

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

DRAFT 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 considering hosting a Joint Preconference with the other youth divisions.

Discussion/Decision

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship Proposal

A preliminary proposal for the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship was submitted prior to conference. Board discussion included applicant criteria. Applicants would be student members and EDI task force members would mentor recipients through their first year. Recent graduates are still eligible for the student rate but task force should evaluate student rate options. It was suggested that the student rate continue for up to five years to reduce financial difficulties for early career professionals. 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. The taskforce should look at members of disability chapters.

Award Program Review Task Force Report

Logistics for the recommendations were discussed along with other considerations for a potential award name change.

Vicky Smith (ALSC Board member) volunteered to attend the ALA Award Committee meeting and will report out on Tuesday's Board meeting.

Next Steps for Early Literacy

Executive Committee discussion noted the clarity in recommendations for the Next Steps in Early Literacy report, staff time commitments related to recommendations and where the work of early literacy will live within ALSC so it is not lost.

Belpré Award Expansion Task Force Report

The task force report was review and discussed. Emphasis was on logistics for the inclusion of young adult books in the award, age range considerations, and the potential longevity of the investment in a change. N. Lindsay will be discussing further with YALSA after the Joint Executive Committee meeting.

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. It was reported that the ALSC Board would not have time to provide feedback at this time, but will highlight overhead component of the awards that are paid to ALA.

New Business

YALSA Preconference on Cultural Competencies

YALSA presented ALSC with an opportunity to partner on a cultural competency for a preconference at Annual 2019. Planning is already underway for the ALSC Awards preconference which could send conflicting messages should ALSC hold another preconference. Additionally, the purpose of the content and audience was discussed. If targeting ALSC Leadership, they would have other obligations at that time. Alternative options were discussed and the need for careful consideration of ALSC's cultural competency training needs. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion task force's forthcoming recommendations should also be considered. The Executive Committee agreed that the timing for a preconference would not work for ALSC at this time.

Joint Executive Committee Meeting

The committee discussed three items to share at the Joint Executive Committee meeting 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.