YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Washington DC
June 24 - 29, 2010

Topic: Chair Pre-Conference Reports & Concerns

Background: Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work they’ve accomplished since January. At the Annual Conference each Board Liaison will have the opportunity to summarize and share any concerns their member groups may have. In the report, chairs were asked to rate the group’s work in the past six months where the number 1 indicates highest performance and the number 5 indicates poorest performance. Reports missing as of June 10th are: Publications and Teen Advisory Groups.

Action Required: Discussion

Name of Group: Advocacy Task Force
E-mail Address: informationgoddess29@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Beth Gallaway
Board Liaison: Dawn Rutherford

Work Group Function Statement: To help plan and carry out a third year of YALSA’s advocacy campaign, which will be implemented throughout 2010. Taskforce activities must focus on those mentioned in YALSA’s Strategic Plan, including:

Develop and disseminate materials for members and library workers to use to articulate return on investment (ROI)

Work with YALSA staff to develop and execute a plan to communicate to library schools the need for updated and expanded course offerings on young adult services.

Work with YALSA staff to develop and execute a plan to communicate to State and Regional Library organizations the need for expanded teen library services within individual libraries and library systems.

Initiate and develop relationships with appropriate organizations to reach library decision makers in an effort to raise awareness of YALSA and its mission.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We’ve focused on additional duties assigned by the YALSA office:
Planning a program for ALA Annual 2011 in DC

Campaigned for District Days on the YALSA blog and in a YALSA online chat (brief mention)
Began compiling handouts for ALA Annual Program

Began outlining a self-paced online advocacy course

Updated Advocacy Powerpoint

Posted to the YALSA blog (see publications)

Filed a Request for Board Action for an Advocacy Discussion or Interest group.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? Blog posts:
District Days 101: Inviting Your Legislator to an Event During District Days:
http://yalsa.al.org/blog/2010/05/21/district-days-101-writing-to-your-legislator/
Library Snapshot Day:
http://yalsa.al.org/blog/2010/04/27/library-snapshot-day/
$50 Advocacy Preconference at ALA Annual:
http://yalsa.al.org/blog/2010/04/26/50-advocacy-preconference-at-ala-annual/
Can Library Services Reduce Youth Crime?
http://yalsa.al.org/blog/2010/03/14/can-library-services-reduce-youth-crime/

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 4

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Our whole focus has shifted to District Days and connecting with legislators to lobby for your library, as opposed to advocating for teen services within your library. It's a bigger picture! :)

Publication (print or electronic)

Conference program

We are trying to average 1 blog post a month, are putting on a conference program, and will complete our self paced advocacy course by July 1.

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

Legislative Committee is co-producing the program at ALA Annual.

Concerns: I have some concern that tasks I have requested help with are not completed. I hate to assign tasks, but get frustrated that work falls to me if others don't step up. I have addressed this concern with Dawn, our board liaison, and am glad to be sharing some of the work with the Legislative Committee.

I've also expressed concern that if one is on a selection committee, participating in other committees should not be an option. The reading alone takes up my whole life, and the process committee gets a bit neglected.
Finally, I have concerns that the work of the committee isn't done - that advocacy is an ongoing issue. I've filed an RBA for an advocacy interest or discussion group.

**Name of Group: Advocacy Stipend Task Force**
E-mail Address: christopher_shoemaker@nypl.org
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Chris Shoemaker
Board Liaison: Linda Braun
Work Group Function Statement: Between May 1 and May 17, 2010 review applications submitted for the YALSA advocacy stipend and select up to five winners who demonstrate financial need and meet the other criteria set forth in the application for the funding so that each can attend ALA's 2010 Library Advocacy Day, which will be held in Washington, D.C., June 29, 2010.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? My work group reviewed the 9 applications received for the YALSA advocacy stipend and selected 5 winners. We also identified a substitute candidate in case a replacement was needed.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? Prior to the May 1st deadline, I posted information on the stipend and the application process on YALSA's official blog.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 5

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?
YALSA Staff
YALSA Board of Directors

Concerns:

**Name of Group: AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation**
E-mail Address: mhardacre@acpl.info
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Mari Hardacre
Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Work Group Function Statement: Identifies, develops, promotes and disseminates information on effective cooperative or collaborative projects that link schools and public libraries. Maintains and updates the resources that have been compiled on the ALA website, develops training workshops and/ or
programs on cooperative or collaborative projects and presents them at conferences and institutes and for other organizations serving youth, and details findings in articles and books for division publications.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Continued to post to YALSA blog and other division blogs. Submitted proposal for a program for annual 2011 (via ALSC) on the topic of early literacy programs for teen parents and babies. Currently we are checking links from our web site and wiki.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? Information on cooperative programs has been shared on YALSA’s blog.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? 

Marketing

Continuous Learning

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

Since we are tri-divisional, we are doing this already.

Publication (print or electronic)

Conference program

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

Other, Please Explain AASL/ALSC

Concerns: no

Name of Group: Alex Award Committee
E-mail Address: informationgoddess29@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Beth Gallaway
Board Liaison: Ritchie Momon

Work Group Function Statement: The charge of this committee is to select from the previous year’s publications ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18. If ten suitable candidates cannot be selected in a given year, the number of awards can be less than ten.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? No

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Beginning in February, we began reading potential titles and sharing reviews/discussing titles via alex@ala.org. There was a bit of upheaval as a committee member had to resign, but replacements were fairly quick and the adjustment period brief.
Since Feb 2, we have: Requested 199 titles on the list and asked for 183 from publishers; Received ~107 titles, including 8 unsolicited books; Received 21 field nominations (7 eligible, 14 ineligible); Nominated 11 titles to date.

We completed a reading survey and are in the middle of a second, due by 5/31.

As chair, I turned in preliminary planning forms for the 2011 Alex Award program, sent emails to those who made ineligible field nominations to explain the award policy/procedure, thanked those who made eligible field nominations, answers questions about title eligibility and process from members, contacted publishers about changes to the committee roster, and trained 2 administrative assistants.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? None - nominations are secret!

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy Marketing

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

I explain about and advocate for the award with each ineligible nomination, hoping to bring greater understanding of the Alex award to people.

Our request to publishers markets this list and YALSA.

Publication (print or electronic)

Conference program - There is a tradition of an Alex Award program; we'll be putting one on to celebrate the 2011 recipients. I anticipate our annotated winners to appear in Booklist in 2011.

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Staff

YALSA staff recruit speakers for the 2011 program, assist with website, set up nomination forwarding & electronic discussion group. Nichole, our liaison, is very helpful in interpreting eligibility!

Concerns: None at present - we're in the ballpark of last year in terms of requests and nominations - experience has demonstrated that things click a little more after the face to face meeting at Annual, and I expect more nominations in the second half of the year.

