

## **YALSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

2021 Midwinter, Virtual June 26, 2021

*Our mission is to support library staff in alleviating the challenges teens face, and in putting all teens – especially those with the greatest needs – on the path to successful and fulfilling lives.*

### **Board I                      Saturday, January 23, 2021 2:00-3:45 PM CT**

**Present:** Karen Lemmons Director, Josie Watanabe Secretary, Colleen Seisser Director, Dawn Kirkpatrick Director, Valerie Tagoe Director, Amanda Barnhart President, Kelly Czarnecki President- Elect, Susannah Goldstein Director, Franklin Escobedo Organization and Bylaw Chair/Ex-Officio, Traci Glass, Financial Advancement Committee Chair/ Ex-Officio, Rebecca Denham, Board Fellow/Ex-Officio, Stacy Shapiro Board Advocate, Melissa McBride, Director Todd Krueger, Immediate Past-President, Charli Osborne, Director, Abigail Phillips, Division Councilor, Kate Denier, Fiscal Officer, Tammy Dillard-Steel, YALSA Executive Director/Ex-Officio

**Absent:** None

### **Board II                      Saturday, January 23 4:00-5:30 PM CT**

**Present:** Karen Lemmons Director, Josie Watanabe Secretary, Colleen Seisser Director, Dawn Kirkpatrick Director, Valerie Tagoe Director, Amanda Barnhart President, Kelly Czarnecki President- Elect, Susannah Goldstein Director, Franklin Escobedo Organization and Bylaw Chair/Ex-Officio, Traci Glass, Financial Advancement Committee Chair/ Ex-Officio, Rebecca Denham, Board Fellow/Ex-Officio, Stacy Shapiro Board Advocate, Melissa McBride, Director Todd Krueger, Immediate Past-President, Charli Osborne, Director, Abigail Phillips, Division Councilor, Kate Denier, Fiscal Officer, Tammy Dillard-Steel, YALSA Executive Director/Ex-Officio

**Absent:** None

**Guests for Board I & II:** Ni'Shele YALSA Program Assistant, Melissa Villy, Elizabeth Nebeker, Melanie Wachsmann, Molly Dettmann, Celeste Swanson, Natalie D. Tate, Michelle Tryggestad, Karyn Stanley, Natalie Houston, Carolyn Aversano, Lola Edwards, Yvette Garcia, Marita Coombs, Natalie Houston, Janet Mumford, Janice Newsum, John Butler, Glen Brown, Jamie Ruppert, Kerrie Mierop, Stephanie Lawson Jennisen Lucas, Elisabeth Nebeker, Allison Gray, Peter Heburn, Dr. Maria McCauley

Board I: Saturday

**Call to Order**

A. Barnhart called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM CT on Saturday January 23, 2021.

**Information Forum:**

Board I: None

Board II: We will pause our meeting to have ALA Executive board representative, Maria McCauley and BARC liaison, Peter Hepburn give us updates.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion #2: M. McBride moved that the YALSA Board approve the 2021 Midwinter YALSA Board Agenda with flexibility. T. Glass seconded. Motion was approved.**

**Consent Items**

Motion #3: C. Seisser moved to approve the consent items. S. Goldstein seconded. Motion passed.

Item #1. Minutes from the 2020 Annual Conference -Josie Watanabe

Item #2. Morris Award Manual Task Force Review and Update -Rob Bittner

Item #3. YALS Editor Midwinter Report -Yolanda Hood

Item #4. JRLYA Editor Midwinter Report -Robin Moeller

Item #5. The Hub Blog Manager Midwinter Report -Sara Beth Coffman

Item #6. YALSAblog Manager Midwinter Report - Tess Wilson

Item #7. Teen Programming HQ Manager Report -Dawn Abron

Item #8. Odyssey Award Group Recommendations -Rob Bittner

Item #9. Councilor's Pre-Conference Report -Abby Phillips

Item #10. Social Media Marketing Taskforce Expansion - Amanda Barnhart, Franklin Escobedo,

Todd Krueger

Item #11. Short Term Leave Plan – Amanda Barnhart

Item #12. Interim Strategic Plan - Implementation -Tammy Dillard-Steels

### **Action Items**

Item # 13 Virtual Meeting Dispensation for Award Committees -Franklin Escobedo

**Motion #4: J. Watanabe moved that the YALSA Board approve the virtual meeting dispensation for the award committees. M. McBride seconded. Motion approved.**

Item #14. Recommendations from the Reimagining Alex Award Taskforce -Charli Osborne, Todd Krueger

**Motion #5: K. Czarnecki moved that the YALSA Board approve the recommendations for the Reimagining ALEX award taskforce. K. Lemmons seconded. Motion approved.**

Item #15. Fiscal Report -Tammy Dillard-Steels and Kate Denier (discussion, no action taken)

Item #16. 2020-2021 Board Fellow Selection Extension -Amanda Barnhart

**Motion #6: V. Tagoe moved to direct the Executive Director and YALSA President to extend the deadlines for the 2021-2022 position for the next Board Fellow. C. Osborne seconded. Motion approved.**

Item #17. Bylaws Language Change for Meetings -Franklin Escobedo

**Motion #7 C. Osborne moved that the YALSA Board adopt the changes to the language of Article VII Section 2 of YALSA's Bylaws (The YALSA Board of Directors will meet twice a year. [Location and way of meeting is left unspecified.]) and direct the YALSA Executive Director to place the proposed by-law changes on the 2021 ballot for members to approve. A. Phillips seconded. Motion approved.**

Item #18. Strategic Planning Follow-Up - Todd Krueger, Amanda Barnhart, Kelly Czarnecki, and Tammy Dillard-Steels (discussion, no action taken)

### **Information Items**

Item #19. Guidelines for Board

Item #20. Board Responsibilities for 2021 Conferences -Tammy Dillard-Steels

Item #22. Communications Report -Anna Lam

Item #23. Events & Conference Report -Nichole O'Connor

Item #24. Membership Report -Letitia Smith

Item #25. Education Report - Linda Braun, Ni'Shele Jackson and Sarah Evans

Item #26. Quarterly Chair Reports

### **Executive Session**

Board moved to executive session with no motions

### **New Business-Saturday**

Item #28. PBA/BARC Report - Peter Hepburn

Item #29. ALA Update -Dr. Maria McCauley

Item #30. YALSA Councilor Midwinter Activities Update Abby Phillips

Item #31. Extension of EDI Taskforces to Complete Projects -Todd Krueger

**Motion #8: K. Czarnecki moved that the YALSA Board approve the extension of EDI Taskforces to complete projects. K. Denier seconded. Motion approved.**

Item #32. Teen Civic Engagement Committee - 22x20 Taskforce -Karen Lemmons and Yvette Garcia

**Motion #9: C. Seisser moved that the YALSA Board direct the President to appoint a Teen Civic Engagement Committee by March 2021. T. Glass seconded. Motion approved.**

Item #33. EDI Survey Follow-Up -Amanda Barnhart and Tammy Dillard-Steels

**Motion #10: J. Watanabe moved that the YALSA Board directs the executive director to craft a committee charge and to develop a volunteer taskforce to create global EDI standards for YALSA policy and documents to appoint the task force by early April. S. Goldstein seconded. Motion approved.**

### **Adjournment-Saturday**

**Motion #11: T. Krueger moved that the YALSA Board adjourn the meeting. K. Dennier seconded. Motion approved.**

A. Barnhart adjourned the Midwinter Meeting at 5:25 PM CT, on January 23, 2021.