group.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Over the past 3 months the committee worked on advertising the TTT voting, made our recommendations for new teen reading groups, and began reaching out to booktubers. As a group we have arrived at some ideas for changes we would like to see in the group application process.

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? We will continue to make contacts with booktubers and work on getting a TTT instagram account started.

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 either about or from booktubers hopefully both on youtube and instagram.

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 have not had much communication with one member on my committee - Delia Swanner at PUSD. The most upsetting is that she missed the deadline for viewing applications for the new reading groups - a VERY important part of our work. I've had 2 emails from her since we began the committee.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Jane Gov**

**Group: The Hub Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: Stephen Ashley**

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**Board Liaison: Jane Gov**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The Hub Advisory Board participates in the development and maintenance of the Hub and follows the guidelines for the site as set out by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the site and assists with the collection of content for the site, generates ideas for content, works on getting teen and librarian input and feedback, facilitates marketing and PR as needed, and writes for the site as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group had an initial meeting where we discussed goals for the upcoming year. The broader goals I came up with, which the group agreed to, were to 1. work on writing regular content for the Hub (to help with the lack of it in the wake of the selected lists transition) and 2. analyze certain procedures and workflows in an effort to streamline processes like on boarding new bloggers, writing content, maximizing SEO and tagging, etc.

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:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The major goals are to train the advisory board on writing blog posts and have them analyze the current procedures for writing both regular blog posts and selected lists blog posts and identify areas for simplification.

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? Since we are currently wrapping up this year's selected lists, there will be communication re: starting new lists next year, what to expect, timing, etc.

This information will come from Hub posts.

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: Summer Learning Task Force**

**Chair's Name: Kylie Peters**

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**Board Liaison: Jane Gov**

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 10, 2019, 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 17, 2019. To update existing and compile or create new timely resources focused specifically on assisting library staff with implementing summer learning programs and add them to YALSA's Summer Learning Ning as they are developed. To seed discussions and share resources on the Ning on a continuous basis. Size: 7 virtual members, including the Chair and at least two members from the previous year. Term: July 1 through June 30.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Taskforce members talked with last year's taskforce chairperson, our board liaison, and our staff liaison to better understand our timeline and responsibilities. Members posted to the social media groups, listservs, websites, and organizations we selected to target for marketing with info about the grants and how to apply. Places with which we shared marketing: the ALSC listserv, the Collaborative Summer Learning Program listserv, the Maryland Teen Librarians facebook group, the YALSA Book Discussions listserv, the Maryland Library Association listserv, the Maryland Association of School Librarians listserv, the Maryland State Youth Consultants listserv, the Maryland State Youth Services Coordinators listserv, the ALA Think Tank facebook group, the Teen Services Underground facebook group, the ya-yaac listserv, the Massachusetts Library Association, the Mass Lib System, the iRead facebook page, the Teen Librarian Toolbox facebook page, the Illinois Library Association e-newsletter, the Illinois Library Association Young Adult Services Forum facebook page, the Ohio Youth listserv, the Storytime Underground facebook group, the Indiana State Library, the Kentucky State Library, and the Ohio Library Council.

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? We will post marketing to our targeted groups and organizations two more times: once about a month before applications are due, and once about a week before applications are due. Also, we will look over the Summer Learning Ning and Teen Intern Toolkit to see if updates or revisions are needed. Once the deadline has passed, we will begin reviewing grant applications.

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 with our chosen marketing target organizations and will write posts for the YALSA e-news.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Two members still have not posted marketing to their chosen groups and organizations several weeks after I put out the call, even after being sent a reminder e-mail. I've sent them one more reminder e-mail and will give them a call if I don't hear from them in a week.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None

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

Yes

### **Sandra Hughes Hassell**

**Group: Research Committee**

**Chair's Name: Kim Becnel**

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**Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell**

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 National Research Agenda as needed. The Chair of YALSA's Research Committee serves as YALSA's official liaison to ALA's Committee on Research & Statistics.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Two Research Roundup articles and related YALSA blog posts.

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.:

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We plan to work on additional Research Roundup and YALSA blog pieces. Additionally, we are meeting to plan the YALSA diversity and inclusion focus group project.

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? NA 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?