Name of Group: Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults
E-mail Address: jamiemayo@kclibrary.org
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Jamie Mayo
Board Liaison: Francisca Goldsmith
Work Group Function Statement: To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? contacted publishers of audiobooks with teen appeal and requested that they send titles for consideration.
assigned all titles received in 2009 that were not listened to by last year's committee.
discussed considerations for nominations.
nominated 9 titles to date.
set up spreadsheet for tracking titles including votes by committee members.
set requirements for
strategized listening and title sharing (of 2009 titles) to get as many titles as possible listened to by all committee members by annual.
started an agenda for meeting at annual

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? none so far; intending to send out notice of nominated titles via list serve next week.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy
Continuous Learning

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?
YALSA Staff

Concerns: I'm concerned about the slow response rate from publishers. We've received new titles from only 2 companies, though I've been in contact with a 3rd who indicated that they'd be sending stuff soon; that was more than a month ago so I followed up with an email last week just checking to make sure that I hadn't misinterpreted "soon" but haven't had a response to that email.
several producers. Once the title has been evaluated, the listeners email their decisions to the committee listserv - yes, no, or suggested.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? None.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 1

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy, Continuous Learning

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

Some contact with chairs of ALSC and YALSA notable audiobook lists.

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Staff

Concerns:

Name of Group: Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Committee
E-mail Address: dlatham@fsu.edu
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Don Latham
Board Liaison: Gail Tobin
Work Group Function Statement: To annually select the best nonfiction title published for young adults between November 1 of the preceding year and October 31 of the current year, available in English in the United States and, if desired, to also select honor titles. The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning title announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting. The winners and honor authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA Conference.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We have been reviewing nonfiction titles sent to us since Nov. 1, 2009. Currently (as of 5/19/2010), we have received 34 titles, of which 14 are eligible for consideration.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? None.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 1

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy, Marketing, Continuous Learning
Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

The committee's work will be of interest to all YALSA members, as well as to members of ALSC and AASL.

Other (Please explain)
This award promotes excellence in the writing and publishing of nonfiction for young adults. It encourages excellence by providing recognition to authors and publishers, and it promotes books considered to be of outstanding quality by publicizing the list of five finalists as well as selecting an overall winner.

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

ALA Groups and Affiliates

YALSA Staff

Concerns: None.

**Name of Group:** Baker & Taylor Award Jury

E-mail Address: kisaacs@mindspring.com

Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Kathleen Isaacs

Board Liaison: Kim Patton

Work Group Function Statement: To select annually two librarians (one from a school, one from a public library) who work directly with young adults to receive the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Conference Grant. Term: From end of Annual Conference through the following Annual.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? In December we selected winners of these grants: Barbara Kinast, library media specialist for the Isaacs Bildersee Intermediate School in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Carol Anne Geary youth services librarian at the Sutton (Mass.) Free Public Library.

We notified the winners and the YALSA office.

Richie Momon and I met at annual to discuss ways of advertising the grant further.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? YALSA Press Release Mentioned in YALS spring 2010 and (I think) in May YAttributes. (I saw the piece I wrote in print somewhere but now I can't put my hands on it.)

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Staff

Concerns: We finished our work quickly, and entirely by email. We had a useful surveymonkey voting set up by the office (see midwinter report). Most members either did not attend midwinter or did not come to the meeting - they did not respond to emails. We have done no further work as a group since. I am not clear why this committee runs to June.

Name of Group: Best Fiction for Young Adults
E-mail Address: tsnethen@bluevalleyk12.org
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Terri Snethen
Board Liaison: Dawn Rutherford

Work Group Function Statement: YALSA’s Best Fiction for Young Adults Committee presents fiction titles published for young adults in the past 16 months that are recommended reading for ages 12 to 18. The purpose of the annual list it to provide librarians and library workers with a resource to use for collection development and reader’s advisory purposes.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Since January the committee has been reading and nominating titles for consideration. At the present time we have 81 official nominations. We have received 49 field nominations, 6 of which have been seconded by committee members to becomes official nominations. A readership poll was conducted in early May. A few committee members have fairly low numbers and have been encouraged to pick up the pace. Nominations will close on June 1 so we can catch up on reading nominated titles before annual. A straw poll will be conducted shortly after. Shelly McNerney, the administrative assistant, has created a googledocs form to conduct the straw poll that should be a time saver.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? At the beginning of each month a list of BFYA nominations and annotations has been published on the YALSA website. Notification of updates are sent the YALSA-BK.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Marketing

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Staff
Concerns -Because over half of this committee are first year members I think we got off to a bit of a slow start. Lots of mentoring was required for the new members to feel comfortable nominating titles. In March, I contacted the committee as a whole, and a few individuals, to encourage more nominations. As we approach the last week of nominations before annual, I feel we are about where I would expect with 81 nominations. Now that members are nominating more I plan to work with them to improve the quality of their "why" statements.

One committee member is performing below expectations. This is an ongoing problem from last year's BBYA committee. To date, this member has not nominated any titles. I contacted the committee member recently and asked her to nominate at least 2 titles before annual and was assured that this will happen. Our board liaison is aware of this problem.

Name of Group: BWI/YALSA Collection Development Grant Jury
E-mail Address: yogihphd@hotmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Yolanda Hood
Board Liaison: Sara Ryan

Work Group Function Statement: To select annually two YALSA members who work in a public library and who work directly with young adults to receive the BWI/YALSA Collection Development Grant.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes
What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We completed our selection at Midwinter. Since then, I informed both Jessica Neiweem and Amy Young that they were grant recipients. I worked on a press release with Stephanie Kuenn and Nichole Gilbert.
During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? N/A
Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 1
Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy
Marketing
Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Publication (print or electronic)
Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? YALSA Staff
Concerns: N/A

Name of Group: Diversity Task Force
Please Enter your E-Mail Address alma.mcdermott@yahoo.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Alma Ramos-McDermott
Board Liaison: Francesca Goldsmith

Work Group Function Statement: Plan and carry out the second phase of YALSA's diversity campaign which was launched in 2008, including:

1. promoting the Spectrum Scholarship
2. creating programming, readers' advisory and collection development resources to assist library workers in serving diverse teen populations, including but not limited to:
   - working with YALSA Editors and the Blog Manager to write and publish information
   - creating and maintaining a section of the YALSA wiki
   - compiling and disseminating lists of recommended reading, listening &/or viewing
3. planning and coordinating a program for BCALA for their 2010 conference, Aug. 4-9 in Birmingham, AL

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date?. Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months?
- A member of our group wrote an article about the Task Force for YALS.
- We created a list of ideas for promoting the Spectrum Scholar and Scholarship, which includes:
  1. Interviews for articles/blogs with the current scholar
  2. Having the current scholar volunteer at the membership booth at annual
  3. Having handouts about the spectrum scholarship at the membership booth
  4. Asking scholar to attend the all-committee meeting
  5. Putting something on the YALSA website in the YALSA news section that links to the Spectrum Scholarship page, and encourage YA librarians to apply

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? We will have an article in the Spring 2010 issue of YALS.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 1 High performing ... 5 Performing well below expectations 5

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? (Select as many as apply.)
- Advocacy
- Marketing
- Research
- Continuous Learning
- Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? (Select as many as apply.)
- Outreach to key partners (other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify below)
- Publication (print or electronic)
- Conference program
- Collaboration
- Other (Please explain)
Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? (Select as many as apply.)

