

December 2019 Chair Reports

Reports not submitted

- Midwinter Marketing & Local Arrangements Taskforce **and** YALS/YALSAblog Editorial Advisory Board – Tess Wilson
- Research Journal Advisory Board – Cate Merlin

Executive Report

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Group: Executive Committee

Chair's Name: Todd Krueger

Board Liaison: Tammy Dillard-Steels

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Executive Committee consists of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Fiscal Officer, Secretary, YALSA Division Councilor and Executive Director (ex-officio). The President serves as Chair. While the Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the organization, the role of the Executive Committee, as with all committees, is to help the Board accomplish its work in the most efficient way. Its main purpose is to provide oversight and support for fiscal planning, and to communicate regularly to the Board regarding the financial health of YALSA, also in the case of a crisis or other urgent circumstances, to act in the best interest of YALSA. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Part of the Executive Committee met in Memphis at the Symposium; those that were unable to be there were included in a conference call shortly after, with updates from the Memphis meeting. Finances were discussed as were the status of the president-elect's appointments and the work of our Division Councilor and ALA Council at large. We also discussed the new Advocacy ex-officio position for the Board and how that person could be involved with National Library Legislative Day.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Fund & Partner Development
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Executive Committee

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be meeting at ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia in January. I will be creating an agenda shortly (and asking for additions to it) for the Midwinter Exec Comm meeting.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will post our agenda for the Midwinter meeting and also write a blog post before and after Midwinter with our planned activities and what was discussed in Philadelphia.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4

What can YALSA do to help your committee? N/A

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None
Additional Concerns or Comments: None

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Amanda Barnhart

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Group: Division and Membership Promotion

Chair's Name: Yvette Garcia

Board Liaison: Amanda F. Barnhart

Committee Jury or Task Force 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 Implementation 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. To liaise with ALA's Membership Committee and New Members' Round Table

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

This quarter the DMP spent some time refocusing it's membership recruitment strategies and content.

Linda Braun was invited to speak to the committee about all the continuing education opportunities offered to members. It is important that committee members understanding the various benefits of membership that we are promoting. Linda was able to answer questions about webinars, e-courses and other CE opportunities. DMP could assist in promoting upcoming Webinars and other opportunities as part of it's messaging.

The committee took some time to meet and review the Membership Engagement survey results. There were several items that stood out immediately: the amount of responses from librarians of color, the variety of "thank you" suggestions requested and the amount of recognitions that members weren't aware YALSA was doing. The committee felt that the variety of desired recognition is reflective of the variety of motivations of getting involved and that it would be helpful to identify these during the committee appointment process (an extra question on the volunteer form) or perhaps as part of an exit survey (how was your experience? We'd like to thank you by...) . The committee felt that "something" needs to be done to address the lack of diversity of the respondents. One theory is that library association memberships cost additional money and that librarians of color are choosing other groups, such as REFORMA, for community and professional development. Reaching out to others may be key to getting feedback from librarians of color or perhaps partnering with other associations for joint projects to be more inclusive participation. Please let the committee know if we're to develop a list of recommendations, action items, etc.

In our continued work to have targeted recruitment, two members development a power point presentation for students about the benefits of YALSA membership. The power point was reviewed by the committee and one member will reach out to her alma mater to present to a group of library school students. The committee is awaiting feedback from the presentation.

Additionally, several committee members were excited to learn that YALSA can provide materials to members that are attending local conferences. In fact, they believed that this needed to be advertised more and developed a half-sheet info graphic/ad. This ad has been shared with Leticia for review.

Lastly, there was a discussion about the various ways the DMP can promote membership or have a recruiting event at YALSA Symposium. It is believed that more information about YALSA: updates on projects, what's new, upcoming events, etc. Can be shared at symposium. Yvette, chair, will be reaching out to Nicole to discuss what is feasible.

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- Advocacy

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

In the next three months, the DMP will begin the planning and preparations for YALSA 101. The committee will meet in early Feb. with the hope that there will be some updates to YALSA 101 and DMP tasks at annual discussed at Mid-Winter.

The DMP will reach to the appropriate individuals to discuss the use of social media to promote membership, perhaps a social media campaign at annual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The DMP promotes to YALSA membership to various social media platforms. The committee looks forward to promoting various leadership and continuing opportunities available to members. The DMP is also interested in interviewing/promoting the winners of various grants/scholarships via social media.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Not at this time. The committee has several ideas about using social media. Yvette, the chair, will organize a meeting to discuss how DMP can better use social media to promote members and membership.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The DMP will begin planning YALSA 101 after mid-winter - just in case there are any changes.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: Frances Henne Research Award

