

Association for Library Service to Children
Executive Committee Meeting
2018 Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

Thursday, June 21, 2018, 2:00 - 4:15 p.m.
Morial Convention Center (MCC), Room 204

MINUTES as of 7/23/2018

Executive Committee in Attendance: Nina Lindsay, Jamie Naidoo, Paula Holmes, Jenna Nemec-Loise (via video)

Staff in Attendance: Aimee Strittmatter, Alena Rivers, Marsha Burgess, Elizabeth Serrano

Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order at 2:08 p.m. by President, Nina Lindsay
- *Meeting to be run informally
- *Spring 2018 Executive Committee Minutes approved as submitted.
- *Agenda approved as submitted with New Business Item
- *Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Announcements:

It was announced that YALSA is thinking of having a Joint Preconference with the other youth divisions.

Discussion/Decision

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship Proposal

N. Lindsay asked the co-chair to send a preliminary proposal and it was submitted prior to conference that included a schedule. The updated report has been added to the online Board document. It was clarified that the “membership” has been changed to “student membership” and ALSC would mentor them from start and follow them thru their first year. Students are being recruited heavily by other divisions, so the language needs to be clear. This will be brought into Board discussion. E. Serrano reported that if they are recent graduates they are still eligible for the student rate. It was suggested that the student rate continue for up to five years, so that there isn’t any financial difficulty early in their career. J. Nemec (via video) reported that early professionals need mentorship and this fellowship plays a key role for what we offer. This is a pilot structure but would like this to be sustainable.

ACTION: The EDI Fellowship taskforce will consult with the Student Gift Membership task force. And, the taskforce should look at members of the disability chapters.

Award Program Review Task Force Report

It was reported that if the Board acts to approve the first recommendation, this will take effect immediately. And, we have different versions for the banquet script, the PowerPoint presentation, as well as wording for the website. Though, the banquet programs will have Wilder on them, the change will take effect immediately. As ALSC adjust the scripts, the branding aspect is something the Board should think heavily about. The logical choice would be to change the title of the banquet altogether, but there may be push back. Is it better to have a name that is short or long? It was said that ALSC would like a lasting name and the bronze medal is well liked but looking at other things instead of the medal.

The Executive Committee were all in agreement that the word “Legacy” should be used. This also depends on how fast the ALA Awards Committee can work with ALSC. J. Nemeč (via video) stated that there is a distinct difference in renaming the award and/or sunsetting the Wilder award. The committee agreed for going with option #1 to take historical responsibility. Vicky Smith (ALSC Board member) volunteered to attend the ALA Award Committee meeting to listen in and will report out on Tuesday’s Board meeting.

Next Steps for Early Literacy

N. Lindsay stated that she was very happy that the next steps were reported out so clearly. The chair had some messaging on where ALSC is going with the next steps for early literacy. A question was raised as to where does that work live within ALSC, so that we don’t lose it? There were concerns with recommendation #2, because of staff time. The scope of the survey should be flexible.

Belpré Award Expansion Task Force Report

It was reported that considering expanding the award to include YA books seems straightforward, but once delved in it became complicated. And, there was a lot of staff time involved. The Odyssey award that is shared between YALSA and ALSC, because of the age range that the award covers was used an example. ALSC wants Belpré to be a separate committee from the YA portion. A question was raised about how the investment will look over time? It was suggested that the YA portion will be awarded every other year but haven’t gone into the weeds on the discussion. N. Lindsay reported that she sent Tess Prendergast an email regarding the recommendations stating that ALSC would like to separate awards and leave the door open for more discussion. Questions, included, how does ALSC handle overlap in age range if we receive books for 12-14-year-olds? N. Lindsay will be discussed with YALSA staff at the Joint Executive Committee meeting. C. Jones reported that there has been confusion when it is an ALSC committee chair versus and YALSA committee chair, especially with ALSC having PGC’s and assisting with eligibility questions. The submission forms for publishers should have categories as well.

ACTION: N. Lindsay will communicate with the YALSA President, post Board meeting.

ALA Investment Budget-PLA Talking Points

P. Holmes did not have any questions regarding the talking points. But, it was reported that ALSC Board doesn’t have time to provide feedback at this time. But, will mention overhead component of the awards that are paid to ALA.

New Business

YALSA Preconference on Cultural Competencies

It was reported that this could set-up an awkward precedent of priorities. ALSC Leadership should be attending this preconference but has other obligations at that time. It was suggested that ALSC should offer something online, because ALSC has been very vocal about cultural competencies, this is a direct service to librarians within our organization. This looks like an opportunity for ALSC and this is something that shouldn't be rushed into. The Executive Committee gut reaction is not to do anything with this, but will refer this for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion task force to consider. This should be purposeful and not opportunistic. ALSC should have a sense of what we want, before signing on with other organizations, but we are still hard at work accessing our training needs.

Joint Executive Committee Meeting

The committee discussed items that would be brought up regarding three successes for the ALSC division 1) Awards program review of the Wilder award 2) Mentorship program successes 3) Proactive committees. The joint project suggestion is: Serving the needs of Children/Student/Families in Crisis or Creating Welcoming Spaces.