No

**Dora Ho**

**Group: Financial Advancement Committee**

**Chair's Name: Kate Denier**

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**Board Liaison: Dora Ho**

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 and staff year-round to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both members and others, to support the \$19,595 worth of member 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? FAC made adjustments to our Task List and turned it in and started fundraising messaging for the next Emerging Leader. Kate contacted Nichole about the Symposium silent auction, and then passed that information onto FAC members so they could start gathering donations. In mid-September, FAC started fundraising for the YALSA Spectrum Scholar (social media, email, YALSA enews posts), and Kate reported to the Board and asked that they help with that initiative. Kate also asked Board members to help in gathering donations for the silent auction. We have seen an increase in donations in late October and November, so have been writing a lot of thank you notes. FAC is emailing thank you notes to people who donated a smaller amount to cut down on the use of stationary and stamps. In addition to brainstorming new ways to seek donations, FAC is also currently preparing for Giving Tuesday.

Kate is editing messaging which will be sent to FAC and Board in the next week. Kate also has a conference call scheduled with our ED for the end of the month to talk about fundraising for 2019.

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)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have a lot of prep to do for Giving Tuesday, and the work of Giving Tuesday itself. We will likely also have a big increase in the amount of thank you notes to write between now and January 2019. After Kate has the fundraising conference call with Anita, FAC will make necessary adjustments to our 2019 schedule. Kate will make sure to update Board every time we switch to doing a new initiative.

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 do our fundraising appeals through eNews, listservs, email, social media and the YALSA blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Some of the participation problems we were having improved. Some members are still slow to respond, but they eventually do.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Fundraising has been slow this year, so Kate asked our ED to have a conference call to talk about what we can do better or differently in 2019.

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

No

Todd Krueger

December 14, 2018

YALSA Board of Directors

Awards Oversight Committee

Recommendations re: award manuals and eligibility criteria

**Charge:**

To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA’s award 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 award committees. To facilitate communication among 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.

**Regarding Eligibility:**

The following recommendations have been developed in response to multiple and redundant questions from committee chairs over the course of the last year (2018) which could be better clarified across award manuals and eligibility sections of the various committee sites.

**Recommendation Regarding Adaptations:**

Adaptations of original work into other formats and for other audiences is becoming increasingly common in YA publishing and as such we believe it would be important to make sure there is more explicit language included in various manuals and sites regarding YALSA’s position on the eligibility of these adaptations, particularly where Printz and Morris are concerned. The following are three examples that came up repeatedly throughout the last year (2018):

- Graphic novel adaptations of existing literature (eg. *Speak* adapted to graphic novel)
- Web comics adapted to graphic novel format (eg. *Check Please*, originally web content)
- YA adaptation of an Adult text for a YA audience (eg. *We Are Not Yet Equal* adapted from *White Rage*) \*
- Plays and scripts and performances adapted to novel format (eg. *Black Girl Magic*, originally performed as poetry slam in 2016)

\*For further consideration in this type of situation is the specifics of what would be considered an “adaptation” for a new audience. In the instance noted earlier, the book has been heavily revised, while in another situation, the following was noted by committee member Betsy Fraser:

The Printz committee has provided us with another interesting example: Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy* (adult version - 352p., came out to much acclaim in 2014), now has a 288p Adapted for Young Adult version. The beginning, as per the excerpt is identical. Material has been published before; now packaged and directed at YA audience (Delacorte instead of Spiegel & Grau.)

As this seems to be a re-packaging as opposed to a significantly updated or revised “adaptation” it would be helpful for the Board to discuss and decide on a detailed definition to ensure continuity for future committees.

**Recommendation Regarding “Debut” Definition:**

In relation to the Morris Award, there have been questions regarding whether or not academic publications (articles, books, workbooks, etc.) count against an author being considered as a “debut.” Establishment of eligibility with regard to this type of previously published work would be helpful for future committees, particularly as we see an increase in the overlap between academics/educators, and fiction publishing.

In addition, the eligibility dates need to be consistent between the website and the downloadable manuals, particularly where the cycle start, and end dates are concerned.

**Regarding Service:**

**Recommendation:**

A number of scenarios came up over the course of the year (2018) during which active committee members were asked to take part in panels at conferences or were asked to introduce potentially eligible authors at events. Clarification of the YALSA Board’s position on this would be very helpful for future training sessions and for inclusion in the online FAQ.