Chair's Name: Heather Colby

Board Liaison: Amamda Barnhart

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Judge applications for the grant, and select one winner whose proposal has the most potential to advance a portion of YALSA 's National Research Agenda.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Unfortunately there were no applications for this particular award this year, so the award was not given.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: N/A. Work was done by jury members to promote applications for the award, but due to the lack of applications, we were not able to choose a winning proposal.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? There is no future workplan outlined for the group, as the jury's work has been completed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Without a winning proposal and press release, there is not any upcoming news to share. I will be emailing to let them know the other award winners once they are announced.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? As a Chair, I feel that very supported by YALSA in terms of what I need to fulfill my duty and to ensure that committee members have an enjoyable experience

serving on the jury.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A

Additional Concerns or Comments: I encouraged the jury members to continue to serve on other committees, and apologized for them not being able to fulfill their duties due to the lack of applications.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

Trixie Dantis

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Group: Great Books Giveaway

Chair's Name: Stefanie Bailey

Board Liaison: Trixie Dantis

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Great Books Giveaway Jury is tasked with reviewing and judging all submitted applications in order to select a winner(s) for the Great Books Giveaway Award.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The GBG Jury has just begun our work. We have met virtually and discussed our group expectations and timeline. The deadline for submissions closed on December 1st and we will soon begin reviewing applications in order to select a winner(s).

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our GBG Jury will be busy over the next month reviewing and selecting winner(s). Our deadline for selecting a winner(s) is January 15th. Our Jury service is complete at the end of January.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? In the next several months our Jury will announce the winner(s) of the Great Books Giveaway.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Our YALSA board liaison has been great about helping answer Jury questions as they arise. It is helpful to have the additional support from YALSA.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A

Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Kate Denier

Jane Gov

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Group: YALSA Conference Travel Scholarship Jury

Chair's Name: Rachel L Kercher

Board Liaison: Jane Gov

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To vet applications in order to select three YALSA members who will receive funds to travel to the ALA Annual Conference. Two selectees will be library workers (one whose focus is school libraries and the other whose focus is public libraries) who work with or for young adults to receive the Baker and Taylor Conference Scholarship, and one will be a graduate student in the field of library and information science to receive the Dorothy Broderick Conference Scholarship.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Members have received completed applications to review. Only two applications were received, both from public librarians. Jury members are voting on the applications using a survey created by board liaison Letitia Smith.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The jury's final vote is due on Monday, January 13th. After that time, the winner will be decided and contacted, Non-winners will also be contacted and encouraged to apply again next year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The jury will be sharing the name of the scholarship winners in the form of a press release.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

There were no meetings for this jury.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: Financial Advancement Committee

Chair's Name: Gregory Lum

Board Liaison: Jane Gov

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including promotion, fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board and staff year-round to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both members and others, to support the \$19,595 worth of member scholarships and stipends YALSA gives out annually. Periodically review YALSA's Fundraising Toolkit and make updates, as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Spoke with Nichole about Symposium Silent Auction, October 2019

Participated in Fund and Partner Development Zoom meeting, October 25, 2019

Attended YALSA Services Symposium in Memphis to run the Silent Auction Raffle; Nov 1-3, 2019;

Raised over \$1,750, Had 23 prizes — lots of gift cards, chocolate, coffee

Wrote draft of "End-of-Year" Donation request letter Nov. 5, 2019.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WQqgQgTZyfcJt3kDYS8UY4NZ904dWq3-aVKFOXjE3ko/edit?usp=sharing>

Sent rough draft to Letitia who will edit with Tammy. Letter will be sent by December 1st.

Sent thank you emails to raffle donors from FAC, Selection committees, etc. Nov. 7, 2019

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zMhWhjajRYUXqm9NRCCm6_4d1aAvF-ta9raGBFacV3E/edit?usp=sharing

Finalized webpage content and online application for Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial grant. Share documents with Nichole Nov 10, 2019

Sent e-news article to Anna about YALSA symposium auction update Nov 10, 2019; article went out on 11/19 YALSA Symposium Auction/Raffle Update

Over \$1,750 was raised from the YALSA Symposium Silent Auction for Friends of YALSA. The wide assortment of prizes included gift cards to Moonstruck Chocolate, Nordstrom, Starbucks, AirBnB, Powell's Books, and more! The most creative, popular prize package was the "Coffee Around the Country" donated by Rachel Adams and the Nonfiction Book Award committee. Congratulations to all the raffle winners and especially Ariadna Jimenez-Barrios from San Diego, CA and Loren Spector from Los Angeles, CA as they each won free registration to our 2020 symposium. Congrats again to all the winners and thank you to the attendees who purchased tickets and for the generous donations by YALSA members.

Emailed Kate Denier to get contact info for David to send donation, Nov. 10, 2019; communicated with Letitia and Tammy about David letter.

Emailed YALSA FAC committee and YALSA board about sending social media posts about #GivingTuesday, December 5, 2019. Included Tammy's examples.