Other YALSA groups
ALA Groups and Affiliates
YALSA Staff
YALSA Board of Directors

Name of Group: YALSA Division & Membership Promotion Committee
E-mail Address: iheartbookn@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Candice A. Wing-Yee Mack
Board Liaison: Nick Buron

Work Group Function Statement: To work with staff to develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA; to promote the association to colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Strategic Plan; to promote and maintain good relations with existing members through activities such as the member booth at conferences; recognition of member anniversaries and outreach to lapsed members.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? -We completed the YALSA Knowledge Assessment Survey analysis -We are in the process of finalizing guests for our YALSA 101 program at ALA Annual. -We recruited and are finalizing volunteers for the YALSA booth at ALA Annual.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? We publicized YALSA 101 and our recruitment for volunteers at the YALSA booth on the YALSA blog.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy Marketing Research Continuous Learning Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify) -To design our wiki for the booth sign-ups, we collaborated with John Chrastka, borrowing from his design for the Affiliates booth sign-ups -Posted our calls for booth volunteers on various ethnic caucus listservs such as CALA, APALA, BCALA, REFORMA

Publication (print or electronic)
Conference program

Collaboration

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

ALA Groups and Affiliates

YALSA Staff

YALSA Board of Directors

Concerns:

Name of Group: YALSA Editorial Advisory Board
E-mail Address: mrmcart@sbcglobal.net
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Michael Cart
Board Liaison: Nick Buron

Work Group Function Statement: To serve as an advisor to the editors of YALS and YAttitudes on the content of the journal and newsletter by assisting with soliciting contributors and articles generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor(s) and by reviewing scholarly contributions to the publications. A written annual report to the Chair of the Publications Committee is due prior to each Midwinter meeting.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? The Board has continued to work in an advisory capacity with YALS editor Sarah Flowers. Among our efforts have been suggestions and recommendations regarding a proposed Personal Reflections column for addition to YALS; we have also proposed a dozen topics as the foundation for future theme issues. The Board is currently reviewing a recent submission to assess its worthiness for publication. Our findings will be submitted to Editor Flowers prior to Annual. I would like to acknowledge the creativity and sense of responsibility demonstrated by the Board; it was an excellent group with which to work.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? Chair Michael Cart, at the request of editor Sarah Flowers, wrote a retrospective article about the first ten years of the Printz Award. The article appeared in the Spring issue of YALS.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 1

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy

Marketing

Research
Continuous Learning

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Publication (print or electronic)

Collaboration

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

YALSA Board of Directors

Concerns: I have already expressed some concern about the vagueness of the Board's charge; however, on reflection it seems that such vagueness is purposeful, since it does not too narrowly restrict the work of the Board. Also, I was unable to establish communication with the present Chair of the Publications committee.

Marketing

Research

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

The Executive Committee communicates with other youth divisions, ALA Council, and ALA Division Presidents on an as-needed and sometimes regular basis.

Publication (print or electronic)

Conference program

Collaboration N/A

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

ALA Groups and Affiliates

YALSA Staff

YALSA Board of Directors N/A

Concerns: N/A
Name of Group: Margaret A Edwards 2010
E-mail Address: ostergar@kcls.org
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Maren Ostergard
Board Liaison: I read in Linda W. Braun's April report that Cindy Welch had resigned. I have not heard who has replaced her.

Work Group Function Statement: To select a living author or co-author whose book or books, over a period of time, have been accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives. The book or books should enable them to understand themselves, the world in which they live, and their relationship with others and with society.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? At ALA Annual the committee selected Jim Murphy as the winner of our award. The committee looks forward to meeting Mr. Jim Murphy at the Margaret A. Edwards luncheon at ALA Annual.

In March I provided my feedback to Linda W. Braun on the criteria for this award.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? The press release for the Margaret A. Edwards award appeared in numerous publications and websites.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 1

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?
Advocacy
Marketing

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Collaboration

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?
YALSA Staff

Concerns:

Name of Group: Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee
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Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Robin Brenner
Board Liaison: Ritchie Momon

Work Group Function Statement: ALA's Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), on behalf of librarians who work with young adults in all types of libraries, will give recognition to those authors whose book or books have provided young adults with a window through which they can view their world and which will help them to grow and to understand themselves and their role in society. The award will be given annually to an author whose book or books, over a period of time, have been
accepted by young adults as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives. The book or books should enable them to understand themselves, the world in which they live, and their relationship with others and with society. The book or books must be in print at the time of the nomination.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Those of us who were at ALA Midwinter met for a couple of hours to meet each other in person, discuss the elements of the award, and to brainstorm author candidates. As a result of that meeting, we have already gathered together a list of strong candidates. As one of our member, Hollis Rudiger, was not able to attend ALA Midwinter, I made sure to distribute the brainstorming list and to invite everyone to keep adding in potential names as ideas occurred to them. Over email and then via the official Edwards email discussion list, we continued to debate candidates, rethinking some as being less proven to meet the criteria of the award and moving others into the stronger candidate category. I went through and organized a list of all of their eligible works (titles published before 2005) and we started zeroing in on the titles we felt were important representations of each creators' works.

We did debate if there were genres or formats that we felt were due recognition at this time, though at this point we have not narrowed the list according to any particular genre or category. We have also discussed the importance of significant and lasting impact for this award and the need to make sure the works and authors have proven long-term importance.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? As Chair I have posted to YALSA-BK to encourage members to nominate titles for our consideration, and especially to remind them to nominate officially rather than just discuss off the record. We have not as yet discussed any additional print or online publications, but I will bring up these venues for discussion at Annual.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy
Marketing
Continuous Learning

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Publication (print or electronic)
Collaboration

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

Concerns: No concerns at this time.
Name of Group: MAE Award Committee  
E-mail Address: atyle@homerlibrary.org  
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Alexandra Tyle-Annen  
Board Liaison: Jerene Battisti  
Work Group Function Statement: To promote the M. A. E. Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to annually select a recipient, when a suitable winner is indicated.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Main duties have been accomplished during Midwinter.  
Suggested correction to the Handbook.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? Main duties have been accomplished during Midwinter.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 1

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?  
Marketing  
Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?  
Other (Please explain) None

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?  
Other, Please ExplainNone.

Concerns: None

Name of Group: Executive Committee  
E-mail Address: lbraun@leonline.com  
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Linda W. Braun  
Board Liaison: N/A

Work Group Function Statement: To act for the Board of Directors between Board meetings on items that require interim action; to review agendas for the Board meetings and to make recommendations to the Board regarding items reviewed and under consideration by the Board; to review YALSA activities and programs and recommend division priorities in relation to activities; to provide support and training for the Board of Directors and Chairs. YALSAâ€™s Executive Committee may not: amend bylaws; elect or remove board members; hire or fire the executive director; approve or change the budget; make major structural decisions.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes
What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? The Executive Committee continued to work with the Board to move several YALSA initiatives forward. During the past six months the Committee had a spring meeting via conference call, during which the group discussed continuing development of chairs, moving forward with Morris Endowment funds, and an updated YALSA business plan. The group is currently planning mini-training sessions at Annual Conference Leadership Development and provided feedback on the agenda for Annual Conference Board meetings.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? The YALSA President writes a column for YALS and posts periodically on the YALSA blog and on Twitter. The YALSA President Elect periodically updates members on committee appointments via the blog.

Rate the group's effectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy

Name of Group: Fabulous Films for Young Adults
E-mail Address: abutler@oltn.odl.state.ok.us
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Adrienne Butler
Board Liaison: Dawn Rutherford

Work Group Function Statement: Committee members are required to participate in the nomination process, to evaluate videos and digital video disks, to attend all committee meetings and to actively participate in discussions.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? FFYA created the 2010 list, selected a theme for 2011, promoted the theme and called for nominations on ALA listservs, letters have been sent to film producers for nominations, titles have been posted on the FFYA nominations website. The committee was asked for research from the California Film Institute regarding teens and films and the effectiveness and role of films in school curriculum.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? FFYA has listed current nominations on the nominations website for 2011.