**Regarding Voting:**

**Recommendation:**

In regard to the Edwards committee manual and procedures, over the last two years I (Rob Bittner) have received questions regarding the voting process. Considering the fact that clarification has been requested over multiple years, it would seem necessary to incorporate language into the manual to clarify the voting system. Chairs have wondered if it is a simple majority or if some more formal system is required.

**In conclusion** we would like to thank the Board for taking the time to consider these recommendations and we would be happy to continue working with the Board to develop clear and explicit policy language in the coming year once the new Awards Oversight Committee has been formed.

Sincerely,

Rob Bittner, Chair  
Betsy Fraser  
Amber Creger  
Ellen Spring  
Kristyn Dorfman

**Melissa McBride**

**Group: Interdivisional Committee on School and Public Library Partnerships**

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**Board Liaison: Melissa McBride**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: This joint committee will identify, develop, promote and disseminate information on effective cooperative or collaborative projects that link schools and public libraries.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? After we submitted our last quarterly reports, we heard from the divisions that we needed to head in a different direction with our task list; the committee reworked our task list to focus on projects related to equality, diversity, and inclusion in school/public libraries. We just received approval for our new ideas at the beginning of November, so are just now working on moving forward again.

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 (Please explain below)

other: These strategies were all hypothetical for this quarter, but they connect to the recently approved projects in our revised task list.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have a group chat on 11/15 to assess our new projects and brainstorm ideas for implementation.

We will continue to create monthly blog posts on EDI topics relevant to schools and public libraries. We will divide committee members out among the new projects and set deadlines for completed products. By February, in addition to blog posts, we hope to have text that can be made into an infographic, and potentially schedule a Twitter chat on a topic relevant to our new task list.

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? EDI topics for school/public libraries shared in YALSA blog posts and potentially Twitter chat/s as well.

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.: "Not Accomplished" as noted above due to waiting on revised task list; hoping for full participation from a large committee in the next 3-month cycle.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Crystle Martin**

**Group: Board Development Committee**

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**Board Liaison: Crystle Martin**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Board Development Committee: To develop in conjunction with the board activities and materials for: board orientation, ongoing board training, and annual board member self assessments, board assessments,

and board roles and responsibilities. To pay attention to board composition and needs and assess board effectiveness. To identify and cultivate members for leadership positions, and to annually develop a slate of candidates for board positions. When building the slate, seek out the most qualified individuals and provide for broad representation, as outlined in YALSA's Statement on Diversity. To educate members about governance and service on the YALSA Board, including conducting necessary outreach via an array of avenues to ensure diverse representation. To assist members in preparing for the election such as through a candidates' forum or candidate interviews. To review the process after each election and make recommendations for the next cycle. Size: 5-7 virtual members, who have governance experience, including the chair. At least one member will have served on a recent Board Development Committee, and no more than two may be current members of the Board. Term: January 1 through December 31.

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

The 2019 slate of candidates was submitted to YALSA staff and leadership in August. The slate contained 2 candidates for president, 4 for 3-year board terms, 1 candidate for secretary, 1 candidate for 1-year term fiscal officer, and 1 candidate for 1 year term Board. As of last week, YALSA staff was still waiting to get required forms back from the candidates. As soon as that is completed, YALSA staff will announce the names on the slate. That should be publicized as a press release/blog post.

An informal leadership gathering was discouraged at Symposium because of the busy schedule.

However, our committee members who attended were encouraged to find future leaders and discuss YALSA leadership opportunities with potential members. Our committee is in discussion with YALSA leadership about inviting future leaders to a strategic planning discussion at Midwinter.

Our committee received the results of the Board Assessment Survey last week and are currently reviewing those so that we can make recommendations to Crystle and Todd for future PD for board members.

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? Our committee ends at the end of December. Before then, we will send recommendations to YALSA leadership about future PD for board members and help publicize the announced slate as necessary. Our group continues to collect the names of future leaders in the Leadership List.

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 slate for 2019 should be announced very soon.

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: The Board Assessment Rubric needs to be given immediately after Annual, so that this committee can make recommendations to YALSA leadership and help with board chat professional development, if that's in our charge. That change to our charge was made in the past year or two, but if it's not wanted anymore, then the charge needs to be updated so that the committee focuses on the slate and gathering names for leadership. I'm also wondering if the one-year term for this committee might be best if it were from July to Jun, instead of Jan to Dec.

