

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

Topic: Mentoring Taskforce Establishment

Background: At the 2009 Annual Conference the Board voted to establish a new mentoring effort. Since that time YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education has developed an implementation plan and resources for the program. Applications have been open since April for members to apply to be mentors or protégés. Participants will be selected and matched over the summer and training will take place in the fall. The mentoring partnerships will take place throughout the 2011 calendar year. In April the Board voted via email to establish a taskforce to evaluate the applications and match applicants. Including the item as a part of this meeting simply ensures it will be entered into the official record of the association.

Action Required: Consent

Proposal: Create a Task Force that will evaluate the mentoring program applications and make matches between mentors and protégés.

Rationale: As per Board action, YALSA is moving forward with launching a new mentoring program.

A system is needed to review the applications and match applicants. A taskforce of YALSA members is a way to engage members in the process while also helping to accomplish an important task.

- Members, more so that staff, have the needed background experience to ensure applicants are appropriately matched by interest, level of expertise, etc.

Proposed Action: the Board direct the President to establish a Mentoring Taskforce that will work between July 1 and August 31, 2010 to review applications submitted for the YALSA mentoring program to determine applicants' eligibility. Using information provided in mentor and protégé applications, select and match mentors and protégés from those applicants who are eligible. Selections and matches are to be made no later than August 31, 2010 and submitted to YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education.

Additional Resources:

Information about the mentoring program on YALSA's web site:
www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/profdev/mentoring.cfm