

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
3:30 – 5:00 PM (Eastern) August 25, 2009**

- Topic:** Approval of Minutes from the 2009 Annual Conference
- Background:** These minutes have been submitted by the Secretary for Board approval. Minutes are the official record of the Board. It is important that they be as accurate as possible. Any oversights or errors should be identified and corrected for the permanent record.
- Action Required:** Consent

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual 2009
Chicago**

The YALSA Board's Annual meeting took place across three sessions, July 11, 13 and 14, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Conference Center, Chicago. President Sarah Debraski presided. A quorum was present.

**Board 1
Saturday, July 11, 2009**

2-5:30 pm

Present

Board Members: Sarah Debraski, Linda Braun, Paula Brehm Heeger, Christine Allen, Mary Hastler, Francisca Goldsmith, Kimberly Patton, Erin Helmrich, Michele Gorman, Dawn Rutherford, Cindy Welch, Jerene Battisti, Gail Tobin, Melissa Rabey, Sheila Schofer, Beth Yoke

Visitors: Shannon Peterson, Morgan Doane, Penny Johnson, Sophie Brookover, Elizabeth Burns, Connie Urquhart, mk Eagle, Holly Anderton

Time keeper: Christine Allen

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Debraski at 2:30 pm.

Information Forum:

Paula Brehm Heeger spoke briefly about Camila Alire’s initiative on literacy and advocacy, which will have a particular focus on family literacy.

Beth Yoke spoke briefly about YALSA Emerging Leaders’ final projects, PBS Digital Nation and Operation Teen Book Drop buttons from the readergirlz.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion#1 Dawn Rutherford moved that the YALSA Board adopt the agenda with flexibility. Seconded by Cindy Welch. Motion passed.

Motion#2 Mary Hastler moved that the YALSA Board move Board Document 6, the Financial Advancement Plan, from Consent to Action; seconded by Melissa Rabey. Motion passed.

Motion #3 Brehm Heeger moved that the YALSA Board remove Item #14, Modernizing the Selected List Portfolio, from the agenda; seconded by Hastler. Motion failed with no votes in favor.

Motion #4: Brehm Heeger moved that Item #14, Modernizing the Selected List Portfolio, be moved from Action Item to Discussion Item; Michele Gorman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Items

Motion #5: Linda Braun moved that the YALSA Board accept the Consent Items, with the removal of Item 6 for an Action Item; seconded by Jerene Battisti. Motion passed.

Mega Issue: How Can YALSA Support Its Members in the Tough Economy?

The Board discussed how conference activities might be condensed to save attendees hotel costs. ALA has already mandated a tighter schedule to reduce time spent at Annual next year, so the YALSA Board will need to work more between meetings. This has already begun as the Board did vote on more motions between this past Midwinter and this Annual than we have in the past but that it can do even more of this in future. Anything voted on via email is included as a consent item in the next meeting agenda so that it appears in the Board’s official minutes. ALA also already provides for reduced membership rates for members who are out of work. YALSA does not do this at this time. There was expression of interest in ALA further pursuing an e-conference option alongside Annual as well as promoting cost saving measures for attendees. Others discussed focusing on providing continuing education options for members at this time as well as virtual opportunities, advocacy resources and member awards.

Action Items

Item 6. Financial Advancement Charge Update

Fiscal Officer Mary Hastler presented the report and recommendation for action.

Motion #6: Hastler moved that the YALSA Board approve the revised Financial Advancement Committee Charge as submitted with one change: “Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including fundraising and donor

recognition. Work with the Board to create and implement fundraising campaigns based on fiscal priorities identified by the Board on a regular basis. Implement fundraising opportunities approved by the YALSA Board. Size 6 with Board Liaison being the YALSA Fiscal Officer.” Rutherford seconded. Motion passed.

Item 9. YALSA Councilor Pre-Annual Report

YALSA Councilor Christine Allen noted that electronic access in meeting hotels are too expensive for ALA to pursue but there is a pilot to provide free wireless to some committee meetings at this conference, funded at \$40,000 from Ahead to 2010 funds. Other areas of Council concern are Iran, GLBT married couples and a resolution around disabilities.

Motion #7 Francisca Goldsmith moved that the YALSA Board accept the Councilor’s report as presented; seconded by Gail Tobin. Motion passed.

Item 13. Request for Board Action: Older Teens Interest Group

Member Penny Johnson presented the petition, including discussion of the issue of what to call “young adults” who are no longer teenagers.

Motion #8 Brehm Heeger moved that the YALSA Board approve the creation of an Older Teen Interest Group as written in Item 13; Hastler seconded. Motion passed.

Item 10. Conflict of Interest Policy for Publications

Debraski called the Board’s attention to the content and context of Item 10.

Motion #9 Hastler moved that the YALSA Board direct the President to appoint a Board subcommittee charged with drafting a Conflict of Interest Policy regarding service on YALSA member groups related to publishing; Helmrich seconded. Motion passed.

Item 11. Request for Board Action: Quick Picks

Board Liaison Paula Brehm Heeger presented the Committee’s request for action.

Motion #10 Brehm Heeger moved that the YALSA Board approve the Quick Picks Request for Board Action as written, with the addition of the statement “All books appearing on the Quick Picks list must have been read by one or more members of the Quick Picks Committee,” Gorman seconded. Motion passed.

Item 12. Dedicating YALSA Funds

Hastler presented the request for Board action.

Motion #11 Hastler moved that the YALSA Board direct the Executive Director to examine mid-year projections each year and determine whether or not YALSA is likely to have more than a year’s worth of expenses on hand at the end of the fiscal year, then report this information to the Board for consideration. Battisti seconded. Motion passed.

Item 15. Request for Board Action: Readers’ Choice List

Braun described how this is intended as opportunity for those who cannot participate due to travel or time commitment on current selected list committees and Debraski noted that details need to be worked out, but that would be the purview of a task force.

Motion #12 Brehm Heeger moved that the YALSA Board create a task force to develop policies and procedures for a member/readers choice list with a progress report to be submitted by Fall Executive meeting in October. Welch seconded; motion passed.

Item 16. Request for Board Action: Past Presidents' Annual Lecture

Debraski presented this proposal to provide inclusive activities for past YALSA Presidents.

Motion #13 Hastler moved that the YALSA Board direct the President to appoint a Past Presidents' Planning Task Force to begin work in February 2010 on planning and implementing a lecture for 2011 Midwinter meeting; seconded by Battisti. Motion passed.

Discussion Items

Item 18. Preconference Committee Reports

During the discussion, it was noted that membership needs more communication about rules around virtual membership on committees and task forces, and also suggested that .

chairs want to know who is totally new to YALSA committee work.

Item 21. YALSA-TV Taskforce Final Report

Presented by member Connie Urquhart

Debraski thanked the task force for its hard work and suggested the addition of a small advisory group who could be all virtual.

Motion #14 Braun moved that the YALSA Board accept the proposal of the YALSA-TV Task Force moves that thank the task force, taking into consideration the feedback of the Board; seconded by Patton. Motion passed.

Item 24. 2010 Legislative Day on the Hill During Annual

The Board concurred that it was desirable to reschedule Monday programs to the extent possible to accommodate YALSA member participation in the rally, and to explore the possibility of having virtual President's Program.

Motion #15 Welch moved that the YALSA Board recess for today, July 11, 2009, at 5:27 pm. Hastler seconded. Motion passed.

Board II

July 13, 2009

10:30 to noon

Present: Sarah Debraski, Linda Braun, Paula Brehm Heeger, Mary Hastler, Francisca Goldsmith, Christine Allen, Erin Helmrich, Kimberly Patton, Michele Gorman, Dawn Rutherford, Cindy Welch, Jerene Battisti, Gail Tobin, Melissa Rabey, Sheila Schofer, Beth Yoke

Visitors: Vicki Emery, Crystal Faris, Sara Ryan, Heather Booth, Nick Buron, Kelly Tyler, Tricia Suellentrop, Joni R Bodart, Morgan Doane, Anne Heidemann Elizabeth Burns, Sara Ryan, Franklin Escobedo (GLBTRT Liaison), Stephanie Squicciarini, MK Eagle, Kimberly Paone, Lynn Rutan, Cindy Dobrez, Elsworth Rockefeller, Brooke Young, Louise Brueggemann, Martha Bader, Mike Fleming, Donna Block, Victoria Stapleton, David Gill, Megan Silk [sp?], Catherine Balkin, Judy Nelson, Patty Campbell, Karyn Silverman, Sharon Rawlins, Andy Howe, Mary Stocker [sp?], Diane Roberts, Stacy Creel, Summer

Hayes, Beth Saxton, Connie Mitchell, Alison Hendon, Marge Bultz, Angie Manfredi, Walter Mayes, Sophie Brookover, Wendy Stephens, Lisa Von Drasek, Angela Carstensen

Meeting called to order by President Debraski at 10:30 am.

Timekeeper: Kimberly Patton

Information Forum

Birthday wishes were extended to Board members Melissa Rabey and Dawn Rutherford.

Discussion Items (continued from Saturday, July 11, 2009)

Item 23. Teen Space Guidelines Final Report

Crystal Faris prepared the report and presented it, noting that architect Margaret Sullivan has prepared a work sheet outlining basic space requirements which was distributed.

Faris *Motion #16*: Cindy Welch moved that the YALSA Board accept with thanks the work of the Teen Spaces Guidelines Final Report. We appreciate their attention to the work and appreciate LLAMA's work with YALSA. Kimberly Patton seconded; motion passed.

Item 19. Chair Training Recommendations

Brehm Heeger noted that some items in the report are process specific and need double checking. Beth Yoke asked that virtual chairs' needs be reflected in the implementation process.

Motion #17 Linda Braun moved that the YALSA Board refresh the subcommittee on chair training and work with YALSA staff on that document; Hastler seconded. Motion passed.

Item 22. Mentoring Taskforce Final Report

Rutherford, as chair of this task force, presented the report.

Motion #18 Brehm Heeger moved that the YALSA Board direct the Continuing Education Coordinator to examine the multiple past reports/suggestions to develop an implementation plan with particular attention to the new ALA tools for communicating and present the plan to the Executive Committee by Fall Executive; seconded by Battisti. Motion passed.

Item 14. Modernizing Selected List Portfolio. (discussion item)

President Sarah Debraski polled the full Board for opening observations and remarks on Best Books for Young Adults List concerns.

Board comments revolved around the fact that BBYA has been a topic at each meeting since at least 2006 and that solutions are needed so that YALSA can resolve the issues. Member education about committee service, the recognition BBYA receives both within and beyond YALSA, workload concerns, and changes in publishing across the 80 years of the list were all mentioned as germane to the discussion.

Motion # 19 Brehm Heeger made a Parliamentary motion that each member speaker be limited by 2 minutes in their comments. Goldsmith seconded; motion passed.

Nine visitors addressed the Board with concerns about sunseting BBYA. Visitors spoke in favor of making changes to the list without eliminating it. Suggestions included establishing a task force, improving the nomination process for titles, educating members more thoroughly about committee responsibilities, and removing certain genres or formats from eligibility to cut down on the committee's workload.

Motion #20 P. Brehm Heeger moved to limit continuing discussion to one minute per speaker; M. Hastler seconded; motion passed.

Seven more visitors addressed the Board with concerns about sunseting BBYA. Visitors spoke in favor of making changes to the list without eliminating it. Suggestions included increasing youth participation opportunities, educating members more thoroughly about committee responsibilities, and removing certain genres or formats from eligibility to cut down on the committee's workload.. Some visitors also expressed their opinion that BBYA was an important selection tool for libraries.

Motion #21: Gorman moved to limit discussion to 10 more minutes. M. Rabey seconded; motion passed.

Seven additional visitors addressed the Board with concerns about sunseting BBYA. Visitors spoke in favor of making changes to the list without eliminating it. Suggestions included educating members more thoroughly about committee responsibilities and removing certain genres or formats from eligibility to cut down on the committee's workload. Some visitors also expressed their opinion that BBYA was an important selection tool for libraries. Some visitors shared their concern about suggestions for limiting the list by removing certain genres and felt that nothing should be eliminated from the list.

Debraski thanked all visitors. Member Nick Buron thanked the Board.

Motion #22 Hastler moved to extend by 5 minutes; Christine Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #23 Rabey moved that the YALSA Board recess for the day. Welch seconded. Motion passed and the Board recessed at 12:05 PM.

Board III

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Present: Sarah Debraski, Linda Braun, Mary Hastler, Paula Brehm Heeger, Christine Allen, Francisca Goldsmith, Kimberly Patton, Eric Helmrich, Michele Gorman, Dawn Rutherford, Cindy Welch, Jerene Battisti, Gail Tobin, Melissa Rabey, Sheila Schofer, Beth Yoke

Visitors: Stephanie Squicciarini, Sara Ryan, Franklin Escobedo, Shannon Peterson, Audra Caplan, Terry Kirk

Sarah Debraski called the meeting back to order at 1:30 pm.

Terry Kirk, representative to ALA Council, gave her report:

Kirk spoke about conference attendance numbers, ALA membership, advocacy efforts in the association, ALA's next round of strategic planning, the Spectrum expansion and fundraising effort and issues that are likely to come before Council before the end of the conference.

Debraski offered Kirk formal thank you from YALSA. A resolution honoring Kirk's now completed term of service was read by Mary Hastler.

Audra Caplan, representative to BARC presented her report:

Caplan spoke briefly about weak spots in ALA's FY09 budget, including ALA publishing and membership and mentioned the pilot project at Annual to provide some free wireless in select meeting rooms.

Debraski offered Caplan formal thank you from YALSA. A resolution in Caplan's honor was read by Hastler.

Discussion Items (continued)

Item 20. Magazine Selection Task Force Final Report.

The Board discussion dealt with questions about whether this effort was still relevant due to magazines ceasing publication and whether a more timely method would be to provide a place online to share knowledge about magazines.

Motion #24. Francisca Goldsmith moved that the YALSA Board thank the Magazine Selection Task Force for their work and ask the Task Force members if any and all of them would be interested in forming an Interest Group to provide YALSA members with pertinent information about magazines; seconded by Erin Helmrich. Motion passed.

Item 27. Frequency and Format of Future YA Lit Symposium.

Yoke discussed with the Board comparisons of four divisions' conference arrangements. The Board consensus was to move forward with creating a virtual component to future Symposium in lieu of creating a 100% virtual event. After the 2010 Symposium the Board will re-evaluate the decision.

Item 25. 2010 and 2011 YALSA Road Trips.

Braun presented report and ensuing discussion took note that there is a need to talk to the Legislative Committee and Student Interest Group to see if they are on board before making final decision between two directions.

Item 29. Input for Evaluation of the Executive Director & Other Business

Debraski asked that Board members provide her with comments by August 15..

Item 28. Councilor Mid-Conference Update.

Allen provided the Executive Director with Council schedule information and the committee appointments timeline for 2010.

Debraski thanked Councilor Allen for the report.

Motion #25 Welch moved to extend meeting to 3:15; Kimberly Patton seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #26 Dawn Rutherford moved that the YALSA Board change the charge of BBYA to include only books published for young adult titles. Changes to take place after current list is published. Patton seconded.

Motion #27 Paula Brehm Heeger moved that the YALSA Board postpone discussion of Dawn's motion on the floor; seconded by Michele Gorman; motion passed.

Motion #28 Brehm Heeger moved to table Dawn's motion re: BBYA; Gorman seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #29 Gail Tobin moved to extend the Board meeting 15 minutes; Hastler seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #30 Braun moved that the YALSA Board direct the Exec Committee to develop a new selected list proposal with feedback from members to be presented at Fall Exec and then presented to the Board; seconded by Hastler. Motion passed.

Motion #31 Jerene Battisti moved that meeting be adjourned on July 14, 2009 at 3:20 pm; Patton seconded. Motion passed.

President Debraski adjourned the 2009 Annual YALSA Board meeting at 3:20 pm.