Rate the group's effectiveness over the past 6 months? 4

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?
Marketing
Research

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

FFYA sent the call for nominations to PubYac and YSCON (Youth Services Consultants).

Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?
Name of Group: Financial Advancement Committee
E-mail Address: pamsholley@aol.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Pam Spencer Holley
Board Liaison: Mary Hastler

Work Group Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board to create and implement regular fundraising campaigns based on fiscal priorities identified by the Board. Implement fundraising opportunities approved by the YALSA Board.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months?
*Approval of a Midwinter 2011 Silent Auction.
*Approval of a 2010 Campaign to "Give $10 in '10"
S. Kuenn has designed promo form as well as stickers recognizing those who donate.
*Committee members poised to tactfully solicit donations at All-Committee; Edwards Luncheon; Membership Meeting; and Printz Program.
*Beginning of a list of potential donors and items that would create interest at Silent Auction [much more discussion to be done at Annual] *Brief blurbs written and posted on YALSA's various wikis re: campaign and silent auction--more to come *Rough draft of FOY brochure finally found and will work with S.Kuenn to finalize *Three strong members will come on committee after Annual to replace three whose terms expire *FAC Committee selected advocacy as the recipient of all FOY funds collected in 2010

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? Info about the Give $10 in '10 campaign and upcoming Silent Auction posted on blog and wiki.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Publication (print or electronic)

Other (Please explain)

Stress how donations to FOY help the organization with its Advocacy program.
Offer ways that members can participate in YALSA through giving back via their FOY membership.
Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

ALA Groups and Affiliates

We plan to solicit donations from ALA Editions and ALA Graphics, YALSA members, and any and all groups affiliated with YALSA, however tangentially. This will afford donating groups some extra publicity, in addition to a tax write-off.

Concerns:

**Name of Group: Full day preconference**
E-mail Address: eagle.mk@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: mk Eagle & Connie Urquhart
Board Liaison: Linda Braun
Work Group Function Statement: To plan, organize & present the YALSA pre-conference at the 2010 Annual Meeting

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We have one confirmed non-librarian (Molly Gesenhues, school guidance counselor) and are working to confirm others (including a representative from Planned Parenthood) for our morning panel. We had worked to secure Buckworld to perform during the lunch break, but unfortunately we have dropped that part of the program.

We have one confirmed librarian for our librarian panel and are working to confirm the remaining spots. All our authors participating in the afternoon are confirmed.

We have come up with a preliminary list of questions for all our panels and a preliminary activity outline for the morning workshop.

We have arranged for representatives from the Pew Institute and the FCC to speak briefly and make their materials available. Rosen Publishing also expressed an interest in participation, so we connected them with the appropriate staff to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

We are all working to video and interview teens.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? We have publicized the preconference in the YALSA blog and regular communications to YALSA members.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy Continuous Learning

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)
Involvement from outside partners in the preconference

Conference program

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

YALSA Board of Directors

Concerns: We remain concerned about low registration but are confident we can reach the required number before registration closes. Confirming panel participants has also been a challenge, at least in part because of financial concerns among potential panelists.

Name of Group: Great Books Giveaway Jury
E-mail Address: krista@relib.net
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Krista McKenzie
Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling
Work Group Function Statement: Charge: To judge applications for the Great Books Giveaway Grant

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? In the last six months, we have received, read, and evaluated all of the applications submitted for the Great Books Giveaway. Once the information was received and tabulated, Nichole Gilbert was able to release the information to the public. Prior to the application deadline, we posted blogs on the YALSA blog about the Great Books Giveaway and sent emails across the country discussing the opportunity.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? An article about the Great Books Giveaway opportunity was featured in YALSA's online newsletter. There were several blogs discussing the grant, and a press release was put out by the YALSA office announcing the winners.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 1

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy
Marketing
Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.–please specify)

We plan to continue posting blogs about the grant opportunity and to do a piece for YALSA about the award winners of the grant. In addition, we will keep sending out information about the Great Books Giveaway in listservs and to youth organizations.

Publication (print or electronic)
Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

Other, Please Explain

Concerns:

Name of Group: YALSA Graphic Novel Selection Committee
E-mail Address: iheartbookn@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Candice A. Wing-Yee Mack
Board Liaison: Francisca Goldsmith

Work Group Function Statement: To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? In the past six months, we have nominated 36 titles for the 2011 Great Graphic Novels for Teens booklist. Also, many committee members will be participating in graphic novel panels at ALA Annual. In addition to YALSA publications, GGN nominations lists and calls for field nominations were publicized on Twitter, state library association listservs, committee membersâ€™ state library conferences and committee membersâ€™ local comics shops.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? We placed calls for nominations as well as publicized the current nominations lists on the YALSA blog and yalsa-bk listserv.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy
Marketing
Research
Continuous Learning
Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

We will continue to publicize our nominations lists as well as encourage field nominations from AASL, AILA, APALA, BCALA, CALA, and REFORMA, as well as on listservs such as YALSA-BK, GN-LIB, PUB-YAC, Twitter and at local comic book stores.

Publication (print or electronic)
Collaboration

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

ALA Groups and Affiliates

YALSA Staff

YALSA Board of Directors

Concerns:

**Name of Group: Half-Day Preconference Task Force**
E-mail Address: wendysteadmanstephens@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Wendy Stephens
Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Work Group Function Statement: To plan, organize and implement, with the assistance of YALSA's Program Officer Nichole Gilbert, a half day preconference about online reading promotions, connections, and extensions to young adult literature. Participants will hear about changes in the media landscape are altering young adult literature, hear from authors about how read/write opportunities changes their relationships with their readers and their work, and from practitioners who are using digital tools to connect with teens and in programming.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? No

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We have been putting together the preconference to be held June 25 -- identifying authors, academics, and practitioners, organizing the day's events, collecting descriptions and biographical information from them for the day's literature. During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? Kelly Czarnecki wrote a post about the preconference for the YALSA blog: [http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2010/04/03/preconference-promoting-teen-reading-with-web-2-0-tools/](http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2010/04/03/preconference-promoting-teen-reading-with-web-2-0-tools/)

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Continuous Learning

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

A representative from the Pew Internet and American Life project will be speaking at the preconference.

Publication (print or electronic)

Conference program
We have used the blog post to raise awareness of the upcoming preconference.

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups
Other, Please Explain We want to capture as much content from the day as possible to be accessible to YALSA members who are not able to attend.

Concerns:

Name of Group: Frances Henne YALSA/VOYA Research Grant Award Jury
E-mail Address: ksilverman@lrei.org
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Karyn Silverman
Board Liaison: Jerene Battisti

Work Group Function Statement: The Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) Research Grant annually provides $1,000 in seed money for small scale projects which will encourage research that responds to the YALSA Research Agenda.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? The committee finished our work and awarded the grants at the MidWinter Meeting.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? N/A

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

Concerns:

COMMITTEENAME = Intellectual Freedom
CHAIR = Holly Anderton
EMAIL = andertonh@carnegielibrary.org
BOARDLIAISON = Gail Tobin

FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To serve as a liaison between the YALSA and the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and all other groups within the Association concerned with intellectual freedom. To advise the YALSA on matters pertaining to the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution and the ALA Library Bill of Rights and their implications to library service to young adults and to make recommendations to the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee for changes in policy on issues involving library service to young adults. To prepare and gather materials which will advise the young adult librarian of available services and support for resisting local pressure and community action designed to
impair the rights of young adult users. To assume responsibility for the continuing education of young
adult librarians regarding intellectual freedom.

CURRENTSTATEMENT_NO = 2

ACCOMPLISHED = *Blogged for YALSA (Twice) *Discussed various challenges and other intellectual
freedom issues via email *Set up new ALA Connect Space for the Group (rather than the Committee)
*Prepared for Convener election *Worked with AASL and ALSC to set up conference
meetings/programs *Monitored ALA-IFC work, adding to discussions when appropriate IFC members
prepared drafts for an IG handbook.

TERMWORK =

ACTIONAREA = continuouslearning,associationsustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = collaboration

STRATEGIESOTHER =

CONCERNS = I am slightly concerned at the point about the election. None of the four candidates have
posted to the group to inform voters, and voting starts tomorrow! (Yikes!) We'll have to wait and see
what happens, but I am hopeful that the group will remain strong after the transition to IG is complete.

Name of Group: Legislative
E-mail Address: janet.hilbun@unt.edu
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Janet Hilbun
Board Liaison: Dawn Rutherford

Work Group Function Statement: To serve as a liaison between the ALA Legislation Committee and
YALSA and with other ALA youth groups and units interested in serving this age range, to inform and
instruct librarians working with young adults of pending legislation, particularly that which affects young
adults, to encourage the art of lobbying; and to recommend to the YALSA Board endorsement or revision
of legislation affecting young adults which might be proposed or supported by the ALA Legislation
Committee.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Planned programs for Annual. Worked
with Advocacy Task Force to provide resources for District Days and other advocacy/legislative
activities. Most of these resources are posted (or are in the process of being posted) on the YALSA wiki.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA
publications(Print or Online)? Advocacy ideas, especially for District Days; book list; letter draft.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?
Advocacy

Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Publication (print or electronic)

Conference program

Collaboration

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

Concerns:

Name of Group: Local Arrangements Committee
E-mail Address: ckausch@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Carrie Kausch
Board Liaison: Mary Hastler

Work Group Function Statement: The primary responsibility of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is to serve as host/hostesses for all YALSA events at Annual Conference.
Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes
What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We focused on continuing to build the YALSA wiki and post on the YALSA blog, specifically focusing on Washington DC from a young adult librarian's perspective. Subjects included:
- YA literature set in and around DC
- Museums, specifically the Smithsonian, Newseum, Holocaust, and Spy
- Tips for saving money
- YAttitudes article for May about DC

We have plans for a few more things to publish before conference.

I tried to collaborate with the LAC for ALSC but by the time we talked, we had already done the same basic things.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? - DC related YALSA blog posts
- Continue building the YALSA wiki on DC.
- YAttitudes article

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Marketing

Member Recruitment & Engagement
Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? N/A

Publication (print or electronic)

Collaboration N/A

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

YALSA Board of Directors N/A

Concerns: I would like to suggest that YALSA consider editing the Duties and Responsibilities of the Local Arrangements Committee in the Handbook. (The function statement still fits.) The majority of the work our committee has been asked to do is gather and publish information for D.C. visitors. The current duties do not mention this.

I would also like to suggest that future chairs try to collaborate with other division LACs. It seems a bit redundant to have so many people do the work of gathering basic city info for the ALA, AASL, ALSC, etc wikis. If basic information is shared among committees and made free to post on each wiki without worrying about stealing others' work, then the division LACs can focus on division-specific information.

Name of Group: Midwinter Institute Task Force 2011
E-mail Address: pjlibrarylady@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Penny Johnson
Board Liaison: Mary Hastler
Work Group Function Statement: Plan the content for and help implement an Institute called Teen Services and the Whole Library Experience which will focus on supporting librarians in working with all library departments and staff in providing, advocating for, and promoting teen services. The Institute will take place on Friday, January 7 for the 2011 Midwinter Meeting in San Diego. Task Force members are required to attend the Institute in San Diego.

Responsibilities include:
Establishing an interactive curriculum for the day that includes a mix of lecture, discussion, and large and small group activities.
Securing a minimum of three dynamic and experienced facilitators, speakers, and/or presenters Recruiting and coordinating the participation of other YALSA member groups, as appropriate
Working with YALSA's Program Coordinator for Conferences & Events on all logistics, marketing, and any fiscal matters
Providing updates to the Executive Committee for the spring conference call in April and the fall Executive Meeting in October as well as provide updates to the Board

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We have become acquainted via email.

We have scheduled an online chat (hopefully on ALA Connect) in June.
We have created a to-do list and timeline on google docs. (http://tinyurl.com/midwinter2011)
We are brainstorming via email our thoughts about the phrase "whole library experience"
During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? We have not yet shared any information via YALSA publications. Our timeline includes beginning a publicity blitz via YAttitudes, the YALSA blog, and YALSA email discussion lists beginning in October 2010.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy
Continuous Learning
Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

We do not yet know what partners we will seek, but we recognize the entire theme of our event encompasses seeking ways to collaborate and correlate with key partners.

Publication (print or electronic)
Conference program
Collaboration

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

ALA Groups and Affiliates
YALSA Staff

Concerns:

**Name of Group: Morris Award**
E-mail Address: summer.hayes@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Summer Hayes
Board Liaison: Jerene Battisti

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Committee members have been reading eligible titles since February 2010. As of May 24, thirteen titles have been nominated by committee members for consideration. The committee has spent a fair amount of time discussing the Morris Award committee charge, particularly the finer points of what "well written" might mean. We have made use of
the wiki space to share interpretations of this and other portions of the committee charge. This has been especially helpful as we have more than one member who has never previously served on a selection or award committee.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? Because this is a closed committee, we have not shared any committee workings with YALSA publications.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy
Marketing

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Staff

Concerns: An overall concern of the committee has been the small pool of eligible titles available to us. While the eligibility criteria is certainly clear in its intent, more than one committee member has suggested that first time YA authors who have published for other age categories

**Name of Group: 2011 Nominating Committee**

E-mail Address: jsexton@wlsmail.org
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: John Sexton
Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Work Group Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the election of YALSA Officers, Directors and certain award committee members. When building the slate, strive to provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Committee members have We have made contact with and provided information to YALSA members about positions on the YALSA slate. The committee has received nominating forms from many of those whom we have contacted and declarations of intent to submit nominating forms from other YALSA members. We have received promising leads to interested members from liason and YALSA President Linda Braun.
During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? There have been posts on the YALSA blog.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Other (Please explain)

Our work selecting and vetting candidates who will best advance the efficacy of YALSA fits the Advocacy Goal, objective 4. Through collaborative assessment of our candidates we will select the most visionary and articulate leaders to run for office and board, we thus increase YALSA’s ability to influence library decision-makers.

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Staff

YALSA Board of Directors

Concerns: There are no major issues of concern at this time

Name of Group: Organization and Bylaws
E-mail Address: speterson@krl.org
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Shannon Peterson
Board Liaison: Mary Hastler

Work Group Function Statement: To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the division, for the achievement of its stated objectives, and to keep them in harmony with ALA Constitution and Bylaws. To study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure; to advise on the organization manual; and to make recommendations on other organizational matters.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? *Immediately following the midwinter meeting, Organization and Bylaws has been working on streamlining and aligning YALSA’s selection list policies and procedures as well as updating the Alex Awards' P&Ps to reflect Board changes. To date, we have submitted BFYA, Alex, Great Graphic Novels, and Popular Paperbacks. BFYA is the only list that currently appears on the YALSA website, so we are prepared to edit/make changes to the others if necessary. We are in the draft stages of OBCB, TTT (with a few questions), Amazing Audio, Fabulous Films, and Quick Picks. The completion date for those lists is set for June 1st.* To complete this project, the committee was broken into two workgroups. Carly Wiggins graciously accepted the responsibility to act as leader of one group and though I have yet to see completed drafts, she has been in good communication with her group.
* We have lost three of our members due to professional responsibility changes and personal issues, but have gained three solid replacements who seem to be keeping up the pace with the rest of the committee.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? None. A blog login was created at Midwinter with committee members selecting monthly update assignments, but due to lost members this was not completed. It is my hope that this group will continue to share news of their work following Annual and beyond.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy
Marketing
Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Publication (print or electronic)
Collaboration

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

Concerns:

Name of Group: Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs
E-mail Address: angiemm@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Angie Manfredi
Board Liaison: Michele Gorman
Work Group Function Statement: To address the needs of young adults who do not or cannot use the library because of socioeconomic, legal, educational, or physical factors; to serve as a liaison between these groups and their service providers; and to identify and promote library programs, resources and services that meet the special needs of these populations.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? The committee met during ALA Midwinter in Boston. During the meeting, we followed up on our work on the Great Stories Club grant. We discussed future plans for transitioning to an Interest Group and submitted a proposal to YALSA for possible presentation at the 2011 annual conference.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? Published a post on the YALSA blog about the transition to an interest group, both seeking a new convenor and sharing with the membership base some of the work the committee does and inviting them to participate once the transition to an IG is complete.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3
Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy

Marketing

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Conference program

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

Other, Please Explain  outreach and connection with the larger member base, especially as we transition to an IG.

Concerns:

Name of Group: Partnerships Advocating for Teens
E-mail Address: amypelman@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Amy Pelman
Board Liaison: Stephanie Squicciarini

Work Group Function Statement: To explore, recommend, initiate, and implement ways of working with other organizations that work for youth.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We have successfully transitioned from a Process Committee to an Interest Group.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? We've posted on the YALSA Blog and various listservs about the PAT transition to an Interest Group, and the need for a group convener.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 4

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

Highlighting strategies for partnering with organizations that advocate and work for youth.

Publication (print or electronic)
Collaboration

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Board of Directors

Other, Please Explain - Outside organizations that advocate and work for youth.

Concerns:

**Name of Group: Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults**
E-mail Address: adrithian@yahoo.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Franklin Escobedo
Board Liaison: Michele Gorman

Work Group Function Statement: To annually prepare one to five annotated list(s) of at least ten and no more than twenty-five recommended paperback titles, selected from popular genres, topics or themes.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We begun to shape the four lists that were selected at Midwinter.

Crime Scene: May cause anxietyâ€¦ donâ€™t read at home alone.
Whatâ€™s Cooking? Tasty Reads to Fill Your Belly and Warm Your Soul What Ifâ€¦: Itâ€™s the End of the World as We Know It Zombies, Werewolves and Things With Wings: Because Vampires Suck!

So far over 90 titles have been nominated and will be discussed at Annual

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? We have asked for nominations on YALSA-Bk list and other state lists

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy
Marketing
Research
Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?
Concerns: The only concern I have at the moment is the amount of books that have been nominated for the What’s Cooking? List. When we meet at annual we’ll continue our discussion on where we can find more titles for the list or if we should reshape the list.

Name of Group: 2010 Michael L. Printz Committee
E-mail Address: ckward1@cox.net
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Cheryl Karp Ward, Chair
Board Liaison: Francisa Goldsmith

Work Group Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Committee, following Midwinter Youth Awards, has been relatively 'quiet.' Occasional emails and some forwarding of Convention details as they occur. As Chair, I have electronically sent Printz Handbook to 2011 Chair Erin Downey Howerton, conversed with her by phone, and continue to answer any of her questions and/or address her concerns.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? None

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 1

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?
Advocacy
Marketing

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Conference program

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

Concerns:

Name of Group: Michael L. Printz Award 2011
E-mail Address: erindowney@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Erin Downey Howerton
Board Liaison: Ritchie Momon
Work Group Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We have read and discussed many eligible 2010 titles, requested well-reviewed titles from publishers, and established a list of 9 official nominations by May 15 to discuss at Annual. Members are still hard at work reading and nominating more books as I type.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? We have promoted the concept of field nominations via the YALSA blog: http://valsa.al.org/blog/2010/03/17/the-absolutely-true-story-of-a-yalsa-nominating-form-a-chat-transcript/

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Marketing

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

Concerns: We have half the number of nominations at this point in the process that last year's committee had. Publishing trends I am attributing this to the group dynamic being more productive within synchronous chats rather than asynchronous emails; we have had 2 chats so far this spring and productivity has dropped dramatically in inverse proportion to the proximity of a chat. Conversations with various members indicate that a desire for more structure exists. I will work to provide this for the group and report back to our Board Liaison on the results.

Name of Group: Professional Development Committee
E-mail Address: bboddy@cvrls.net
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Brijin Boddy
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During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? We posted on the YALSA Blog about changing to an interest group and seeking convenors.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Other (Please explain)

I will be working to create an ALA connect page for our new interest group.

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Board of Directors

Concerns: My only concern is that they have put in place a plan for the YALSA Emerging Leaders selection process since the committee will not be in place to do that in August.

Name of Group: Program Clearinghouse Committee
E-mail Address: jodialynn1227@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Jodie Cleman
Board Liaison: Michele Gorman

Work Group Function Statement: To build a slate of timely and topical programs for the 2011 ALA Annual Conference that meets current and emerging professional development needs of YALSA members, including: 1) seeking input from the membership to identify priority topics for possible programs; 2) working with YALSA staff to implement a call for proposals; 3) evaluating the proposals based on stated criteria; 4) creating a draft slate consisting of 1 full day preconference, 1 half day preconference and 10-12 programs; 5) submitting the proposed slate to the Board by Feb. 19th, 2010, along with a rationale explaining the slate selections; and 6) notifying presenters of the status of their proposals; and 7) working with accepted presenters to refine and finalize their proposals

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? No

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Our committee reviewed the Form Bs that were turned in and asked some librarians to resubmit their forms with more information. We spoke to one librarian over the phone to explain the kind of information we were looking for. The committee communicated via email and ALA Connect chat to decide which programs we would recommend to the board. Our recommendations to the board were based on the number of program slots and the appropriateness of the programs. The board accepted four programs, rejected the rest and decided to continue looking for programs to fill the empty slots. It was explained to the committee that the program process seems to be broken and the board would evaluate the process. We were informed that our job was to contact the librarians whose program proposals were accepted and give them the good news. The committee did this and we were informed that our job was done. The Program Clearinghouse
Committee is no longer a standing committee. This was approved in a bylaws change during the last election.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? Once form Bs were turned in there was no committee related information to give.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 1

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?
Continuous Learning
Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Other (Please explain)

This is no longer a standing committee

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Board of Directors The board will determine how programs will be planned in the future

Concerns:

Name of Group: Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers
E-mail Address: glum@jesuitportland.org
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Gregory Lum
Board Liaison: Sarah Debraski
Work Group Function Statement: To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Our committee initially floundered a bit when the original chair resigned. After I was appointed chair by Linda Braun, I personally called all of the committee members. I have used the expertise of members from last year's selection committee. As a committee, we compared the the YALSA wiki and ALA Connect. We decided to use the wiki for general information to the public and ALA Connect for selection committee only. Also, a minor update was changed on the online form to make information more consistent for the committee members. The committee members also posted quick pick information to state library listservs. We continue to discuss potential nominations via email.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? We have sought nominations from YALSA members.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2
YALSA Board of Directors – Annual ‘10
Topic: Chair Pre-Conference Reports & Concerns

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Marketing

Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

young adult state/regional organizations/divisions

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Staff

Concerns:

Name of Group: Recession Relief Taskforce
E-mail Address: angiemm@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Angie Manfredi
Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Work Group Function Statement: To develop new and enhance existing online resources that are useful and relevant to members during challenging economic times and post them in a central location on YALSA's wiki. Information developed should include, but not be limited to, job searching resources, grant opportunities, stress relief, cost saving measures, participating in conferences on a shoestring, etc. As content is developed it will be added to the wiki The entire project will conclude by December 1, 2010. The taskforce will also work to promote the resource with the membership and encourage members to add their own content.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Contact has been made with all task force members, explaining the function, timeline, and goals of the task force.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? As the work progresses, we will solicit ideas from the larger member base and share compiled ideas from the committee through the YALSA blog, the YALSA list-serv, and YAttitudes.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy

Marketing

Member Recruitment & Engagement
Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Publication (print or electronic)

Other (Please explain) We will reach out to the larger member base.

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

Other, Please Explain Primarily other YALSA members

Concerns:

Name of Group: Research Committee
E-mail Address: rebhunt222@comcast.net
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Rebecca D. Hunt
Board Liaison: Gail Tobin

Work Group Function Statement: The committee's official charge is: "To stimulate, encourage, guide and direct the research need of young adult library service; to compile abstracts, and disseminate research findings."

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Completion of the YALSA Research Agenda. Submit updated research agenda to our board liaison as well as to Beth Yoke, Executive Director of YALSA, to be forwarded to the Board for action.

Continued development of a pre-conference workshop on conducting and publishing research for YALSA members. This workshop would highlight YALSA’s research agenda and the existence of the new research journal.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? None

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 4

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Marketing

Research

Continuous Learning

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Publication (print or electronic)

Conference program
Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

ALA Groups and Affiliates

YALSA Staff

YALSA Board of Directors

Concerns:

Name of Group: YALSA Research Journal Advisory Board
E-mail Address: reneemcgrath@northvalleylibrary.org
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Renee Vaillancourt McGrath
Board Liaison: ?

Work Group Function Statement: YALSA's Research Journal Advisory Board oversees the peer reviewing process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines that were approved by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Editor of the journal by assisting with the solicitation of contributors and articles as well as generating ideas for topical articles or themes, when requested from the Member Editor.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? No

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? After hiring member editor Jessica Moyer, we've established author guidelines, created a manuscript review form, and board members have begun reviewing article submissions.

We've also requested a change in our function statement that is awaiting approval by the YALSA board, and we have increased the number of members on the advisory board.

Renee Vaillancourt McGrath will be stepping down from the board at the end of this term, and Sandra Hughes-Hassell will take over as chair.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? None that I am aware of. We should probably send out a call for submissions in the near future. The member editor has not indicated to the advisory board that she has done so, yet.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Research

Continuous Learning

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? Outreach to (key partners, other ALA divisions, youth organizations, etc.--please specify)

We will have a liaison to the YALSA Research Advisory Committee
Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

Concerns: Communication between the member editor and advisory board could be improved.

Name of Group: Readers’ Choice Task Force
E-mail Address: sarah.ludwig@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Sarah Ludwig
Board Liaison: Sarah Debraski

Work Group Function Statement: To establish policies and procedures for a new readers' choice list that includes technology and voting components and reflects the proposal in the Annual 09 Board Document #15, and provide a first draft by ALA Midwinter 2010 for the YALSA Executive Committee to review.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? We completed the first draft of the proposal by the deadline. We were then given some suggestions for modifications to the proposal, which we completed. A final round of revisions took place in May 2010 under the guidance of Linda Braun. A final proposal was submitted on May 17 for board review at ALA Annual 2010.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? We have not shared anything via YALSA publications, though prior to my becoming chair of this task force, I believe others shared information via the YALSA blog.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Other (Please explain)

Currently we are waiting for board approval and no further action is needed.

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Staff

YALSA Board of Directors

Concerns: No concerns.
**Name of Group:** Strategic Planning  
**E-mail Address:** sjwentling@yahoo.com  
**Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair:** Sarajo Wentling  
**Board Liaison:** Mary Hastler

Work Group Function Statement: To work with the YALSA Board throughout the strategic planning process and in between planning cycles, including but not limited to: connect with members to ensure an inclusive planning process, monitor the implementation strategy for the current strategic plan, to communicate the goals of the plan and the planning process to the general membership and to official member groups, and to encourage members and member groups to take an active role in helping YALSA achieve its goals.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Worked to spread word about Great Ideas Contest through various methods. Unfortunately, we only received one application so we have extended the deadline until July 15th 2010 and try to generate more interest.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? â€¬ Posts on the YALSA blog about the Great Ideas Contest â€¬ Messages on the YALSA listservs as well as LM-NET about Great Ideas â€¬ Short article on Great Ideas in YAttitudes

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 4

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?  
Marketing  
Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?  
Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?  
YALSA Staff

Concerns:

**Name of Group:** Teen Read Week Committee  
**E-mail Address:** landc@lvccld.org  
**Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair:** Carla Land  
**Board Liaison:** Jerene Battisti

Work Group Function Statement: To provide recommendations for each annual Teen Read Week to the ALA/YALSA staff; to assist in the selection of a slogan, the drawing up of a timeline, the creation of new...
items added to the tip sheet and Teen Reading website, and to recommend promotional activities and products.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? In the past six months we have brainstormed sub-themes for TRW 2010, written articles for YALS relating to TRW for the summer issue, compiled information and resources for the Teen Read Week website which went live in April, created an annotated bibliography using the sub-themes as a guide, and have brainstormed program ideas to share with others in YA services.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? We have shared the information about the mini-grants available on the YALSA blog, have written several TRW themed articles for the summer issue of YALS, and have compiled information for the Teen Read Week Website. We have also started brainstorming ideas for things to share on the TRW wiki.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Advocacy
Marketing
Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Publication (print or electronic)
Other (Please explain)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

ALA Groups and Affiliates
YALSA Staff

Concerns:

**COMMITTEENAME = YALSA Technology for Young Adults/Technology for Teens Interest Group**
CHAIR = Karen Keys
EMAIL = keys.karen@gmail.com
BOARDLIAISON = Stephanie Squicciarini
FUNCTIONSTATEMENT = To provide a forum for learning and discussion of the use of technology with teens, to liaise with other groups and organizations on technology issues, to promote the use of technology and other media, to suggest ways to use those media with teens, and to advocate equal access.
CURRENTSTATEMENT_YES =

ACCOMPLISHED = We have successfully transitioned to an Interest Group, and member Brandy Danner will take over as convener after Annual. We are always looking for new members, and recruiting (via YALSA blog and yalsa lists). We also submitted a 2011 Annual Proposal and we were approved for a Pecha Kucha program on technology.