Posted on about #GivingTuesday on my Instagram, Dec. 6, 2019

Emailed Tammy twice in regards to note for David Mowery to remind him about donating. Nov. 21 and Dec. 7, 2019

Participated in Zoom YALSA board meeting, Dec. 6, 2019

Sent seven bimonthly reports to FAC committee; Sept. 9 - Dec. 9, 2019

Completed YALSA Quarterly report, Dec. 7 2019

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)
- Other (Please explain below)

other: New YALSA grant.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Presentation of the Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant to ALA Awards committee at Midwinter, \$20 in 2020 campaign, March donation (win autographed books).

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant opportunity, 2020 campaign.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? More consistent communication on YALSA officers/staff on decisions that affect the goals for the FAC committee.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

None.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

Todd Krueger

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Group: Addressing Institutional Bias and Racism in Libraries

Chair's Name: Madeline J. Bryant

Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Considering the Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff and the EDI Statement and EDI Plan, this task force will create and distribute materials to help members better serve diverse youth and to address issues of institutional bias and racism in their libraries.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We received our final roster in late November and have only had introductory emails since then. We have our first virtual meeting planned for January 6, 2020.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be developing that on January 6.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? To be determined.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing yet. We'll let you know.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: Awards Oversight Committee

Chair's Name: Robert Bittner

Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA's award committees. To advise committee chairs on recommended procedures for committee operations based on a thorough knowledge of YALSA policy, committee operation, background, and experience. To collect, analyze and respond to quarterly chair reports. To summarize, analyze and evaluate periodically for the YALSA Board the progress and concerns of the award committees. To facilitate communication among award committees and to identify common areas of concern and identify solutions. To coordinate training and orientation for in-coming committee members. To note particular abilities of committee members in the work of the organization and to share this information with the Board and nominating committees.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our committee has continued to liaise with the various committee chairs in order to ensure that all of the work has progressed as efficiently as possible. We have also been working with Nichole to put together some FAQs for the upcoming training of new chairs in 2020. Joel Shoemaker and I (Rob) have been working with ALSC to amend and update the eligibility criteria and award manual for the Odyssey committee with some recommendations for immediate adoption and a continuation of our work into 2020 for manual updates and other revisions. These recommendations have been submitted to ALSC and YALSA Boards for discussion and adoption.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Prior to Midwinter we will continue to monitor the activities of the award committees and support the chairs when necessary if any questions or concerns

arise. Joel and myself (Rob) will continue to work with ALSC to revise and submit recommendations regarding the Odyssey manual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? N/A

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? YALSA can continue to keep in contact about needs of the Division and help guide our work when it is needed beyond checking in with each of the committee chairs.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A

Additional Concerns or Comments: Joel Shoemaker and I (Rob), along with Nichole and Todd, were able to provide feedback to the Morris chair when concerns were raised by some of the committee members. It seems as though the issues in question were addressed for the most part, but concerns about the future work of the chair within YALSA have been raised and we felt it necessary to make a note for the Board should they chair put their name forward for consideration on future committees.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Encouraging LIS and iSchools to Include EDI Plan Elements

Chair's Name: Kay Hones

Board Liaison: Letitia Smith

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Function Statement: Encouraging LIS and iSchools to Include EDI Plan Elements for a term to begin 10/15/2019 and end 10/31/2020. This group has been established by YALSA's Board to help carry out the work of YALSA.

Considering the Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff and the EDI Statement and EDI Plan, this task force will work with LIS and iSchools to ensure that cultural competencies, equity, diversity and inclusion is included in all youth-oriented curricula.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

First contact with Committee November 16th Welcome card

November email to committer:

3 Steps to organize EDI committee schedule.

1. Read YALSA EDI Plan. Focus on Goals 3 & 4.
2. Begin to gather the following resources: current library policies & programs that support EDI; possible local community networking that have EDI resources, models, etc. & current research about EDI
3. Email this EDI committee with a short 1-2 sentence introduction.

All committee members sent email introductions to whole committee

December Follow up contact with Committee

Here are a couple items to prepare for our first monthly Zoom meeting in January.

1. Please email me BEST date for first Zoom meeting: Sunday Jan 5th or Jan 19 @ 5 pm Pacific time

2. This email includes the monthly newsletter from SFPL. As you can see they have extensive diverse programs!! I plan to talk to SFPL during the winter break & get some ideas/resources.

SO over the next few weeks, could everyone share one similar resource (in your library, area or research) with the group?

During the January meeting we can start a checklist of current policies & programs AND start to discuss "what's missing."

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Monthly Zoom meetings that will focus on

1. YALSA EDI Plan. Focus on Goals 3 & 4
2. Gather the following resources: current library policies & programs that support EDI; possible local community networking that have EDI resources, models, etc. & current research about EDI
3. Start a checklist of current policies & programs we can document AND start to discuss "what's missing

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? If we find outstanding programs that are already successful we could do a monthly describe/highlight a library program than exemplifies the YALSA EDI Plan?

