

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

**Topic:** Program Clearinghouse Committee

**Background:** In recent years the Board has struggled with making the Program Clearinghouse Committee an effective part of the program planning process. Linda Braun is proposing to sunset the committee and explore other means for seeking and vetting potential conference programs in an effort to engage more members and deliver more timely programs at conferences.

**Action Required:** Action

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**Proposal:** Sunset the Program Clearinghouse Committee and explore alternative means for seeking and vetting conference programs that allows for more timely programs and increased member participation.

**Rationale:**

- Over the past three years in an effort to improve the process of calling for and evaluating conference proposals, the Board implemented various efforts to improve the effectiveness of the Program Clearinghouse Committee's role in that process, but was unsuccessful in making positive, lasting change.
- The past system of obtaining and vetting conference proposals, of which the Program Clearinghouse is a part, does not work well with today's larger membership and rapidly changing profession.

**Proposed Action:**

- The Board agrees to sunset the Program Clearinghouse Committee, effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and thanks the current committee for their hard work and contribution to YALSA.
- The Board directs the Executive Director to work with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences and Events to explore alternative means for seeking and vetting conference programs.

**Additional Resources:**

- "Meetings Remix: time to rethink the usual format" (ASAE 2008)  
[www.asacenter.org/PublicationsResources/ANowDetail.cfm?ItemNumber=36735](http://www.asacenter.org/PublicationsResources/ANowDetail.cfm?ItemNumber=36735)