

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Via Conference Call
August 29, 2013

Topic: Confirmation of YA Lit Section Structure

Background: At their 2013 Midwinter Meeting the Board voted to put a bylaws change before the membership that would allow for the creation of sections in YALSA. The measure passed in May 2013, and the board directed the Executive Director to work with staff to move forward with plans to pilot a YA Literature section for two years. The proposal presented at Midwinter included the mention of instituting a fee for participation in sections, but the board's motion did not specify whether the pilot section would involve a fee. The board discussed the issue in early August via its virtual work space and voted to move forward with a \$5 annual fee for membership in the YA Lit section. Including the item as a part of this meeting simply ensures it will be entered into the official record of the association.

Action Required: Consent

YALSA's YA Literature Section Basic Information

Launch date: 9/1/13

Support: the Division and Membership Promotion Committee is helping with the marketing effort to raise awareness among members

Benefits:

- A special online community where section members can connect and exchange news and information
- Access to a member directory of fellow section members
- Reserved seating for awards ceremonies, such as Alex, Morris, Printz, etc.
- Free access to one YA literature-focused webinar
- Free access to a quarterly e-newsletter just for section members

Members can add this section to their existing YALSA membership for \$5 when they renew, or at any time by contacting Letitia Smith at lsmith@ala.org or 800.545.2433 x4390.

Additional Resources

- Midwinter 2013 board document #22, "Establish a YA Lit Section": <http://ow.ly/nW0HW> (.pdf)
- Updated YALSA Bylaws: <http://ow.ly/nW0VA>