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

Yes

**Group: Presidential Advisory Taskforce**

**Chair's Name: Ryan Moniz**

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**Board Liaison: Crystle Martin**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To provide support, guidance and advice to the YALSA President in the implementation of their theme.

Activities may include working with the President to review Organizational and Implementation Plans to develop and coordinate appropriate theme-related goals, activities, and initiatives. As appropriate, collaborate with relevant YALSA leaders and groups to implement theme-related activities, including but not limited to the blog managers, journal editors, and committee chairs.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our group has spent a considerable amount of time conducting "field"

interviews with peers and colleagues to gain a better understanding in regard to existing EDI gaps. We've concluded that while many EDI resources exist, many library professionals lack the proper context to implement these resources. Without the proper understanding of these resources there's always the chance that an individual could do more harm than good. Our goal is to use the YALSA blog to provide practical examples of existing resources and demonstrate the potential benefit for library systems. Over the past months we've narrowed in on several resources and initiatives we'd like to explore in more detail.

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.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc.)
- 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? We're exploring the opportunity for either establishing an EDI cohort comprised of YALSA members or incorporating an EDI component into existing cohort groups. We're also developing a model of a human library program that could be used to help facilitate conversation in communities. We acknowledge that this could be problematic for some communities so we're exploring how to make this potential program as effective as possible.

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 idea of a blog post to update our members seems to be the best option. We've been exploring how we can effectively cultivate the immense EDI resources currently available while also connecting them to practical examples. We find that simply sharing a resource link with someone can prove a bit intimidating, especially if the individual lacks the proper context for the resources. Our focus is to help our members understand exactly how they can utilize our resources and the positive outcomes that could be achieved.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Unfortunately, one of our group members felt as though she was not the right fit for the task force and stepped down from the team. Her reasons were completely valid, and she provided a recommendation for her replacement. I have reached out to this individual and she has expressed a willingness to join the taskforce, so we'll be inviting her to the next virtual meeting and acclimating her to the role.

I think the most pressing challenge is given how much discussion there has been around equity, diversity, and inclusion, the taskforce is concerned about duplicating any potential initiatives or work being done by YALSA.

We've met with the YALSA training team and several other members to get a better understanding of what work is currently being done so in some ways it has been helpful. We'll continue to keep the training team in the loop as much of the work we're discussing focuses on staff training/resources.

Additional Concerns or Comments: It's been great to collaborate with such brilliant minds. The group members are extremely supportive and enthusiastic with ideas. It's been an absolute pleasure to work with them.

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

No

**Group: Research Journal Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: Jennifer Luetkemeyer**

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**Board Liaison: Crystle Martin**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee the peer reviewing process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines as approved by the YALSA Board of Directors. The JRLYA 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 What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? For promotional purposes: began writing blog posts, sent announcement approved by JRLYA editor to multiple agencies for dissemination, currently reviewing 2018 issues for nominees for writing award, began new hashtag to encourage pictures with journal content and/or activities learned from journal articles 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:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? continue to write blog posts and promote the journal through outreach and publicity to organizations with which advisory board members have connections; continue to support editor as requested 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? tips for completing an article for a peer-reviewed publication, reviews of past articles/issues, promotion of contents - all on Twitter and the YALS blog 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: YALS/YALSAblog Editorial Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: Allison Renner**

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**Board Liaison: Crystle Martin/Allison Renner**

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 journal and 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.

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

- Shared posts on YALSA governance and news
- Shared interviews introducing YALSA board members
- Recruited two new bloggers
- Shared posts about YALSA's Symposium
- Shared posts from Dollar General grant winners 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

other:

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

- Continue to recruit active bloggers
- Develop an engaging editorial calendar
- Share companion posts about YALS articles on YALSAblog
- Offer more posts and information relating to school 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?
- Recruiting new bloggers, shared via YALSAblog and e-News
- Blog posts about ALA Midwinter

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: It was difficult to get board members to participate in online work via email and Google Docs.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

### **Colleen Seisser**

**Group: Division and Membership Promotion**

**Chair's Name: Yvette Garcia**

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**Board Liaison: Colleen Seisser**

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 Implementation 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. To liaise with ALA's Membership Committee and New Members' Round Table.

