

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
Via Conference Call  
August 28, 2012**

**Topic:** Quarterly Chair Reports

**Background:** Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work their group has accomplished since mid-May. During the conference call, each Board Liaison will have the opportunity to summarize and share any concerns their member groups may have and field questions from Board members. Board members are encouraged to reflect on the reports and discuss how the work of the groups is supporting the strategic plan, as well as look for and discuss common threads or issues between the reports and how the Board might address them.

As of August 22, the following groups were missing reports:  
Greenwood Award Jury (Paula Brehm-Heeger, Chair) Mentoring Taskforce (Alex Tyle Annen, Chair).

**Action Required:** Discussion

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## LINDA BRAUN

### **Best Fiction for Young Adults**

Ted Schelvan [schelvantj@yahoo.com](mailto:schelvantj@yahoo.com)

Board Liaison: Linda Braun

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

We had a great meeting at ALA Annual. There were great discussions as well as feedback from audience members. The Teen Session was a huge hit yet again. There have been some good discussions online (via e-mail) about the various nominated titles as well as possible nominated titles.

**Please share any URLs to completed work, press releases about your work, etc.**

I was a panel "expert" for the NPR YA list which has gotten quite a bit of discussion online. I also had several phone conversations with various individuals interested in becoming members of BFYA. I was very impressed with a young woman named Emily Calkins from the Boston area. She seems like a great fit for the group. I also had e-mail conversations with a few people who came and spoke with me during our time at Annual.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

During the next three months we will be working hard on getting our nominations up. My goal is to have at least 175 by the time nominations close in November. We will then be working hard on getting all the titles read before mid-winter.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive      Amanda Worthington decided to resign citing personal reasons.

**Continuing Education Advisory Board**

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

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

We are in a discussion about some topics that we think our membership would like to see in webinars. Also, what would be some topics that would be of interest to anyone working with teens in the library? I have asked them to post ideas in ALA Connect. Here's our group's responsibilities:

- \* . Throughout the year work with Eve Gaus, YALSA's Program Officer for CE, to identify individuals to create webinars and YALSA Academy videos
- \* . Identify individuals to create and offer free advocacy webinars
- \* . Identify individuals to create and offer YALSA Academy videos that focus on advocacy
- \* . Identify individuals to create advocacy-focused presentations (including one on how to tell your story) and encourage members to use them at the local and state levels at library workshops and state conferences
- \* . Solicit member & library community feedback to find out their latest CE needs
- \* . Work with Eve to build out a recognition program for members and others who take YALSA CE to use at their work or for job seeking.
- \* Utilize the list of YALSA protégés, Emerging Leaders, Spectrum Scholars, etc. to involve

them in YALSA CE activities, such as facilitating a discussion forum or webinar Continuing Education

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Somewhat productive. It's hard to find time for everyone to respond to questions on ALA Connect. I understand why we have to use it for records, but it's not as easy as email.

**Organization & Bylaws**

Linda W. Braun      [lbrown@leonline.com](mailto:lbrown@leonline.com)

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

The group met via Skype call in early August and came up with a calendar and priority list for the work that needs to be done over the next year. The group determined that their first two priorities are first, to review the bylaws and determine what areas need to be revised, updated and/or added. The second priority to work on the evaluation of committee charges and Policies and Procedures as outlined in the committee evaluation calendar. (The 2011/2012 member groups listed on the calendar will be evaluated during the fall and the 2012/2013 groups will be evaluated in the spring.) The third primary task for the group is to determine the impact and value of adding the FAC Chair to the Board as an Ex Officio member. The group determined that a secondary priority is to review the YALSA Handbook and we plan to work on that task on the spring. We also talked about the Ad Hoc Committee on IGs/DGs and the Committee is prepared to work with that group when the time comes to make any necessary bylaws revisions.

Through conversation about the work of the Committee, members of the group are starting to better understand the way in which YALSA works and how the association connects with and supports members. At the committee level this is an example of member engagement.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

The Committee has decided: \* To review and revise the Bylaws in September with the goal of submitting changes to the Board in the fall so revisions can be voted on by Midwinter in time for adding to the 2013 ballot. \* To determine the value of the FAC Chair sitting on the YALSA Board as an Ex Officio member by the fall with an RBA submitted to the Board, if the determination is that this would be a good change, in the fall. \* Complete 7 committee evaluations by Midwinter \* Keep in touch with the IG/DG Ad Hoc Committee of the Board to determine bylaws changes if necessary.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive. At the start of the process all members are engaged and ready to take on the work we are tasked to complete.

## **STEM Resources Task Force**

Erica Compton      [erica.compton@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:erica.compton@libraries.idaho.gov)

Board Liaison: Linda Braun

### **Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

The taskforce met twice using Adobe Connect; 7/25 & 8/9. Next meeting 8/23. We are using Google docs & calendar to collaborate, create content, track progress.

### **Share any URLs to completed work, press releases about your work, etc.**

Blogging-The team agreed to submit weekly to The Hub or YALSA. First blog was submitted August 6th. ([http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2012/08/14/science-and-tech-in-young-adult-literature/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+yalsathehub+%28The+Hub%29](http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2012/08/14/science-and-tech-in-young-adult-literature/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+yalsathehub+%28The+Hub%29)). STEM Wiki

([http://wikis.ala.org/yalsagroups/index.php/STEM\\_Task\\_Force](http://wikis.ala.org/yalsagroups/index.php/STEM_Task_Force)) -The wiki has significant content at this time. Tiffany has agreed to finalize format/organization to improve readability/usefulness. Begin promoting wiki w/blogs & listserv now. Goal to have additional content added by visitors on a regular basis. Tool Kit Progress-In my first meeting it became clear that there was confusion on purpose of the toolkit & how it would be formatted& organized. Our discussion helped & we now have clarity & are ready to move forward. We revised timeline & unanimously decided to meet 12/2012 deadline to have toolkit released ahead of TTW.

### **What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

I believe that the TF members are now fully engaged in the mission and ready to move forward. They are actively researching content for the toolkit and wiki and are excited to have a part in providing information with peers. We have had two blogs submitted already and are schedule to continue this form of communication on a weekly basis.      Toolkit-Focus on specific programming content creating 3-4 “programs in a box” (both "light" and "robust" options) that libraries can implement easily. Julia has submitted 4 complete STEM programs for possible inclusion in the toolkit. Set schedule to meet 12/12 deadline      September 2012: Release contest information (per board/YALSA approval); Continue blogging;      September 2012-November

2013: Continue promotion of the contest, wiki, and blogging; work with YALSA on prizes for contest; submit articles to YALS for review. November 23013- Finalize toolkit content for submission to YALSA Down the road: March 2013 - Open contest for submissions (tie to TTW)  
April 2013: Contest closes and winners announced

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive I just joined the team as chair in late June/July. We have met 2 times already and everyone has been present at the meetings and engaged. Timelines have been established and goals set. I think the team members are very excited to move forward and accomplish the goals of the task force. Linda Braun has been invaluable in the process as well. The TF is appreciative of any feedback or input you may have. Direction on the timing of the announcement of the contest and contest prize options is requested.

**YALSABlog Advisory Board**

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

The Advisory Board has split up the list of current bloggers in order to more closely work with individual bloggers and identify those authors who are not currently contributing the blog.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's in or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

Member engagement The advisory board will continue to engage current bloggers, particularly to solicit themed posts tying in with the three-part Presidential theme. We will continue to work closely with our groups of bloggers and work with the new web services manager to explore potential new themes/widgets/plug-in for the blog.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Somewhat productive N/A

## PRISCILLE DANDO

### **Joint School/Public Library Cooperation (AASL/ALSC/YALSA)**

Julie Bartel [julietbartel@gmail.com](mailto:julietbartel@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Priscille Dando

#### **Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

None

#### **Please share any URLs to completed work, press releases about your work, etc. (use up to ten lines of text)**

None

#### **How has the work of your group supported YALSA's strategic plan in or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

Advocacy, Member Engagement, and Continuous Learning are the areas of focus for this committee. The Strategic Plan/Task List states that "exact tasks will have to be determined jointly by the AASL, ALSC and YALSA Executive Committees, but the out-going chair recommends writing a journal article on school/public library cooperation; creating an informational brochure about joint library services to youth." Unfortunately, as described below, we have almost no information about what specific tasks we should accomplish, or how to do so.

Not at all productive

#### **Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

This committee seems to suffer greatly from a lack of continuity, a lack of information, and a lack of direction. After almost two months, the entirety of the information we have consists of a roster and a theme. While the past chair did provide me with a list of the possible tasks that his committee had been discussing, he also indicated that he no additional information to share, that he himself had been given almost no direction, and that he felt that his committee had been unproductive over the past year.

#### **What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

I hope to schedule a phone conversation with Jack Martin in the next week or so, and to receive additional information at that time. However, I would strongly suggest that one of our tasks for this year be to improve the communication and information sharing between all three divisions and between the division Executive Committee and the School/Public Library Cooperation committee. This committee has great potential, but so far is not living up to that potential in any way.

## **MAE Award Jury**

Mary Haas [mseymou1@gmail.com](mailto:mseymou1@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Priscille Dando

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

We've been relatively inactive - just sending a few getting to know you e-mails and brainstorming ways to promote the award. So far, we haven't done much, but we will be supporting member engagement by helping to promote and publicize projects that members have done.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

In the next three months, we'll be updating some of the information about the MAE award and then promoting it.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Somewhat unproductive

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

I was a little slow in getting an introductory e-mail out to my committee members, but I haven't heard anything back from two of them yet.

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

I'm going to give my delinquent members another week or so, then send them an e-mail directly, rather than a group e-mail. In terms of productivity, we've been somewhat unproductive mostly because our jury doesn't have much need to accomplish much during the summer, since the award deadline isn't until December. Currently, nothing is needed from our board liaison to help us.

## **School Library Engagement Task Force**

Vicki Emery [vmemery@fcps.edu](mailto:vmemery@fcps.edu)

Board Liaison: Priscille Dando

### **Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

All of our discussions take place on Connect. We began in July by reviewing last year's survey and commenting using our own experiences to interpret the results. We have just finished reviewing YALSA's current portfolio of resources that may be useful to school librarians. We are moving on to how to raise awareness.

### **What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

The mission of our task force is to make recommendations on how to engage school librarians more in YALSA. As we proceed through our analysis and recommendations, I believe that we will support all of the goal areas. We will be sharing opinions and strategies on how YALSA can raise awareness and draft recommendations on how YALSA can engage school librarians.

### **Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive

**Please describe any unresolved member participation/engagement challenges or concerns, including unexcused absences at face-to-face or virtual meetings.** None. I think we are doing just fine. I am impressed with my committee. We are moving along.

## **Teen Tech Week**



Clair Segal [clair.r.segal@gmail.com](mailto:clair.r.segal@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Priscille Dando

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

All group members have been contacted, and have responded and introduced themselves to the group. The team has signed up to manage and support individual committee tasks over the next few months via a shared Google Doc. The Teen Tech Week pamphlet was discontinued, and replaced with a request for content for a social networking tips bookmark, as well as twenty programming ideas. The content is being edited and updated, and members have been asked to each contribute at least two ideas to start with over the next two weeks, via ALA Connect. Linda Braun asked for 1-2 articles to be drafted for the winter issue of YALS. Samantha Marker and I are working on them together.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

Member Engagement and Advocacy- By signing up for group tasks and assignments, brainstorming ideas, and affirming their commitment to the next eight months of work, group members are starting off on a year of promoting Teen Tech Week to members, and providing them with the information and resources to plan and implement their own TTW programming.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

Samantha Marker and I will complete and submit one or two articles to Linda Braun for YALS before October 23rd. We will be generating content for the Teen Tech Week Ning, as well as other requested materials (the bookmark and programming ideas, for example.) In November, group members will create blog posts to promote the beginning of Teen Tech Week registration. Additional content will be generated as requested.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive Mildly concerned about the group's ability to attend Midwinter (and manage the Teen Tech Week Scavenger Hunt.) I'm hoping that as my group knows more of their ability to attend Midwinter, this will solve itself.

## **Virtual Selection Committee Manual**

Valerie Davis [valeried.davis@gmail.com](mailto:valeried.davis@gmail.com)

Board Priscille Dando

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

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

Committee was formed at the beginning of the month. Introductions have been made, as well as preliminary work on the manual. I am currently working on a timeline and workflow breakdown for the committee. I believe that turning some of the committees virtual with enhance member engagement by allowing people who may not be able to travel but have valuable ideas to be more present in selection work. This committee is trying to help make that a smooth process.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

To develop a virtual selection committee manual that features best practices and resources to facilitate virtual selection committee work, and that will be ready for use by the Edwards and PPYA chairs appointed to the 2014 committees, which begin work Feb. 1, 2013. Submit a draft manual to the Executive Committee by October 1, 2012. Based on Executive Committee feedback, refine the manual and submit a final draft for board review and adoption by Dec. 21, 2012. Term: August 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive      No issues

**VICKI EMERY**

**2014 Excellence in Nonfiction**

Jamison Hedin [jbhedin@gmail.com](mailto:jbhedin@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

\* Received committee roster from YALSA staff at the end of July \* Contacted committee via email with a request for introductions, confirmation of contact info, request to review the committee's charge, purpose, criteria, YALSA social media policy, and previous nonfiction award winners and honor books \* Shared updated contact info with YALSA staff Very early days for this committee, but our initial contacts and communication have fostered member engagement by adding new professional contacts to each members network.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

The eligibility period for titles for our award doesn't begin until 11/2012, but in the meantime we will review the award criteria and discuss our timeline and procedures and come to consensus on the most effective ways to collaborate online ahead of face-to-face meetings.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive None.

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

None. I'm good so far :)

## **Conference Travel Scholarships Jury**

Anna Pederson [apederson@stdl.org](mailto:apederson@stdl.org)

Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

July and August were not busy months for the jury. I sent out an introductory email with the jury handbook, communication guidelines, and member responsibilities. We introduced ourselves on ALA Connect, and I requested they become familiar with our Connect space since that is where the majority of the communication will take place.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

The Conference Travel Scholarships Jury supports YALSA's strategic plan through continuing education. By selecting the conference award winners, the jury gives two YALSA members the chance to stay current on young adult services via attendance at the ALA annual conference.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?** September through October, the jury will write the press release to solicit applications for the scholarship and submit it to a wide variety of publications, mailing lists, local library organizations, etc., for publicity. Updates for the jury handbook will also be submitted.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive Nothing to report.

## **Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults**

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Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

All committee members met at the Annual Conference to discuss the overall progress of the committee, develop a plan to promote the committee to and solicit nominations from non-committee members, answer any lingering issues about the Social Media Policy, and share relevant YALSA news. Subcommittees met to evaluate each nomination as a means of determining its fit for the final list and to identify potential future nominations.

**Please share any URLs to completed work, press releases about your work, etc.** (Committee member Sarah Wethern has published three of four articles on The Hub promoting the list. Links: <http://tinyurl.com/d83vbfw>, <http://tinyurl.com/c9bokjz>, and <http://tinyurl.com/bvd3oq5>.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

PPYA's work satisfies objectives in Goal 3: Continuous Learning and Professional Development and Goal 4: Member Recruitment and Engagement. Committee members are continually improving their skills and knowledge by participating in the committee. Promoting the list through listservs, blogs like the Hub, and other media outlets gets the list out to other professionals, thereby increasing their knowledge. Committee member involvement and promotion is also supporting Goal 4. In further support of Goal 4, I have responded to several YALSA members' inquiries about serving on the committee in the coming years using an "About PPYA" summary I created.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

PPYA members will continue to nominate, solicit nominations, read, and evaluate titles for the subcommittee lists. The Clean Reads sub-committee will update the list's title to better clarify the intent of a high interest/ low controversy list. Sarah Wethern will write the last of four articles for The Hub. Committee member Paula Willey and I will start testing online work tools for the committee to test in preparation of next year's all virtual format.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

The two concerns that arose in previous months – an inappropriate Tweet and a member's possible inability to continue forward with the committee due to personal reasons – have both been positively resolved.

## **YALSA Nonfiction Award Committee Manual Taskforce**

Angela Carstensen    [carstnsna@yahoo.com](mailto:carstnsna@yahoo.com)

Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

We completed the manual, which was put before the YALSA Board at ALA Annual in Anaheim and approved with a few small changes. We consider our work finished, unless we hear otherwise.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

Our work was intended to make the job of the Nonfiction Award committee more clear and effective. That could be considered to support the goal areas for member engagement and continuing education.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

Work complete.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive. This was one of the most effective small groups I have had the pleasure to work with. We had a short amount of time within which to complete our task. Every member contributed in a timely manner, with knowledge and enthusiasm.

# SARAH FLOWERS

## **Editorial Advisory Board**

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Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers

### **Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

### **Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

We really haven't done much except start to think about how to expand and enhance the print publication; I had two conversations with Linda Braun (Guest Editor of the Fall Issue), one that included a departing Stevie Kuenn, to brainstorm ideas; on August 9 the EAB had a chat to start dividing up the issues and begin the process of working to create content for the YALS website.

### **How has the work of your group supported YALSA's in or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

The goal is for us to help with continuing education and member engagement by expanding the YALS print issues with interviews, podcasts and other features that would work better on-line. We are just starting to work with Linda Braun on the fall issue (Advocacy and Marketing) and will have content prepared by the end of September.

### **What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

I will work with the Guest Editor and one EAB member to create content to support the Fall Issue and coordinate publicity with the Member Editor of the YALSA blog. As a group we will brainstorm ideas and are planning to hold monthly chats, in addition to using ALA Connect for our work. The search for a new YALS Member Editor is on-going and we await the completion of that search. TO DO: need to see the reader survey (so we can respond), the YALS website needs to be more prominent on the YALSA site.

### **Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive It's difficult to get everyone together during the summer; not everyone was on ALA Connect (or wants to use it).

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the**

**situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

As the summer ends, getting feedback will be easier; the use of ALA Connect is improving.

## **Member Recognition Jury**

Krista Taracuk [ktaracuk@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ktaracuk@columbus.rr.com)

Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

New group: therefore, no progress yet.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

The work of the committee will be supporting Goal 1 (advocacy and activism). Once the jury members are identified and we have completed introductions, we will begin by brainstorming ideas about finding award examples across the nation's libraries. Step 2 will involve sorting through these examples and wordsmithing a draft.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Not at all productive Need identification of committee members!!

## **2013 Michael L. Printz Award**

Sharon Grover [sharon.grover@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon.grover@yahoo.com)

Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**



Yes

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

The committee met in Anaheim at the ALA Annual Convention and discussed the ways in which our work furthers YALSA's strategic plan. We also talked about how a group does literary book discussion and what is meant by literary excellence. We also discussed most of the books on our nomination list as of May 15 and learned how to apply literary book discussion guidelines to our conversations about those titles. Since Annual Convention, committee members have been reading, reviewing, and nominating titles for the award.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

Heightened awareness of the best of YA literature is an important part of advocating for teens  
Learning to read and discuss from a critical perspective provides professional development  
Allowing others to suggest titles for the Printz Award leads to member engagement  
Looking ahead to consider e-book eligibility builds division capacity

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

Committee members will continue to search out, read, review, and nominate eligible books for the 2013 Printz Award. The committee may opt to take a straw poll of nominated titles this fall as we prepare to hone in on the most excellent books in preparation for our selection meetings at Midwinter in Seattle.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive Right now committee members are all working diligently to complete assignments.

Many thanks to Nichole Gilbert and Jenny Levine for all of their help in the past three months.

**Nonfiction 2013**

Angela Frederick [angela.frederick@gmail.com](mailto:angela.frederick@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Sarah Flowers

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

We met twice for a total of six hours at the Annual conference in Anaheim, and discussed all the nominations up to that point. We have since been communicating through email about nominations that have been put forth after Annual. We have put out calls for field nominations on Twitter and various listservs. The chair met with many different publishers in the exhibit hall at Annual to ensure all eligible books were being considered.

**Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing via the 2012-2013 Process Committee Task List your committee's charge/function statement, or via other board directive**

Goal 3: Continuous Learning and Professional Development

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

We will continue to read submissions and nominations. We will have one or more conference calls or online chats to discuss nominations in preparation for choosing the finalists in November.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive

**SANDRA HUGHES-HASSELL**

**Frances Henne**

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Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

No

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

Just starting--have done nothing other than have an online meeting with the past chair.

Research award

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

I don't seem to have a list of this year's members--I've looked for it in email but don't seem to have it. After September 1 and when I have the list, we will start the process for soliciting applications. I have last year's schedule and the contact list. We need to have everything well underway by October 1.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Somewhat unproductive

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts**

Need list of committee members Just starting as chair--know what needs to be done and will be hitting it full steam the first part of September

**Mid-Winter Paper Planning Committee**

Denise Agosto [dea22@drexel.edu](mailto:dea22@drexel.edu)

Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

We selected a winning paper and a runner-up. We have notified YALSA of the winner. It supports both continuing education and research by encouraging interested parties to conduct research related to teens and libraries, and by enabling YALSA members to hear recent research reported at Mid-Winter.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

Other than maintaining contact with the winner and providing support at the lecture, our work is completed.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive

Only three of us attended the meeting in person at Annual, but the other members told me in advance that they would not be attending the conference. This was a very enjoyable committee assignment.

**Research Committee**

Don Latham [dlatham@fsu.edu](mailto:dlatham@fsu.edu)

Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

The past three months have been spent largely in planning our work for fall. Our most immediate task is to submit a proposal for a research forum to be held at Midwinter (due in August). Several new committee members came on board after Annual, and we have been integrating them into our work plan.

**Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing 2012-2013 Process Committee Task List (.pdf), your committee's charge/function statement, or via other board directive**

The purpose of our committee is to promote research on libraries and young adults to YALSA members as well as to people outside of YALSA who work with and/or advocate for young adults.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

We are currently working on the following: 1. Developing a proposal for a research forum to be held at Midwinter. 2. Updating the YALSA research bibliographies in each of the four priority areas of the Research Agenda. Areas have been assigned to various committee members. Because the bibliographies should be current through 2012, it will be Feb. or March of 2013 before the final update is completed. 3. Monitoring and contributing to various social media outlets related to young adults and library services. Two committee members have volunteered to take this on.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive It took awhile to discover that new committee members had not been added to the Research Committee's listserv (and old members who were not continuing on the committee had not been deleted). Hopefully, this can happen "automatically" in the future-- immediately after Annual.