TERMWORK = We will eventually want to promote our 2011 program and solicit contributors/speakers. [PechaKucha 20x20 is a simple presentation format where you show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. The images forward automatically and you talk along to the images.]

ACTIONAREA = marketing, continuous learning, associations sustainability

STRATEGIESOUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program, other

STRATEGIESOTHER = We'll be using the time at Annual to plan our 2011 Pecha Kucha program, as well as set the agenda for the upcoming year.

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS =

Name of Group: Teen Tech Week Committee
E-mail Address: kczarnecki@cmlibrary.org
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Kelly Czarnecki
Board Liaison: Sarajo Wentling

Work Group Function Statement: To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to encourage teens to use libraries' nonprint resources for education and recreation and to help teens recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Committee responsibilities may include: Developing content for the Teen Tech Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended web sites, video games, DVDs, audiobooks, etc.; promoting Teen Tech Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, e-zines, blogs etc. within the library, education and technology fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting with the selection of an annual theme and related products; providing recommendations as to appropriate potential celebrity spokespersons and potential Corporate Sponsors, Promotional Partners and Non-Profit Supporters.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? Just the above mentioned with the YALSA blog.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy
Marketing
Continuous Learning
Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups
YALSA Staff
YALSA Board of Directors

Concerns:

Name of Group: Wrestlemania Reading Challenge Jury
E-mail Address: lguenthner@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Lori Guenthner
Board Liaison: Kim Patton

Work Group Function Statement: To plan and provide resources for the 2009-2010 Reading Challenge by selecting a required read (one each for middle and high school) and updating and expanding the existing toolkit for Aug. 09 distribution; maintaining a page on the YALSA wiki; judging teen contest entries in Jan./Feb.; creating trivia questions for the required reads, and other activities as requested by the Board. Judge student contest entries and choose a winner by Feb. 15th, 2010. Submit pre and post conference reports to the Board, or additional ones as requested.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Created trivia questions for the three required readings; judged the submitted bookmarks and named the regional winners; posted to the YALSA blog; submitted a brief article for YAttitudes; and arranged an informational session about the changes to the Wrestlemania contest with Beth Yoke.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications (Print or Online)? Winners and upcoming changes in YAttitudes and Wrestlemania deadlines/winners on the YALSA blog.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2
Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Marketing

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Promoting Wrestlemania, beginning with the session at Annual.

Publication (print or electronic)

Conference program

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

YALSA Staff

Concerns: Please ask people filling out committee forms if they know of any planned vacations. I had a member whose vacation fell during the judging of the bookmarks, which I feel is one of the most important parts of our committee. We were able to work around it, but that member was not checking email and could not be reached. It was unfortunate.

Name of Group: YA Galley

E-mail Address: librarykar@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Karen Klapperstuck
Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Work Group Function Statement: To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous years among the voting teen group members as well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Questions were raised as to how word is spread for new applicants for the YA Galley Groups and how to promote the vote (promoting the voting for Teens Top Ten).

We have also discussed possible publication and production of web resources, including the creation of online resources/webinars/videos (tips for writing reviews, sample reviews, feedback from teens, etc). The committee will be working on an article or blog posting to share (including info on the Teens Top Ten process and YA Galley program) once nominations are made and before voting for the Teens Top Ten opens. We hope to get the word out so that voting continues to increase.

Re: Article â€“ Kathie volunteered to fill in the article with teen experiences and her experiences of working with them. It was also mentioned that the way the nominated titles appear (graphically) on the bibliographies should be looked at so they may be more appealing to teens.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? n/a

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?
Continuous Learning

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?

Publication (print or electronic)

Collaboration

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

Concerns:

**Name of Group:** YA Lit Symposium Task Force

E-mail Address: teenreadersadvisor@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Heather Booth
Board Liaison: Francisca Goldsmith

Work Group Function Statement: To plan and implement YALSAâ€™s Young Adult Literature Symposium, consider the idea of the symposium as a venue for presenting scholarly papers on topics relating to young adult literature (papers could then be gathered and published by YALSA), explore the option of including vendors as a means of generating revenue, and work with the YALSA office as necessary. This event should feature, but not be limited to, authors who have recently won YALSA awards, be at least one full day long, be funded in part by monies from the Morris endowment, be a biennial event held separately from the ALA Annual Conference or Midwinter Meeting.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? No

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? -Collected video footage to be used in creating a promotional video for the Symposium -Evaluated proposals submitted for paper presentations -Evaluated applications for student stipend award -Evaluated applications for library worker stipend award -Added content to the Symposium Wiki -With the guidance of the Website Advisory Committee, began work on a Ning promoting the Symposium -Submitted posts to the blog and articles to YAttitudes (thanks to Kristin Brand Heathcock)

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? Regular updates to the Blog and in each issue of YAttitudes. We are interested in the possibility of publishing the papers that were accepted for the Symposium in the appropriate journals (YALS or the new Research Journal).

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment & Engagement
Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)? NA

Publication (print or electronic)

Collaboration NA

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

YALSA Board of Directors NA

Concerns: NA

Name of Group: Website Advisory Committee
E-mail Address: bweneth@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Ben G. Carter
Board Liaison: Sara Ryan

Work Group Function Statement: To regularly evaluate the YALSA website and to assist the YALSA staff with creating and maintaining content for members and nonmembers; to liaise with YALSA committees in the use of the website in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Website Advisory Committee; and to develop and recommend policies for the YALSA website to the YALSA Board.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? No

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? -Routine maintenance of MySpace and Facebook accounts.

-Evaluation of connections on MySpace and Facebook to target information distribution.

-Evaluated and recommended changes to the For Members Only section of the website at the Board's request.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? None.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 2

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing?

Marketing

Continuous Learning

Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Conference program

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies? Other YALSA groups

YALSA Staff

Concerns: The WAC respectfully asks the Board to consider the following update to our function statement: To regularly evaluate the YALSA online presence and to assist YALSA staff and leadership with creating and maintaining content for members and nonmembers; to liaise with YALSA committees in the use of online tools in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Website Advisory Committee; and to develop and recommend policies for the YALSA online presence to the YALSA Board

Name of Group: Youth Participation Committee
E-mail Address: tctorniali@gmail.com
Committee/Jury/Taskforce Chair: Tanya Torniali
Board Liaison: Nick Buron

Work Group Function Statement: To establish guidelines and/or procedures to involve young adults in the decision-making process which directly effects their access to information and library service at local, state and national levels; to provide continuing education and public professional awareness of youth participation.

Do you think your function statement is up-to-date? Yes

What has your work group accomplished in the past 6 months? Completing the transition from Committee to Interest Group, as well as promoting the new group.

During the past 6 months what news or information related to your group have you shared via YALSA publications(Print or Online)? A blog post on YALSA Blog described the group and called for interested members and anyone willing to be a convener to contact the committee chair.

Rate the group's affectiveness over the past 6 months? 3

Which action area(s) listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan is your group currently addressing? Advocacy

Member Recruitment & Engagement

Which strategies do you plan to use for the above action area(s)?
Publication (print or electronic)

Which key partner(s), if any, do you expect to be involved in your strategies?

Other, Please Explain

Any partners, as well as strategies, will be decided upon once the new Interest Group has chosen the projects or activities it would like to take on.

Concerns: