

**Spring Executive Committee Meeting
April 17, 2015, via Conference Call**

Topic: Standing Board Committee Progress

Background: At the YALSA Midwinter 2015 meeting, the YALSA Board voted to implement the Guidelines for Standing Board Committees <http://ow.ly/LrHGV>. These guidelines included eliminating quarterly Board conference calls in exchange for quarterly standing board committee meetings. The focus of these standing board committee meetings is to focus on chair reports, which was the traditional focus of the quarterly Board calls. Having completed a round of these meetings, Linda Braun and Carrie Kausch have submitted the following discussion points for the Executive Committee to focus on in order to evaluate the success of the current framework.

Action Required: Discussion

Questions for discussion

- To what degree are the standing committees working as envisioned in the guidelines?
- How do we address liaison assignments that fall outside of the standing board committee focus and therefore potentially not receiving adequate discussion related to the associated part of the strategic plan (knowing the plan will be changing)? (For example - Carrie liaises with 3 committees but only one falls into Continuous Learning which is the standing board committee she is a member of.)
- While Board members like the new structure so far, reporting that it leads to more in-depth yet informal discussions, is this as productive as we need to be?
- Good questions are coming out of the discussions, but how do we make sure the questions get answered/addressed beyond posting a report on Connect?
 - For example: Advocacy standing board committee asking about data on use of YALSA resources that are being created by the various advocacy groups. The Standing Board Committee on Capacity Building asked a similar questions regarding whether YALSA members are being tasked with more product creation than needed/used
- Is the Board adequately addressing the overall success of committees and task forces? For example, when a standing board committee just looks at their own small group of member groups does that mean big picture discussions about similarities amongst groups and the work being accomplished will be missed?
- Are members missing out on conversation and productive work by not having the quarterly board meetings?

- How can we share the outcomes of the strategic committee discussions that happens quarterly when formal minutes are not taken?