## **Research Journal Advisory Board**

Frances Harris      [francey@illinois.edu](mailto:francey@illinois.edu)

Board Liaison: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

In July, the journal published "Critical Issues in Juvenile Detention Center Libraries" by Jeanie Austin (<http://www.yalsa.ala.org/jrly/2012/07/critical-issues-in-juvenile-detention-center-libraries>). This paper was originally presented at ALA's 2012 Midwinter Meeting during YALSA's Midwinter Paper Presentation event on Trends Impacting Young Adult Services. Including the Austin article, a total of six articles have been submitted since the last quarterly report. At the present time, two articles are out for review. Another article has just been accepted and should be published by the end of September. YALSA will now have access to the data from PLA's annual PLDS Statistical Report on teen services. A query was sent to the Research Committee Chair to see if anyone on that committee would like to work with this data.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?** Research, advocacy      Soliciting high quality manuscripts for the Journal continues to be both our highest priority and our biggest challenge. The Chair of the Research Committee is also co-chair of the 2013 ALISE Conference. He has offered to give the Journal a presence there.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive All committee members have been engaged, active, and responsive.

## PENNY JOHNSON

### Financial Advancement Committee

Kate McNair [pickett.kate@gmail.com](mailto:pickett.kate@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Penny Johnson

#### Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?

No

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

We have hit the ground with both feet running! The committee was very patient with me as I got my head around all of the pieces of FAC and after sending lots of Thank You letters to donors in July and working on plans to interview stipend and grant winners we are a week into the August Fund Drive led by Beth Yoke. So far we have raised \$675 towards a \$2,000 goal. The drive includes blog posts, tweets, emails and Facebook posts. Each committee member has been pitching in to help promote the drive and Friends of YALSA.

#### Please share any URLs to completed work, press releases about your work, etc.

Kate's Blog Post: <http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2012/08/13/what-it-means-to-be-a-friend-of-yalsa/>

#### How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?

Our work is largely targeted at the goal of capacity building and organizational development, by raising diverse funds for YALSA and Advocacy by working to engage members and outside organizations in the mission of YALSA.

#### What is your group's work plan for the next three months?

We will continue our fund drive through August and after we reach our \$2,000 goal, we will think about other fundraising opportunities for 2012 (possibly at or with the YA Literature Symposium). Then we will evaluate the Booze for Books initiative and brainstorm fundraising ideas for 2013.

#### Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.

Somewhat productive None.

## **Midwinter Marketing & Local Arrangements – 2013**

Dawn Rutherford [drutherford@sno-isle.org](mailto:drutherford@sno-isle.org)

Board Liaison: Penny Johnson

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

We have created a Google document where we are collectively working on the information to be included on the YALSA wiki for Seattle's conference. We will be meeting in person next week to finalize this information and do a little team building. By maximizing the enjoyment of the Seattle conference experience, we hope to be supporting member engagement as best we can.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

Complete wiki info on visiting Seattle. Create additional wiki info on fun events going on as they are advertised. Select teen groups to attend BFYA discussion. Work with YALSA office to create group activities for members. Other work as requested by YALSA offices and President Jack Martin.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive      Group is working well together. Would like further information on collaborating with teen groups at Midwinter. What time should they arrive? How many can attend? Etc...

## **Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers**

Becky Jackman [rebecca.jackman@cmcss.net](mailto:rebecca.jackman@cmcss.net)

Board Liaison Penny Johnson

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

All members attended Annual Conference and met to discuss the nominated titles.

**Please share any URLs to completed work, press releases about your work, etc. (use up to ten lines of text)** We made contacts with various publishers and updated our publisher contact information. We have read and nominated titles and gathered teen feedback on those titles.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

We have supported the goal of member engagement through collaboration within the committee and through email correspondence with interested YALSA members.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

We will continue to read and nominate titles. We will also read field nominated books to see if they are worthy of nomination. We will continue to get teen feedback on the nominations. I will solicit field nominations using the Hub and various list-serves.

**Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing 2012-2013 Process Committee Task List, your committee's charge/function statement, or via other board directive.**

I will be presenting a session at our state conference in October that will discuss young adult literature in the school setting. Information regarding YALSA's new Teen Book Finder app will be provided to all conference attendees.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive No concerns N/A

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts? (please use up to five lines of text) If you have any additional comments, suggestions, questions or concerns, please share those below.**

I would like to see the Quick Picks committee chair be someone who has served on the committee for 2 years before becoming chair. There is a learning curve to being on the committee and I think that the chair should be allowed a third year on the committee.



## 2012 Readers' Choice Taskforce

Sarah Debraski      [slcornish@gmail.com](mailto:slcornish@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Penny Johnson

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

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

We have posted on The Hub to publicize the nomination form, and each month as the nominations are posted.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

We're in the process of using Twitter to send congratulatory tweets to authors in hopes they will then share with their followers. We're preparing a post on The Hub with tips for librarians on how to spread the message to their own patrons. The monthly posts stir up nominations immediately following, but we are still trying to get more nominations routinely.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?** This supports member engagement because it is our members who can use the nominations process with their patrons, and then the members can vote. Increase the volume of nominations! We're using twitter, The Hub, yalsa-bk, and word of mouth to encourage people to nominate, but it still seems to not be enough.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive Everyone is very responsive to chair emails and also at contributing to writing and vetting the nominations.

**RENEE MCGRATH**

## Alex Awards Committee

Rachel McDonald [rmcdonald@kcls.org](mailto:rmcdonald@kcls.org)

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

"We discussed our change, committee processes, and 13 nominated titles at ALA Annual.

Total Books Requested: 200 , Total Books Reviewed: 90 , Total Eligible Nominations: 32 ,  
Eligible Field Nominations: 20 , Committee Nominations: 19"

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

Advocacy and member engagement. I submitted an article The Hub, YALSA's teen literature blog, soliciting field suggestions for the Alex Awards:

<http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2012/05/29/the-alex-awards-call-for-field-suggestions/>

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

We will continue to request, review, and nominate titles for the 2013 Alex Awards.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive In early August, I received word that a rumor was spreading concerning several resignations on our committee (including mine). Needless to say, no one has actually resigned. I contacted my board liaison as well as Jack Martin and Shannon Peterson to make them aware of the issue. At Shannon's suggestion, I will contact each committee member and check in with them, making sure that any questions they have are answered and addressing any concerns.

## Books for Teens Jury

Amanda L. S. Murphy [murphy@wtcpl.org](mailto:murphy@wtcpl.org)

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

We have just begun discussion for ways to increase awareness of Books for Teens.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

By granting funds to purchase books and provide programming to low income teens, the Books for Teens jury supports Objective 1e: Increase YALSA's reach and impact.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

Our group will focus on promoting the Books for Teens award and encouraging libraries to apply for funds.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Not at all productive n/a Ours is a newer committee. This is the 2nd year and we just started our terms in July. We have started discussion on how to increase awareness of Books for Teens in hopes of receiving applications for the award.

## **Publications Advisory Board**

Amy Greer [amy.greer@gmail.com](mailto:amy.greer@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

We have only gotten our ALA Connects space up and running and connected with each other. Within the next two weeks, we will create our priorities and work plan. As of now, we have nothing to report. The group was largely defunct last year.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

We plan to create our work plan in the next two weeks based on the Committee Task List.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Not at all productive Because the group was largely defunct last year, we will have to work harder to re-establish ourselves in the larger YALSA working group. We plan to begin this work as soon as possible.

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

I plan to have a group phone conference in the next couple of weeks to get the ball rolling. After a conversation with Beth Yoke, I feel ready to move this group forward.

## **Strategic Planning**

Renee McGrath [renee@nassaulibrary.org](mailto:renee@nassaulibrary.org)

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

Since I've only become Chair within the past month, we do not have any outcomes.

**Please share any URLs to completed work, press releases about your work, etc.**

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

This is our goal this year. To support YALSA's Strategic Plan.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

I am planning on a virtual meeting in September to discuss the outcomes of the Chair reports and to see how to best implement an evaluation process of the Strategic Plan. Also on the lookout for articles to send to committee about information gathering and evaluation.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Not at all productive

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the**

**situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

None. We are just beginning and I am confident we will proceed in a timely and productive manner

## **Summer Reading Task Force**

Charli Osborne [charli.osborne@gmail.com](mailto:charli.osborne@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Renee McGrath

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

With Eve Gaus's help, we put together and Charli presented a webinar on evaluating summer reading programs, with an emphasis on what a grantee would need to show to in a follow up report for their Dollar General grant award. The webinar included a number of different ways to collect, analyze and compile data. The ability of YALSA members to apply for and receive grant money from Dollar General was a great recruiting, outreach and advocacy tool. Members were engaged by attending webinars and completing follow-up reports.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

No work plan, as our task force has completed its term as of August, 2012.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive None

**CANDICE MACK**

## **Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Committee**

Amber Creger [acreger@ahml.info](mailto:acreger@ahml.info)

Board Liaison: Candice Mack

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

No

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Our committee was finalized in late July so we have just started working on items drafted in the planning calendar.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

We are waiting to hear what programs were selected by the YALSA membership so we can look at ways to really promote registration in September. We are also beginning to look at the Local wiki for Chicago to see what needs to be updated and deleted. Promoting YALSA events will hopefully entice members to join us at annual.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

Our efforts support the continuing education and member engagement portions of YALSA's strategic plan. - Continue to add content and edit the Local section of the wiki. - Create content for YALSA E-news and contribute regular blog posts to YALSAblog (with a focus upcoming YALSA events at annual).

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive So far things have gone ok. We did have some email issues in the beginning, but I was able to work that out.

## **2013 Summer Reading Taskforce**

Tracey Carter [tcarter@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:tcarter@frederickcountymd.gov)

Board Liaison Candice Mack

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

The 2013 Summer Reading Taskforce has only recently started working together within the last 4 weeks so we do not have any published completed work or press releases about our work at this time.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building? (use up to five lines of text)**

Over the coming year our group will support YALSA's Strategic Plan in the goal areas of advocacy and member engagement by adding to YALSA members' arsenal of ways to reach and positively impact underserved teens and to provide YALSA members ways of sharing and implementing these ideas through a variety of social media efforts.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

Over the next three months our group will develop summer reading programs, activities, and book lists targeted for underserved teen populations including teens who do not speak English as a first language, teens who are homeless or lack a stable home environment, and teens who may traditionally not feel like the library is a place for them. We will also coordinate our efforts with YALSA's Program Officer for CE to develop and actively participate in a Summer Reading Forum for YALSA members on ALA Connect. Additionally, we will explore the possibility of creating groups on GoodReads and other social media sites that both librarians and teens can use collaboratively.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat unproductive

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

I selected "somewhat unproductive" as other than introductions we have not produced anything meaningful, however, I expect this to change over the course of the next 12 weeks and anticipate this being a very busy fall and winter for our taskforce as we learn our strengths and weaknesses and how we best like to work together in a virtual environment. Moving forward the development of a concrete timeline will help keep the taskforce on track and I think as we work together more over the course of the next 12 weeks everything will come together nicely. I personally need to learn more about how our taskforce can contribute content to the YALSAblog

and be a regular and active contributor to a variety of YALSA resources so that members know we exist and are working diligently to help make their summer reading efforts more successful among teens they might not have thought about targeting w/ a summer reading program.

## **Proposed Benchmarks Advocacy Task Force**

Robyn E. Vittek      [rvittek@akronlibrary.org](mailto:rvittek@akronlibrary.org)

Board Liaison: Candice Mack

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

Group only recently formed - currently introducing ourselves via email and rudimentary discussion of project

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

Purpose of the group is to help define advocacy and methods of advocacy through a rubric to be used by members

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

First Draft by October 1

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Not at all productive

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward**

None We haven't really had a chance to get started working yet - good conversation so far, I'm optimistic that we'll be able to meet our deadlines and ultimate goals with little trouble.



## Writing Award Jury

Gail Zachariah [gzachariah@ci.keene.nh.us](mailto:gzachariah@ci.keene.nh.us)

Board Liaison Candice Mack

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

I've corresponded with committee members. We've reviewed our charge and timeline. All that we've done so far is to begin to get to know one another so that we can fulfill our charge which focuses on several goal areas including research, continuing education, member engagement.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

The majority of our work will be accomplished in December and January. However, I will remain in contact with members during the next three months.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat unproductive

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

There have been no member engagement challenges or concerns. As far as I can tell from the information given to me by the office and last year's chairperson our work really begins in December. I do plan on maintaining contact with my committee so that we all know what to expect when December arrives. Last year's chairperson Whitney Winn has provided much helpful information. We are very excited to begin the selection process. Thank you.

## JACK MARTIN

### **Awards Nominating Committee**

Jerene Battisti      [jdbattisti@kcls.org](mailto:jdbattisti@kcls.org)

Board Liaison: Jack Martin

#### **Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

We have completed the draft slate for the Printz, Excellence in Non-Fiction and Edwards Committees and all members are eligible. Final slate will be submitted when I return from vacation on August 27th.

#### **How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

The Awards Nominating Committee supports member engagement.

#### **What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

Our committee term ends on August 31st and I have been in communication with next year chair, Pam Spencer Holley to facilitate a smooth transition.

#### **Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive. I continue to be concerned in a broader sense about keeping members of virtual committees engaged. I had to make telephone calls to get answers and this seems to be fairly common with virtual committee work.

### **Executive Committee**

Jack Martin      [jackmartin@nypl.org](mailto:jackmartin@nypl.org)

**What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months** The Exec Committee of YALSA are in the midst of completing several projects. They are reviewing applications for the editor of YALS. They were also assigned Board Members to mentor through

the Board Self Assessment process. They also reviewed and approved the proposed agenda for the upcoming YALSA Board of Directors meeting in August.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

The charge of the Exec Committee is to help accelerate the activities of the YALSA Board. All of the activities of the committee support the Strategic Plan. The most recent activities match to Continuing Education, Capacity Building and Member Engagement.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

The committee will continue to review applications for the YALS editor and work towards identifying a successful candidate. The Exec Committee will also be preparing for the ALA Exec Meeting in Chicago this fall. They will also work to move any activities forward that arise during the August Board of Directors call. They will also be assisting with monthly board development chats, evaluating the 2011-12 board member exit reviews, supporting Board members as they execute their learning goals and building their own leadership skills by attending workshops and webinars.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive

**Governance Nominating (2013)**

Sarah Debraski      [slcornish@gmail.com](mailto:slcornish@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Jack Martin

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

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

Over the past three months the committee has talked (via email, phone, and in person) to many YALSA members who we believed might be good candidates for YALSA leadership. Amongst ourselves we have discussed the various possibilities. We have secured 5 candidates for the 4 Board nominee positions, and 2 candidates for the 2 President-Elect positions. These potential candidates have all submitted candidacy forms.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

It supports it all because the leadership of YALSA will, in many ways, determines how those goal areas are ultimately supported by YALSA programs and initiatives.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

We will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee of candidates and notify any candidates not chosen to run.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive It was all fine

## SHANNON PETERSON

**Governance Nominating 2014**

Sarah Flowers [sarahflowers@charter.net](mailto:sarahflowers@charter.net)

Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

I don't have a roster yet, and we haven't begun. In fact, we can't really begin until we have the final slate of nominees for 2013.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

N/A at the moment, although the plan areas of most relevance are member engagement and capacity building.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

More to come in future reports! Meet online with members of the committee. Review existing Nominating committee information, including the committee manual, 2012-13 Board Profile, and nominating form. Review the list of 2013 nominees. Start brainstorming names for the 2014 ballot.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Not at all productive N/A. We have yet to begin. No problems, we just haven't begun yet.

## CHRISTOPHER SHOEMAKER

### Great Books Giveaway Jury

Megan Garrett [megangarrett@kclibrary.org](mailto:megangarrett@kclibrary.org)

Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Our jury was just formed in July and I was able to contact each member of this virtual group. We all shared contact information and introductions.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

The work of our group will support YALSA's Strategic Plan in continuous learning and professional development by providing a library with new YA books. These books will assist the library in continuing to serve youths with fresh materials.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

In the next three months, the group will develop a press release for the Great Book Giveaway and submit to YALSA. As the chair, I will contact the group and see if there is any interest in

meeting at the ALA Midwinter Meeting 2013. We won't begin judging applications for the Great Book Giveaway until December 2012.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive. No issues thus far. No problems so far.

**The Hub Advisory Board**

Gretchen Kolderup [gretchenkolderup@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenkolderup@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

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

\* Spoke to selection committee chairs about how The Hub can help them promote their list at Leadership Development session at Annual, worked with some chairs to issue calls for field suggestions \* Recruited new bloggers at YALSA 101 and the Speed Networking session (and throughout Annual) \* Worked with Stevie and mk Eagle to publish content via alternate outlets during the blog outage in June \* Covered events of interest to YA lit enthusiasts at Annual \* Concluded 2012 Best of the Best Reading Challenge and evaluated how it went and what we can do next year to improve it with Stevie \* Published reader responses for Best of the Best Challenge Finishers \* Continued to work with Advisory Board members on their individual projects \* Began working with Advisory Board to address items on our task list

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

\* Advocacy and Activism: increase YALSA's reach by advertising lists and awards outside of the immediate YA library community \* Continuous Learning/PD: bloggers given opportunities to discuss YA lit critically; all posts give readers the opportunity to learn about YA lit (new titles, new trends, etc.) \* Member Recruitment and Engagement: calls for new bloggers, guests' posts from partners

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

Break down task list with Advisory Board and begin work on individual items (especially promoting lists and awards, recruiting new bloggers including teens, increasing coverage of

diversity, and promoting the blog) \* Discuss bigger tasks with the Advisory Board and begin to break them down into specific objectives; assign these objectives to individuals \* Continue to recruit bloggers and find ways to diversity our content \* Work with Advisory Board to promote the YA Lit Symposium throughout October \* Plan for Morris/Nonfiction Reading Challenge to occur during period between announcement of shortlist and YMAS

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Somewhat unproductive I'm still having a hard time rousing the Advisory Board to action. I was hoping the individual projects would increase their sense of engagement with the blog, but any momentum those projects generated has dissipated. I'm trying to work with them to address the task list (since there are concrete objectives there), but I'm not getting a lot back.

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

I'm going to keep trying with the task list and specific deadlines for another few weeks, but if that doesn't produce the response I'm looking for, I'm going to ask Chris to become part of the conversation to see if that helps. Chris has been really willing to jump in with both feet and provide feedback for any sort of ideas or problems I've been having!

**Teen Read Week**

RoseMary Honnold [rhonnold@gmail.com](mailto:rhonnold@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

Last year's committee finished up their year with weekly posts to the YALSA blog seeking to boost the enrollment in Teen Read Week for October 2012. The new committee was formed at the end of June and introduced themselves to one another via email. Our first task was reviewing the Dollar General grant applications and selecting the ten winners. The blog posts were intended to encourage YALSA members to participate in Teen Read Week. The Dollar General grants will help these ten libraries advocate for the teens in their libraries by providing excellent programs to celebrate Teen Read Week.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

From Aug. – Oct. maintain and regularly update an interactive space on YALSA's Ning that members can use to share 2012 TRW ideas and resources • From Aug. – Oct. regularly promote TRW with posts to the YALSAblog, information in YALSA's e-newsletter and through other resources • In Sept. suggest themes for the 2013 TRW and submit them to YALSA. Please note: the suggestions are just that, and it is possible they may not be used.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive

**Please describe any unresolved member participation/engagement challenges or concerns, including unexcused absences at face-to-face or virtual meetings.**

One committee member didn't vote on the grant selection and offered no reasons why. The transition period comes at a busy time of year with summer reading programs, and I think we will pick up our pace this next quarter. the committee member that didn't respond worked well this past year, so hopefully it was just timing.

## **2012 YA Literature Symposium Taskforce**

Kate McNair      [pickett.kate@gmail.com](mailto:pickett.kate@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

We added several blog posts to the Ning, wrote articles for YALSA eNews and selected worker and student stipend applicants.

**Please share any URLs to completed work, press releases about your work, etc**

Ning posts can be found here: <http://yalitsymposium12.ning.com/>

**Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing via the 2012-2013 Process Committee Task List (pdf), your committee's charge/function statement, or via other board directive.**



The mission of our taskforce is to provide high quality and engaging continuing education opportunities for our members.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

This quarter we have also worked for member engagement as we encouraged students and workers to apply for the available stipends.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

We will be communicating with presenters about their presentations, handouts and additional materials. We will organize bloggers for the symposium to cover the events. I will be working with Nichole about on-site logistics. Finally, we will put on the best YA Literature Symposium ever! Followed by writing thank you notes for presenters and bloggers and a post-symposium write up.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive Everyone has been working ahead to make sure their tasks are covered in time, or letting me know if they aren't able to meet a deadline. They are all hardworking, dedicated individuals and I am glad to have them on my committee.

## SARAH SOGIGIAN

### **Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults**

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

\* Met at Annual to discuss our list of nominees and how listening and voting would work at Midwinter \* Continued to listen to and evaluate titles submitted by publishers and to identify titles that had not yet been submitted that could be good candidates from our list and requested them from publishers \* Received and considered three more field suggestions \* Continued to send monthly updates of our nominations list (currently at 44 titles) to be posted on the YALSA website (<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/audiobooks/nominations>) \* Wrote a post on The Hub during Audiobook Month (June) calling for field suggestions and encouraging readers to use nominations list (<http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2012/06/04/june-is-audiobook-month/>) \* Issued calls for suggestions via listservs and Twitter; encouraged committee members to do the same \*

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

Advocacy: increased YALSA's reach by advertising nominations list and field suggestion form  
\* Continuous Learning/PD: AAYA committee members continue to grow as listeners and evaluators \* Member Recruitment and Engagement: AAYA committee members encouraged to apply for additional committee appointments

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

In the next three months, we will continue to listen to submitted titles and seek other titles to consider for our list. After the submission period ends in October, we will shift our listening and discussion to our list of nominated titles and begin narrowing the field of candidates. We will also begin to prepare to meet at Midwinter. I will issue multiple calls for field suggestions through October and will continue to send our monthly list of nominations to YALSA for publication on the website.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive One committee member was over an hour late to our meeting at Annual. I was unable to reach one committee member for two weeks while she was on an unannounced vacation without access to phone or Internet. One member has been unable to log in to ALA Connect (where our voting and discussion takes place) since before June; we are working with Nichole and ALA to fix this. A few members continue not to meet monthly listening goals; I'm working with them to create listening plans. I'll continue to work with Nichole and ALA to resolve the member's Connect issues.

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the**

**situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

I may need to talk to my Board liaison about talking together to committee members who continue to fail to meet listening goals if their listening for August hasn't significantly improved over previous months. Sarah's been great about working with me to make the transition to a new Board liaison and has been really helpful with problems I've brought to her so far!

## **Fabulous Films for YA**

Andrea Sowers      [dreasowers@gmail.com](mailto:dreasowers@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

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

We are steadily watching nominated titles. The group is doing very well with the work load. At Annual we talked about the titles that had been nominated by that point. We also discussed some titles that could be nominated, possible ways to market the list, and if we wanted to do read-a-likes or not.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

We are trying to work with the HUB to promote Fab Films more/get YALSA members more involved in suggesting titles & learning what we are about.

**Please include any information about any specific tasks that the YALSA Board charged your group with accomplishing via the 2012-2013 Process Committee Task List (pdf), your committee's charge/function statement, or via other board directive**

Our plan is to continue to watch and seek out titles, to get our previous read a likes onto the HUB, and continue to work on ways to market our list among YALSA members and the library communities.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive

## **YA Lit Symposium Evaluation Taskforce**

Franklin Escobedo [adrithian@yahoo.com](mailto:adrithian@yahoo.com)

Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

### **Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

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

We continue to work on surveys to send out to publishers and membership to gather feedback on expanding the YA Lit Symposium to a yearly event.

### **How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building**

The YA Lit Symposium supports many of the goals of YALSA, advocacy through Reader's Advisory, continuing education with the bringing the latest titles and tools to librarians. The Symposium brings together YA Librarians from all across the nation to share ideas.

### **What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

To finish gathering member and publisher feedback to see if making the YA Lit Symposium annual is viable and a worth wild venture for YALSA.

### **Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months** Somewhat productive

### **describe any unresolved member participation/engagement challenges or concerns, including unexcused absences at face-to-face or virtual meetings**

Trying to get everyone together during the summer has been a challenge. But we're making progress.

### **If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts**

My next step is to set up a conference call with all the members so we can hammer out final details on the membership survey.

## GAIL TOBIN

### 2012 Award & Booklist Marketing Taskforce

Melissa McBride [mcbride.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:mcbride.melissa@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

We have continued our weekly tween campaign. We have created weekly tweets for each month of the year where we all tweet about a given award/booklist. Each month features a different award/booklist. I also was working with Stevie to look into the creation of a Mock Printz Manual. I submitted a proposal to Nichole this morning regarding the project. We have worked on supporting member engagement and continuing education by promoting the lists/awards through Twitter. The creation of a Mock Printz Manual will support these goals as well.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

We will be continuing to discuss the Mock Printz Manual and its creation. We will be creating YouTube videos that promote the awards (idea sent to us by Beth). We will continue our tweets and several members have recently expressed interest in writing for the HUB.

**rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Somewhat productive n/a

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in**

**order to assist you in your efforts? comments, suggestions, questions or concerns, please share those below.**

I think any issues we had were due to summer vacations. I was away for a month studying abroad an unable to communicate with my team. Other members have been away or under the weather as well. Since I have been back, communication has been great and we are moving steadily ahead on projects.

### **2013 Awards & Booklist Marketing Taskforce**

Shauntee Burns      [sburns@nypl.org](mailto:sburns@nypl.org)

Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

No

**Please share any URLs to completed work, press releases about your work, etc.**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiAQrRFPwHM&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiAQrRFPwHM&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

Goal 4: Member Recruitment and Engagement Work with Selection Committee Chairs and the Awards & Lists Marketing Committee on promoting YALSA's lists and awards

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive., Took a while for me to learn who was part of the taskforce.

### **Morris Award 2013**

Joy Kim      [joy.kim@gmail.com](mailto:joy.kim@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

The Morris committee met at Annual to discuss our nominated titles. Since Annual, we've continued to read eligible books, solicit field nominations, nominate titles, and discuss nominations online.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

Continuing Education – the Morris award supports the recognition and awareness of young adult literature. Member Engagement – YALSA, both new and veteran, are involved and engaged in the work of the committee, both as official committee members and as field nominators.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

We will continue to read, nominate, and discuss titles, keeping in mind our deadline for submitting our shortlist of 5 titles to the YALSA office in the beginning of December.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive. There are no unresolved issues. Scheduling discussions (monthly chats) has been challenging but doable. Other member participation/engagement issues have been addressed and resolved as they've come to my attention.

**Odyssey 2013**

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Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

We met an Annual for 2 days to discuss the submitted audiobooks and to set the protocol for our work after Annual. Additionally, I have been in contact with Mary Burkey and Sue-Ellen Beauregard about the newly adopted Policy Manual and things to keep in mind for next year's Odyssey Reception. The committee certainly is a good example of member engagement. And as

we learn more about audiobooks, we will have more information to pass along in terms of continuing education.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

We will continue evaluating submitted audios and use ALA Connect for discussion of the audios that are moving forward in our consideration process. We will continue to use the listerv for general discussion as well. Starting this month, we will use straw votes (non-binding) to help us focus on the very best audiobooks for the award.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive

**Please describe any unresolved member participation/engagement challenges or concerns, including unexcused absences at face-to-face or virtual meetings.**

(We continue to have one member who seems out of her element when it comes to evaluating audiobooks. I have discussed this with our Board liaison and with our Booklist liaison. n/a

Given the large turnout at this year's Odyssey reception, I suggest we have a larger room in Chicago.

**WrestleMania Reading Challenge Jury**

Jane Gov [jgov@beverlyhills.org](mailto:jgov@beverlyhills.org)

Gail Tobin

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

I received the list of Jury members on Aug. 8, 2012, so we have just started connecting with each other. In the year to come, the work of our group will support Advocacy and Activism, especially to increase YALSA's reach and impact and to become activists in support of teen and young adult services.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

The WrestleMania Reading Challenge Jury does not have a task list, but below is a list of the tasks our group plans to accomplish. September 2012- April 2013 (first weeks): Monthly email blasts for WMRC registrants; topics can include or highlight marketing tips, sources for



recommended reading, program ideas, etc. Nov. 16, 2012-Dec 31, 2012: Judge teen contest entries

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Not at all productive

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

I have clarified the tasks and deadlines with my board liaison and YALSA staff. I will contact the previous Chair for tips on how to get started with Email blasts.

## **SARAJO WENTLING**

**Margaret A. Edwards 2013**

Jamie Watson      [jwatson@bcpl.net](mailto:jwatson@bcpl.net)

Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

The committee met in total at ALA. At that time, we narrowed our list of nominations down to a short list of 11. We set up a calendar/schedule to stay on target with our reading/discussion between now and the deciding of our finalist shortly after Thanksgiving. The group began having online discussions using ALA Connect. I believe this helps YALSA the most in terms of member engagement. The MAE Luncheon is a popular event, and MAE is an award that generates a lot of interest.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

As mentioned above, we have a calendar planned through November 16, to ensure each shortlisted author gets to be the focus of discussion before our next vote in late November. Group members will be reading and discussing during this time.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Very productive None at this time! I'm interested in how the transition will go to moving this committee to Virtual. (I think it can easily be done, as most of our work will NOT be done at conference.) If there is any way I can begin to assist the incoming chair, do let me know.

**Teens' Top Ten**

Elizabeth Hanisian [ehanisian@cityoflewisville.com](mailto:ehanisian@cityoflewisville.com)

Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

It has been a great start for the Teens' Top Ten Committee! The transition between committees has been very smooth and I have been in touch with former chair Rachael Myers. All new and returning committee members were added to the TTT/YA Galley listservs and received all relevant documents via Google docs pertaining to the committee. All committee members signed up to work on tasks and began right away working on ongoing tasks such as maintaining the list of TTT nominations (Sara Ray) and galleys received (Clara Hendricks). Joella Peterson is working to update the publisher contact information sheet. Kristen Thorp, our PR & Marketing volunteer, is working on new ways to promote Teens' Top Ten. Debbie Fisher has volunteered to help complete and edit the Ten Years of Teens' Top Ten anniversary book. I am working on a way to make sure publishers are receiving reviews for the books sent to the YA Galley groups.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

Advocacy- Spread the word out about Teens' Top Ten and encourage voting in the upcoming weeks and then publicize the final list.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

Selecting new YA Galley groups. Completing the Ten Years of Teens' Top Ten anniversary book.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive. No issues.

## **CHRISTIAN ZABRISKIE**

**BWI Grant Jury**

Sarah Townsend      [sarahmarietownsend@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmarietownsend@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

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

I contacted former chair and board liaison to determine what work had been done in the past, deadlines, and thoughts on the direction of the committee for this coming year. -The group exchanged introductory emails in order to get to know each other and identify possible areas of expertise within the group. –

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

The group engaged in a brainstorming session via email in which they discussed tools they have used on past committees in order to promote committee work and awards and how they themselves get library information. From that list he group developed a marketing plan for the next three months. Additionally, team members were assigned to draft a sample press release, sample tweet, and sample Facebook status. Member Recruitment and Engagement - By seeking out additional opportunities to promote the award, the committee is seeking to engage a wider cross-section of YALSA members and raise awareness about the award opportunities available.

The group will be implementing their marketing plan over the next three months. Each month (September, October, and November) the team will target media outlets and marketing

opportunities in four areas: Social Media, Blogs, Print Resources, and LISTSERVs. The group will identify and reach out to two new resources in each category each month until the December 1st deadline of the award. The group is using Google Docs to track brainstorming ideas and to assign tasks and track task completion progress. The group ultimately hopes to increase the number of applicants and raise awareness about the award opportunities through YALSA.

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Somewhat productive

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

The original chair of last year's committee stepped down at the last minute, so there is very little documentation of last year's work. I have gathered as much information as possible about what happened last year, but if the Board has any other directives, I hope they'll let me know.

**Graphic Novel Selection Committee**

Rachael Myers Rachael\_myers@horacemann.org

Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

The GGNT Committee has continued to read and nominate titles for the list. Prior to Annual, we conducted a straw poll to get a better sense of where the committee stood on each title prior to discussion. We held Saturday and Sunday meetings to discuss our nominations. Our meeting started with introductions (introducing new member Emily Pukas and new admin Katie Llera), included some time for what we're looking for in a graphic novel (to make sure everyone was on the same page) and then we went through and talked about the merits of each title. We also had some observers who gave of their comments at the beginning of the discussion on each title. Nominations have been slowly coming in since Annual and we now have 61 nominations. Many of those came in over the past week after checking in with members and are not yet reflected on the website. As chair, I have responded to many requests from members interested in serving on the GGNT Committee and have been in contact with publishers to alert of nominations as they come in.

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

Advocacy Member Engagement

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

I've had correspondence with several members who have fallen far behind on nominating titles (we're aiming for 1 per month). Some members have just been busy, but some may need more guidance and I will check in on them in a couple of weeks. I'm going to start to compiling a Google doc of titles that I think we, as a committee, should try to look at before our nomination deadline ends. Hopefully this will help focus our reading in these last months to make sure the group tries to evaluate as many titles as possible.

**Please rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.**

Somewhat productive

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts? (please use up to five lines of text) If you have any additional** We brought on a new administrative assistant to fill in for Emily who became a voting member of the committee. She and I have been hard to get her up to speed. I mentioned earlier that several new members have needed a little more guidance in terms of tracking down titles and nominating and I will continue to work with them on this. I am a little concerned about how difficult it has been to make contact with certain publishers. There were several titles we could not discuss at Annual because many members could not track down titles. I would love any suggestions for how to handle this as when we get closer to Mid-Winter.

## **Legislative Committee**

Lizz Zitron [ezitron@carthage.edu](mailto:ezitron@carthage.edu)

Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months?**

Yes

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

Regular weekly posts on District Days July 18-August 23 in YALSA blog 2. Article on District Days in YALSA July e-news 3. Updated state library association and school library association contacts. Sent out emails on District Days to all 4. Joined Friends and Trustee lists; have been communicating on District Days to these lists. 5. Working on YALSA blog post about a teen advocate who has met with legislators numerous times 6. Beginning plans for next District Days and NLLD, including personal stories and blog-in in addition to Tweet Your Sen./Rep maps 7. Updated YALSA wiki on District Days

**How has the work of your group supported Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

We continue to promote means for advocacy for members through our District Days promotion. In particular, we've connected with other ALA divisions to try to great greater impact.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

Create task list for NLLD 2013 and assign tasks (updating Tweet Sen. Map, creating Rep Map, blog-in among others) 2. Create task list and assign tasks for prepping for District Days 2013 3. Plan intentional, regular ways to use listservs to promote advocacy, in particular every day advocacy

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Very productive

**Please describe any unresolved member participation/engagement challenges or concerns, including unexcused absences at face-to-face or virtual meetings.**

Still have not heard from member Lisa Ferneau Haynes; I don't feel we need to push on replacing her as current committee is taking on tasks and completing them.

**National Guidelines Committee**

Mary Arnold [marnold@cuyahogalibrary.org](mailto:marnold@cuyahogalibrary.org)

Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

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

Shared several emails and likes requesting members to familiarize themselves with YALSA's current guidelines and offer feedback on possible updates or revisions and suggestions for ways to promote. So far the committee has not been as effective as I would like due to lack of member electronic responses

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months**

Contact SLIS schools to identify faculty who teach YA suggest any possible supplementary materials or tools identify possible liaisons/stakeholders outside the library profession to YALSA staff review white papers for updating or gaps

**Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months**

Somewhat unproductive

**Please describe any unresolved member participation/engagement challenges or concerns, including unexcused absences at face-to-face or virtual meetings**

Only one member has regularly responded to chair emails by deadline date--

**If you answered "somewhat unproductive" or "not at all productive" to the question 8, or listed problems with member participation, what strategies will you employ to resolve the situation moving forward? What, if anything, do you need from your board liaison in order to assist you in your efforts?**

Explore with Christian the possibilities of using online virtual meetings or conference calls to more actively engage members

**Website Advisory**

Wendy Stephens [wendysteadmanstephens@gmail.com](mailto:wendysteadmanstephens@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Christian Zabriskie

**Were you able to touch base with your board liaison in the last three months**

Yes

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

The chief issue the committee raised, as did the chairs of other committees during Leadership Development in Anaheim in June, was the password-protection of the YALSA Award and Selection lists. Among concerns: the inability to remain "logged in," the registration process is in fact encouraging teens to share what we tell them is confidential information (their name and

contact information), and the consistent failure to be able to access the lists initially after logging in, the fact that YALSA is driving traffic to other sites and de-valuing its award "brands."

**How has the work of your group supported YALSA's Strategic Plan in one or more of these goal areas: advocacy, research, continuing education, member engagement, capacity building?**

The website supports the strategic plan as content and communication mechanisms supporting professional development provide the potential for continuing education, advocacy and capacity building among members. The access to the range of lists in particular speaks to recursive member engagement with YALSA products. We hope to gather more anecdotal evidence about the reaction of members and non-members to the password-protection of booklists and their experiences using the website.

**What is your group's work plan for the next three months?**

We mentioned to the board liaison that hard numbers on access to the booklists before and after the password-protection might help quantify whether or not the change is driving users away from the YALSA site. Also, we want to publicize to YALSA members that there is in fact a persistent URL for each list (using the -award extension after the URL) so they can link their online lists to this version. Somewhat productive I am a little concerned about not being on the ALA Website Advisory mailing lists -- I have seen communication from this list forwarded to Council, and President Jack Martin informed me that I would be the YALSA representative to that group, but I am not in that Connect group and don't receive the emails. I appreciate the concerns about protecting YALSA's intellectual property, but the decision to password-protect the award and selection lists has had a really effect in alienating members. We think this is the most important issue with regard to online presence that YALSA is currently facing.