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? WE just need to schedule the monthly Zoom meetings :)

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: n.a

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Modeling Services and Programs to Include EDI Plan Elements Task Force

Chair's Name: Sarah E Ryan

Board Liaison: Todd Krueger and Tammy Dillard-Steels

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Considering the Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff and the EDI Statement and EDI Plan, this task force will provide models of inclusive and equitable services and programs to share on the YALSA Programming HQ and other avenues.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? November/ December: Started communications with Board Liaison's Todd Krueger and Tammy Dillard-Steels about Board's expectations for this task force. We will have several programs and services researched and ready to report by the end of January. The group will be applying EDI elements to individual teen competencies to compile an exhaustive list of programs and services.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue developing services and programs for teens based on the YALSA EDI Statement and Plan.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We would like to publish some programs on Programming HQ if

possible. I can also share updates about programs and services through YALSA E-News.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Our group will start regular communication to complete our tasks with successful outcomes.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None to report.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Outstanding Books for College Bound & Lifelong Learners

Chair's Name: Joy Millam

Board Liaison: Nichole O'Connor/Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To support lifelong learning by preparing a revised and updated edition of the annotated Outstanding Books for the College Bound booklist to guide students of all ages planning to continue their education beyond high school. The booklist is updated every five years.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We have been working hard to complete the list and are now polishing it. I discussed this with Todd Krueger in late November and got his permission to meet a later deadline.

We have changed the organization from traditional colleges (Arts & Letters, Humanities, etc). We all agreed that this made it less accessible for most and ultimately pushes new adults away.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are completing the list and annotations this week. We are reviewing and making corrections in order to submit this to YALSA later this week.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will be turning in our Press Release and will be sharing the list far and wide via social media in addition to blog posts and other sites.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing - by giving us the extra time we were given everything we needed to successfully complete our list.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Everyone on the committee is extremely busy - there was solid participation by everyone.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I apologize for the tardiness of this report and my last one as well. I was severely over-extended and did not manage my time well. That situation has been resolved so it will not be an issue again.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Presidential initiatives Task Force

Chair's Name: Todd Deck

Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To provide support, guidance and advice to the YALSA President in the implementation of their theme. Activities may include working with the President to review Organizational and Implementation Plans to develop and coordinate appropriate theme-related goals, activities, and initiatives. As appropriate, collaborate with relevant YALSA leaders and groups to implement theme-related activities, including but not limited to the blog managers, journal

editors, and committee chairs. Taskforce size: 5 - 7 virtual members including chair. Term: 1 year term starting July 1 ending June 30 of the following year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? A number of the TF met at the Symposium to discuss plans for the rest of the Presidential year, and also brainstormed about ideas for the President's program at the Annual conference in Chicago in June.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to do blog posts that focus on the Presidential theme of Striving for Equity Using YALSA's Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Through the YALSA blog

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? N/A

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Promoting Professional Success for Underrepresented Groups

Chair's Name: David Wang

Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Considering the Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff and the EDI Statement and EDI Plan, this task force will assess existing pathways to professional success and involvement within YALSA for underrepresented groups.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Unfortunately, we have yet to meet as of December 18, 2019. Getting everyone on board has been difficult via email but we now have six out of the seven members of the taskforce including myself on board with responses. We will be having virtual meetings at the beginning of the new year.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration
other: N/A

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will have virtual chat discussions on how to increase awareness and participation among underrepresented groups in YALSA. Outreach strategies and ways of engaging our membership will be the first discussion topic. I would also like to examine the limits of participation; logically, it cannot be tied to the singular factors of funding and time. What are other significant factors associated with lack of representation? Examine group dynamics theory and industrial/organizational concepts that may help bridge the divide or encourage further participation by underrepresented groups.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The results hopefully will be an honest snapshot of our membership. We would like to have tangible recommendations by the end of March 2020 on how to build membership among underrepresented groups. We also want to begin to figure out how to energize our base (membership).

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Provide timelines and advice when the committee is showing lack of direction.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: At this time, our biggest challenges are ensuring full participation and figuring out the best way to bring taskforce members together. I understand more that we need to just move forward with whoever wants to participate as opposed to searching for unanimous consent.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: Social Media Taskforce

Chair's Name: Franklin Escobedo

Board Liaison: Todd Kruger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To help market the selected list on social media.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We successfully marked the Teen Top Ten, engaging authors and publishers through Twitter and Instagram. Created a few videos that were shared on the YALSA Instagram. we've increased the followers of the Instagram account from 8 to 188. We also help push out messages for the FAC on giving Tuesday.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We're currently gearing up to promote the top ten of the selection list, great graphic novels, amazing audios and quick picks. Once Best Fiction is announce we will begin to put those on social media outlets too. We're also planning on doing some member profiles too.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The Top Ten and hoping sharing the information about volunteers will get more recruitment for the blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Share posts on the Instagram account.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Karen Lemmons

Gregory Lum

Melissa McBride

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Group: Outstanding Achievement Award

Chair's Name: Sara Gibson

Board Liaison: Melissa McBride

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Use established criteria to vet all nominations and select one winner for YALSA's Service to Young Adults Outstanding Achievement Award.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Applications were due on December 1st. While we waited for the application deadline I had our team introduce themselves to each other through email. I created a document detailing their duties of the jury and how we as a jury will decide on a winner. We also decided what method of communication would be best for our vetting meeting. We will be using Google Hangouts when the time comes.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I will send out the received applications for YALSA's Outstanding Achievement Award, my jury members will read the applications and use the survey to help judge each application. We will have a virtual meeting to go more in depth over the applicants and pick a winner.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? By mid-January we will have picked a winner for YALSA's Outstanding Achievement Award and submitted our winner to Letita Smith. We will announce the winner as well as inform the other applicants that a winner was picked.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? N/A

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Our jury hasn't really started work yet, so there haven't been any issues yet.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: YALSA 101,201,301 redesign taskforce

Chair's Name: Amanda Kordeliski

Board Liaison: Melissa McBride

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To examine current and former iterations of YALSA 101,201,301 and make recommendations for their continuation, redesign or elimination.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Recommendations were sent to the board. The chair and board liaison received feedback from the board, discussed and resubmitted to the board to include the board recommendations.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? This taskforce has completed its work and will not meet again.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? None, the taskforce has concluded.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Teens Top Ten

Chair's Name: Sarah Razer Carnahan

Board Liaison: Melissa McBride

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous publishing 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. To assist with the collection and vetting of applications from libraries who wish to host an official reading group.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee shared ideas of displays on how they were getting their teens to vote. These included displays of the nominated titles, library computers logged into the voting site, or iPad's linked to voting. We pushed for the final month to be actively trying to get our students to vote, which included social media snippets about the deadline of voting as well as reposting or retweeting YALSA's posts about the Teens' Top Ten. In October, Franklin Escobedo, Chair of the Social Media Task Force, asked me to contact the reading groups asking for photos of the groups which read the books and nominated titles. I forwarded, I believe, the photos and social media handles I got from the three groups which responded, one was on fall break so she couldn't take a photo. As with voting, the committee members then shared the results and the final list both on social media as well as at our home libraries.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Nichole gave me a breakdown of the year and it looks like January will be a busy time for us. Once I have the spreadsheet of all nominated titles, the committee and I will narrow the list to the around 75 top nominated and report back to have them shared with the groups. Then, the groups will narrow the list further for the announcement in April of the 25 nominated titles.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? It appears the next three months are more committee and reading group work until the top 25 are ready to be announced.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I think once I receive the list of all nominations, any advice on how to make it easier on the committee to read, organize, and prepare the shorter list would be helpful? For instance, is it better for each member to have a portion of the list to tally or have all of us look at the master list and report our findings to ensure there weren't any errors working off of such a long list. I'm open to suggestions of what worked well in the past.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The committee is really quick with replies or even inquiring as to 'what do we do next'? I email periodically of what to be working on (when it was getting teens to vote), but also a 'sit tight' it's quiet right now. They know in January we will have the large list to go through for the most nominations.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Ryan Moniz

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Group: 22x20 Taskforce

Chair's Name: Yvette Garcia

Board Liaison: Ryan Moniz

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Establish a task force to create resources for members to leverage as YALSA's in-kind contribution to the 22x20 coalition. With a focus on media literacy, this campaign aspires to equip teens with the skills needed and provide them with the resources and space to understand, evaluate, and respond to political messages. By engaging teens early, before voting age, the campaign readies teen voices to participate in the democratic process and civic duties.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? During this quarter, several members of the 22x20 taskforce presented in several local conferences. Taskforce members presented at YALSA Symposium, NELA and CLA. The response to the information shared was overall positive and encouraging. The committee invited Dawn, from Programming HQ, to share information about the programs listed on Programming HQ and what the current offerings for teen civic engagement programs were available. The taskforce was surprised to learn that there weren't any programs listed for common searches, such civic engagement. The taskforce will ask blog contributors and reach out to our networks for contributions to programming HQ. The taskforce worked on our blog calendar, specifically brainstorming individuals and/or libraries to showcase. Yvette, chair, also reached out to Linda Braun for some suggestions from previous e-courses, webinars, and her network.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Other (Please explain below)

other: 22x20 went on tour. We presented at several conferences and incorporated YALSA resources and information from CIRCLE.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee's next step is to review it's mission and determine what are the next steps. We will also be continuing to create blog posts. One area of potential focus will be providing resources for library staff on two important topics: Is it possible to advocate without getting political and managing library programs where the community is divided on an issue. The taskforce will continue to reach out to our network to encourage submitting content for Programming HQ on topics are civic engagement.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The taskforce will be submitting several blog posts on a variety of topics. Additional, the taskforce will identify programming resources for library staff for Programming HQ.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: This quarter was somewhat difficult for the taskforce to meet virtually due to conference attendance and the holidays; however, we were able to keep email strings alive and active.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: MAE Best Literacies award

Chair's Name: Kathleen Barker

Board Liaison: Ryan Moniz

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To promote the MAE Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to annually select a recipient, when a suitable winner is indicated.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Group members are currently reviewing and ranking award proposals submitted by December 1, 2019.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Participants will review and rank proposals by January 1, 2020. We will then discuss results (likely via email) to select the winner of the MAE award, and to finalize the rankings for all proposals. We plan to complete these tasks by January 10, so that I can share results with YALSA before the January 13 deadline.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will generate a press release to share news of the MAE award winner.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None so far.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Innovation Award Jury

Chair's Name: Amanda Lindsay

Board Liaison: Ryan Moniz

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The jury aims to recognize a member who has brought a new idea to life through their library that has benefited the teens in their community. Whether that idea is big or small, the innovation has made a positive impact on the community and illustrates YALSA's vision for teen services as outlined in the report: "The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: A Call to Action" and "Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff."

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We met virtually via email to introduce ourselves. We created a basic timeline for reviewing and evaluating applications received. The applications were forwarded to all jury members for review and evaluation on December 12, 2019.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: None currently.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Our goal is to review and evaluate the received applications. We will select a winner of the award by the first or second week of January 2020.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

We will share the winner of the Award in January.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing at this time.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: A jury member emailed me that she knew one of the applicants. With the help of Nicole O'Connor who developed the online survey and guidance about a jury member knowing one of the applicants. That jury member will recuse herself from that application and the evaluations will be scored and averaged based on the number of jury member responses.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Baker & Taylor/YALSA Collection Development Grant Jury

Chair's Name: Tegan Beese

Board Liaison: Charli Osborne

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To award \$1,000 for collection development to YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults ages 12 to 18. Up to two grants will be awarded annually.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We all communicated via email in regards to our jury's charge. We shared the opportunity for the grant on social media as well. I have provided them all of the information about the candidates and the forms in which they can rank their choices, as well as the submission form for me to track their choices for our final decision. We will have our final answers in the beginning of January.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will see our results of our survey for everyone's finalists. If need be, we will discuss as a group to finalize our two choices. Once we pick the finalists, we will let Letitia know, and let our winners know. We will also provide the information needed for YALSA's press releases.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will be sharing the winners of our grant. We plan to share this via YALSAL's press releases, which can also be shared on social media.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: Midwinter Paper Presentation Planning Committee

Chair's Name: Vivian R. Wynn

Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Plan and implement an annual research-focused paper presentation to be given at the Midwinter Meeting on a topic related to YALSA's Research Agenda and/or report, vetting the applicants and working with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events to plan the presentation at Midwinter. Group size: 5-7 virtual members research background preferred. Term: September 1 to February 1. tee? The description is below:

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? all applications were sent to the committee members in July. All members read and evaluated the applications. A conference call took place with all 7 members on the call and after some discussion the winner (Liz Allen) was selected. During the last 3 months months the press release would have been sent out by the staff.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The work of this group will be finished after the presentation on Saturday at midwinter. All terms run to February 1, 2020.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? This presentation this year will be given on Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30. It should be listed on any lists of YALSA Midwinter events and it is listed in the ALA scheduler.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? It might help to have an expected time line created for all of the committee members so we stay on track and fully understand the responsibility.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: All committee members were present on all phone calls and responded in a timely manner with assignments.

Additional Concerns or Comments: We had a number of good applicants this year but need to be sure the call for applications goes out broadly so we will continue to get interested people.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: YALSA Research Committee

Chair's Name: Yolanda Hood

Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of the field of young adult library services, and to regularly compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, update YALSA's National Research Agenda as needed. The Chair of YALSA's Research Committee serves as YALSA's official liaison to ALA's Committee on Research & Statistics .

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Our committee met three times to discuss and finalize the research agenda for the year. Emphasis was placed on Trauma-Informed Services and Public Library and School Partnerships. The committee created two subcommittees to do further research on these topics (literature review, best practices, programs). Committee members also continue to create the research round ups for each issue of YALS.

Our committee was also assigned a new board liaison--Abby Phillips--in this quarter.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our committee will continue gathering information for the two research areas. We will complete a plan for how the research will be disseminated.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? As the research is ongoing, I am not sure that any of it will be disseminated in the next 3 months. However, three research round ups that co-relate to the YALS themes will be published in the next issues of YALS.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee? N/A

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I have recently contacted one member, Gary Timko, who has not attended any of the virtual (zoom) meetings or responded to group emails (since the very first introduction email which he responded to). Have not heard from him. Will give him a phone call after the holidays.

Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Colleen Seisser

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Group: Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Committee

Chair's Name: Heather Love Beverley

Board Liaison: Colleen Seisser

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA's presence at the ALA Annual Conference. To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA programs and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Annual Conference.

Committee members aren't expected to attend Midwinter, but are expected to attend Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The majority of our committee work begins in January, once the YALSA sessions are announced. We primarily focused on selecting a Youth Participation Coordinator, which committee member Yvette Garcia graciously agreed to be. We also worked on determining exactly what our upcoming timeline was.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

To being working on the local section of the Annual wiki.