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

During the past three months the group has introduced themselves to each other to learn more about the diversity of our committee. We have public and school librarians from various states and many members have previous experience with committee work.

The committee began work on creating and finalizing our task list for the year. The emphasis was placed on the board directive and focusing our messaging for a more personal approach. The school librarians on the committee were very vocal about the need to find a way to connect with pre-service teachers because many are unaware of the the various resources that YALSA has to offer, including many of our grant opportunities. This may be our first groups to target using a more directed approach.

As committee chair, I have created messaging for promoting membership for committee members to customize and send to their networks. This activity will be discussed through the year for effectiveness. Our first major task is to discuss and make recommendation on the board directive: Supporting Membership Engagement Experience.

The committee has held a meeting to discuss the overall concerns and has begun to compile recommendations. The committee is scheduled to meet, gather consensus and share recommendation with the board in November.

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? During the next three months, we will be finalizing recommendations for the board for our new directive (Supporting Membership Engagement Experience) and providing any follow-up activities that are prioritize. The next quarter will see the beginning of planning for YALSA 101 at ALA annual and the committee will also be looking into how to communicate with students about membership. This has been a challenge for the committee in previous years for many reasons, including travel considerations, reliable contact information, and personal touch. 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? TBA. I suspect/assume that the DMP will be vital in the experimentation/pilot use of VolunteerMatch and other potential action items related to our board directive (Supporting Membership Engagement Experience).

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Currently, my only concern is my personal schedule. I will be undergoing physical therapy and surgery for a knee injury in the coming months. This will impact my schedule. I have notified my committee of my upcoming scheduling conflicts and informed them that I am creating our messages scheduled for December and January ahead of time. I am accepting/asking for help, as needed, to keep our tasks moving forward toward completion.

It's important to be clear and honest with my committee members.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Yes

**Valerie Tagoe**

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**Group:** Organization & Bylaws

**Chair's Name:** Valerie A. Tagoe

**Board Liaison:** Valerie A. Tagoe

**Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:**

To periodically review the Bylaws 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 regularly review and when necessary recommend and draft revision of content for the YALSA Handbook ; and to make recommendations on other appropriate policy and process matters. Size: 1 chair, who sits ex- officio on the YALSA Board, and 6 virtual members including at least two members from the previous year. Term: July 1, through June 30  
What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

1. Policy to rescind an award in light of #MeToo Movement was presented to the Board for discussion 2. Presented the Committee Impact Report to the Board for review 3. Draft of change to Bylaws to create an Advocate member on the YALSA Board

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)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In the next three months, O & B hopes to submit the Policy to rescind an award in light of MeToo for a vote by the board. O & B also plans to submit a board document on the addition of an Advocacy member to the Board for a vote.

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? Once the Board approves the addition of the Advocacy member, I plan to write a blog post about it for the members to help get the word out that this item will be on the ballot at the next election.

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 participation concerns O & B members have attended meetings and if they were not able to attend they notified me in advance, and I sent out a summary of the meetings.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

No

**Josie Watanabe**

**Group: Teen Summit Planning and Local Support Taskforce**

**Chair's Name: Maryanne Olson**

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**Board Liaison: Josie Watanabe**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events and CE Consultant with the planning and implementation of a teen summit, to be held in conjunction with the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. The purpose of the one-day summit is to engage with teens who are not regular library users, especially those who come from underserved groups, to inform how YALSA can help libraries better serve these teens. Specific tasks include: providing input regarding the agenda and speakers, recommending area youth-serving organizations to help identify underserved teens from the DC area to participate, and helping on-site with logistics.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee's term began December 1. Our first phone call is scheduled for December 17. The chair spoke with the board liaison Josie Watanabe on December 13 about the parameters of the summit and the task force's role. As this is a new event and task force, much of the work is still in development and more will hopefully be clarified after our first call on the 17th.

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: We have not determined our first step in this regard as work just began on December 1.  
What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to work with the board and the continuing education consultant on identifying local youth-serving organizations to work with on the summit and identifying specific roles and responsibilities of the task force.  
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 hope to share the roles and responsibilities of the task force, as well as more information on groups that we will be reaching out to.  
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.: While work has just begun, committee members and board/continuing education consultant have been very responsive to communication.  
Additional Concerns or Comments:  
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?  
Yes

### **SELECTION/AWARD**

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**Group:** Alex Awards

**Chair's Name:** Kali Olson

**Liaison:** Nichole O'Connor

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select and provide annotations for ten books from the previous year 's publications written for adults which have special appeal for young adults, ages 12 through 18, and to compile and annotate a list of official nominees. Committee size: 9 plus one consultant from Booklist and one administrative assistant if requested by the chair. Term: 1 year, commencing February 1st and ending January 31st.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have a total of 56 nominated titles to discuss at ALA Midwinter!

We did lose a committee member last month to health concerns, but at this point in the year we'll make do with our remaining eight members.

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? Continuing to request, read, and review books; set nomination deadlines; set dates/times for online straw polls and discussion 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.: 4 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:** Michael L Printz Award 2019

**Chair's Name:** Rachel Fryd

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**Liaison: Betsy Fraser**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Michael L. Printz Award annually honors the best book written for teens, based entirely on its literary merit, each year. In addition, the Printz Committee names up to four honor books, which also represent the best writing in young adult literature. The awards announcement is made at the ALA Midwinter Meeting as part of the Youth Media Awards and is celebrated with a program and reception each year at the ALA Annual Conference.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Printz committee as a whole has reviewed almost 600 titles as of the time of this writing. We have met monthly via Zoom to discuss books and evaluate their quality and potential nomination status. Currently we are working toward the December 15th deadline for official committee nominations in advance of our discussion at Midwinter.

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: Book Awards

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have a final virtual meeting schedule for December 9th with plans to finalize our nominations list. We'll meet next in January at Midwinter for final discussion.

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 announce our choice(s) at the Youth Media Awards on Monday, January 28th.

(Thank you YALSA for this opportunity, we're all really excited) 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.: This exceptional committee of smart, devoted librarians has been all about participation, all the time.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None

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

Yes

**Group: 2019 William C. Morris Award Committee**

**Chair's Name: Charli Osborne**

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**Liaison: Rob Bittner**

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? I solicited field nominations monthly on several listservs and in the YALSA e-news bulletins. We looked at all of the field nominations we received to see if anyone would second them in order to consider them as official nominations. We sent some questions to Nichole, our YALSA contact, and Rob Bittner, our Board Liaison, about eligibility when our path wasn't clear. The committee met virtually via Zoom several times to discuss official nominations, field nominations and possible nominations of debut titles. Our Administrative Assistant requested titles from publishers as necessary. We currently have a good list of official nominations from which to choose our five finalists.

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:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee will meet one more time virtually using Zoom. We will choose our short list of five finalists to send to Nichole at that meeting. We will write annotations for the five finalists. We will meet once at ALA Midwinter in Seattle to decide our final winner from the short list, and once we've decided, call the winner to let them know. The committee will attend the announcement of the ALA Youth Media Awards. Our committee will also have a program with the Nonfiction Committee that includes as many of the finalists as are present at Midwinter.

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 be releasing the short list of five finalists in early December, which will be shared widely by YALSA and ALA. The announcement of the winner will happen at the ALA Youth Media Awards and through press releases put out through ALA.

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: Non-Fiction Award Committee**

**Chair's Name: Renee' C. Lyons**

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**Liaison: Kristyn Dorfman**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best nonfiction title published for young adults between Nov. 1 and Oct. 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 title announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting. The winners and honor authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA Conference.

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

During the past three months, members:

1. Read and evaluated over 40 books, discussing the eligibility of several; 2. Nominated 32 books; 3. Met virtually to discuss said books on three occasions; 4. Designed (Chair) and participated in mock elections; 5. Compiled (Chair) pdfs for all 64 nominations 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.:

- 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?

Until and through Mid-Winter, the group will:

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- 1) Discuss ALL nominations one more time, virtually;
- 2) Discuss each members' top five;
- 3) Vote for the finalists;
- 4) Promote the finalists;
- 5) Meet at Mid-Winter to elect a winner;
- 6) Prepare for the Mid-Winter celebration.
- 7) Elect an "official" nomination listing.

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 the finalists for the Award in late November and early December. We plan to share this news via YALSA public relations and via the Mid-Winter celebration.

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