

**Fall Executive Committee Meeting  
October 26 – 27, 2012, Chicago**

**Topic: Supporting Board Member Learning Plans**

**Background: At the June 2012 Board meeting, the board affirmed the concept of an annual individual board member self-assessment. In July a self-assessment checklist and learning plan form were distributed to board members via ALA Connect, who were asked to complete them by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The objective of Board self-assessment and learning plan is to help Board members to better understand their roles and responsibilities and to build skills to make them more effective leaders in association governance. Executive Committee will want to discuss strategies for supporting**

**Action Required: Action**

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**Learning Plans**

- What progress have you been able to make with your mentees?
- Are there any successes or concerns?
- What information, resources or tools do you need to be successful in supporting your mentees with their individualized learning plans?

**Monthly Board Chats**

- Do we move forward with leading board development chats around topics identified in the assessments?
- How can we make these chats less isolated around particular issues and more about putting practices in place, especially those learned from members implementing their learning plans?
- Can board members develop chats around issues facing YALSA that incorporate the ideas they focused on in their assessment?

**Deeper Learning**

- How do we facilitate deeper learning that goes beyond the monthly chats and the suggested activities in the self-assessment?
- Are Board Members taking advantage of their membership in BoardSource? If not, what can we do to encourage that?

**Additional Resources:**

- Professional Development resources on Board wiki:  
[http://wikis.ala.org/yalsagroups/index.php/Professional\\_Development](http://wikis.ala.org/yalsagroups/index.php/Professional_Development)
- BoardSource organizational membership benefits:  
[www.boardsource.org/Membership.asp?ID=56](http://www.boardsource.org/Membership.asp?ID=56)

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- Post in Board's space in ALA Connect which includes self-assessment checklist and learning plan form: <http://connect.ala.org/node/184031>
- Board document #23 from the 2012 Annual Conference meeting: <http://bit.ly/SoHCyp>
- Executive Committee Liaisons:
  - Jack: Sarah F., Shannon, Vicki, Sarajo
  - Shannon: Christian, Candice, Carrie
  - Sarah F: Penny, Renee
  - Penny: Priscille, Chris
  - Vicki: Linda, Gail
  - Sarajo: Sarah S., Sandra