To reach out to local area librarians for teen participants at the BFYA feedback session

Create content for the YALSA blog and the April issue of YALSA E-News regarding YALSA at ALA Annual

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

We will begin posting on both the YALSA blog and YALSA E-news content related to ALA Annual and what YALSA members can look forward to it at the conference.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Our planning calendar needs to be revised; specifically the following action item for October:

"Committee will vet the program proposals submitted on behalf of YALSA. There is also an online vote where YALSA members vote for the programs they would like to see during Annual. There may be a meeting that is required of a member, in person, in November to come and help place the programs in time slots."

With recent changes made to how YALSA programs are selected for Annual, the committee is no longer involved in the vetting process. There was confusion and worry in the committee regarding this item, as October approached and we were not given any details regarding our specific tasks. When I reached out to our Board Liaison, she discovered that we were no longer involved in the process.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The committee has been generally quiet as we do not have many action items lined up for in the Fall. There are no participation concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Hub Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Stephen Ashley

Board Liaison: Colleen Seisser

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The Hub Advisory Board participates in the development and maintenance of the Hub and follows the guidelines for the site as set out by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the site and assists with the collection of content for the site , generates ideas for content, works on getting teen and librarian input and feedback, facilitates marketing and PR as needed, and writes for the site as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Each member of the Hub Advisory Board wrote a post for the Hub. We are currently discussing, based on their experiences, what some of the barriers to new bloggers are and how we can implement a schedule of posts for Advisory Board members that is somewhat easy to follow.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will implement a schedule of posts from the Advisory Board. As we begin a new cycle of Selected Lists work, the Advisory Board will take a larger role in the administrative work, and we are discussing what that might look like now.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? News about selected lists and blogging opportunities through blog posts on the Hub.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Writing Award

Chair's Name: Ellen Wickham

Board Liaison: Colleen Seisser

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: This Award Jury honors the best writing in YALSA's blogs and journals. The Jury will review the submissions forward to the jury by the editors and blog managers of each publication, and select one winner per publication, based on criteria outlined in the writing award's policies and procedures.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The committee communicated via email and reported out on a shared Google Sheet. The winners selected are as follows:

The Hub

What the dang heck is a Webcomic?

<http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2019/11/25/what-the-dang-heck-is-a-webcomic-2/>

JRLYA

Teen Social Media Practices and Perceptions of Peers: Implications for Youth Services Providers and Researchers Image removed by sender.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The chair will prepare a press release announcing the winners. The committee work has concluded.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

A press release will be prepared announcing the winners, and shared via the usual methods.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
What can YALSA do to help your committee? I think YALSA's assistance was exactly what it needed to be. Information was provided to me in a timely manner, and all questions were promptly answered.
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:
Participation by all committee members was excellent. No concerns at all.
Additional Concerns or Comments:
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Valerie Tagoe

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Group: Organization & Bylaws

Chair's Name: Kate Denier

Board Liaison: Valerie Tagoe

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To periodically review the Bylaws 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 regularly review and when necessary recommend and draft revision of content for the YALSA Handbook; and to make recommendations on other appropriate policy and process matters.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have not had any assigned projects or work to do in the last three months. Kate checked in regularly with the YALSA President to see if anything has come up that this committee should work on and nothing did. Kate stayed in regular contact with committee members letting them know the status of our work assignments.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: None, as we had no assigned work. Though Kate regularly emailed committee members.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Kate is hoping that after the Midwinter conference, our committee will have tasks to work on. Kate is unable to attend Midwinter due to medical recovery, but will check in with the YALSA President following Midwinter for updates. Kate will then update the committee so we can proceed with any assignments.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share information in whatever manner is appropriate once we receive a work assignment.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? We don't need assistance, but are looking forward to having tasks!

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

Josie Watanabe

SELECTION/AWARD COMMITTEES

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Group: Alex Awards

Chair's Name: Paula Gallagher

Liaison: Laura Giunta

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To select and provide annotations for ten books from the previous year's publications written for adults which have special appeal for young adults, ages 12 through 18, and to compile and annotate a list of official nominees. Committee size: 9 plus one consultant from Booklist and one administrative assistant if requested by the chair. Term: 1 year, commencing February 1st and ending January 31st.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee has been meeting virtually every 2-3 weeks to discuss nominated titles. We continue to read voraciously. All of our publisher requests have been made and almost all of our requested titles have arrived. We have begun polling to eliminate titles.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Selecting a balanced list of diverse authors and experiences

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will meet again virtually on January 3 to determine vetted titles/Alex contenders. We will be notifying the publishers of the titles that are vetted and attempting to get author information in order to notify Alex winners prior to the YMAS. This is the first time an Alex Committee has done this.

Vetted titles will be discussed at Annual and the ten winners will be decided.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? YMAS will be announced January 27!

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: Edwards Award Committee

Chair's Name: Dawn McMillan

Board Liaison: Nichole O'Conner

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select a living author or co-author as well as a specific body of his or her work, who has made a significant and lasting contribution to literature for young adults. The book or books should be accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Over the past three months, our committee read, debated and finally selected the winner of the 2020 Margaret A Edwards

Award!

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? All but one member of the committee has committed to attend the Midwinter conference to see our selection announced.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We have almost completed our press release and will be on-site for the announcement of the winner of the 2020 Edwards award!

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Even though we are a virtual committee we are interested in having our official picture taken at midwinter and would also like to be able to tell our author that they won via a conference call, hopefully at midwinter.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We had some technical issues that we were able to resolve by incorporating more video chat meetings.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Morris Award Committee

Chair's Name: Terrence Young

Liaison(s): Nichole O'Conner; Joel Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The award will honor the best book published by a first-time author for young adults (ages 12-18) during a November 1 – October 31 publishing year. The award's shortlist of five will be announced in early December, with the winner announced at ALA's Midwinter Meeting's Youth Media Awards press conference.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee continued it's Zoom meetings and also discussions in Connect. The deadline was met for the short list. As titles became possibilities for the short list, committee members wrote the book annotation...and also book talks and shelf talkers. When the finalist were voted on, all the annotations, etc. were already done. The Booklist consultant reached out once, and it was too late. Our annotations, etc. were completed. The consultant stated that they would not be at midwinter, so there was no need to respond.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Announcement of finalists.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? One last face to face meeting at Midwinter to discuss and select the recipient of the award.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? n/a

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

1. finalize an official manual.
2. for self published titles make the eligibility more defined
3. include in the manual that in addition to the book annotation, and book talk and shelf talker(s) are to be written.
4. since the finalists are announced in early December, and for the next 6-8 weeks the committee rereads

the finalists, there is no need to require attendance at midwinter to decide the award recipient...I believe that this can be completed virtually.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Nonfiction Award

Chair's Name: Rachel Adams

Liaison: None Assigned

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best non fiction title published for your adults between January 1 and December 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, honor and nominated titles announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting in January.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

-Committee continued to read, evaluate and nominate titles until November 4th, which was the last day to nominate titles.

-We met twice virtually in October and early November to discuss new nominated titles and took a straw vote after each meeting to assess whether each title discussed was a potential shortlist contender.

-At the end of November we met virtually to discuss our top 7 titles and others we wanted to revisit. Then we voted on the shortlist for the award, and came up with our top five titles.

-Five of the committee members wrote annotations for the shortlist and the chair sent them to Nichole O'Connor and our Booklist consultant for editing.

-The Chair helped complete a press release announcing the shortlist for the Nonfiction Award including a quote about the shortlist titles.

-A vetted nomination online voting tool was created by the chair and sent out to all committee members in order to generate a list of titles for the Vetted Nominations list.

-Members voted using the online voting tool and a list of 17 titles (with six or more votes) was created, making a complete list of Vetted nominations.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

-Committee members will begin writing annotations for the Vetted Nominations list and it should be complete by January 15th, before going to Midwinter.

-Annotations will be edited by Booklist Consultant

-Committee will meet at midwinter to select a winner for the award on Saturday 1/25.

-All needed materials will be created to help CMO at the conference with promoting the award. (press release, master list and book with sticker) and turned in by 1/26 10am.

-Committee will attend Youth Media Award announcement and Award reception at Midwinter

-Chair will work with CMO to do any promoting of the award that is needed at Midwinter to otherwise.

-Chair will meet with incoming chair to pass on needed information

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? -The winner and vetted nominations list will be announced at

Midwinter though several media outlets and YALSA/ALA outlets

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: 2020 Michael L. Printz Award Committee

Chair's Name: Kim Keown Farnsworth

Liaison: Betsy Fraser

Committee Jury or Task Force 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. The Committee will also have the opportunity for input into the oversight and planning of the Printz Awards Program. Committee size: 9, four to be elected, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We continue to read eligible titles for the award. We have had monthly meetings online and continuous discussion of titles as well as monthly straw polls to determine where we are in the process. We are gearing up to the end of the nomination cycle, 30 days for now and for Midwinter 2020.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Anna Lam is great at making sure to advertise for field suggestions. The committee also reads widely and reviews many different sources for eligible and diverse titles.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Read diversely and widely until the nomination period is over on December 15. Discussion of nominated titles in Zoom meetings and via email and gearing up to Midwinter where we will vote for our winners. We make sure to continue to evaluate titles for eligibility as well as discussion of what makes a title distinguished.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The winners and honors will be shared at the end of January at the Midwinter meeting. There is no other news to report.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? YALSA is doing a great job helping my committee.

Nichole O'Connor is always quick to respond. The liaison, Betsy Fraser, continues to be incredibly

There aren't really any updates needed except that we reached the nomination deadline and have contacted the publishers about potential candidates.helpful as well.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes