

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting

Topic: *JRLYA* Editor Semi-Annual Report

Background: Robin A. Moeller, the member editor of *JRLYA*, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. The journal is YALSA's peer-reviewed, open source research journal, launched in November 2010 as part of the Board's strategy for addressing the research goal in the strategic plan.

Action Required: **Consent**

Updates

1. Issues Published During the Reporting Period

Volume 10, numbers 2 and 3 were published in the last half of 2019. The paper acceptance rate for the term between June and December was 41%, which is appropriate for a research journal of this type. Including the Midwinter Paper Award winner, three papers have recently been accepted for publication and are currently under copyright review for publication, with an expected publication date of early February 2020.

2. Current Issues/Difficulties

As it has been noted in the past, finding enough research papers of publishable quality to fill issues continues to be a struggle. The *JRLYA* Advisory Board has been asked to develop a theme for an upcoming issue of the journal, with the aim of attracting more submissions. Another challenge that may impact the extent to which the journal receives quality submissions is the journal's lack of indexing. Two authors have contacted me in the past year to ask if the journal could make their articles more visible or findable in searches. Those requests have been forwarded to YALSA. Increasing the visibility of *JRLYA* articles may work toward creating a stronger reputation for the journal and a larger impact on the profession.