

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

2020 Annual Virtual Meeting, June 27, 2020

*YALSA's mission is to support library staff in alleviating the challenges teen face, and in putting all teens—especially those with the greatest needs—on the path to successful and fulfilling Lives.*

**Board I                  Saturday, Jun 27, 2020--12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. EST via Zoom**

**Present:** Amanda Barnhart, President Elect; Trixie Dantis, Director; Kate Denier, Ex-officio; Tammy Dillard-Steels, Ex-officio, Traci Glass, Ex-officio and Director, Jane Gov, Financial Officer; Todd Krueger, President; Karen Lemmons, Director; Gregory Lum, Financial Advancement Committee Chair and Ex-officio, Melissa McBride, Director; Charlie Osborne, Director; Abby Phillips, Division Counselor; Colleen Seisser, Director; Valerie Tagoe, Director; Josie Watanabe, Secretary,

**Guests:** Rebecca Denham, Franklin Escobedo, Yvette Garcia, Susannah Goldstein, Ni'Shele Jackson, Dawn McMillan Janice Newsum, Nichole O'Conner, Stacy Shapiro

**Board II                  Saturday, June 27, 2020 –3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. EST via Zoom**

**Present:** Amanda Barnhart, President Elect; Trixie Dantis, Director; Kate Denier, Ex-officio; Tammy Dillard-Steels, Ex-officio, Traci Glass, Ex-officio and Director, Jane Gov, Financial Officer; Todd Krueger, President; Karen Lemmons, Director; Gregory Lum, Financial Advancement Committee Chair and Ex-officio, Melissa McBride, Director; Charlie Osborne, Director; Abby Phillips, Division Counselor; Colleen Seisser, Director; Valerie Tagoe, Director; Josie Watanabe, Secretary

**Guests:** Rebecca Denham, Franklin Escobedo, Yvette Garcia, Susannah Goldstein, Ni'Shele Jackson, Amilia Jenkin, Dawn McMillan, Elizabeth Nebeker, Janice Newsum, Nichole O'Conner, Stacy Shapiro

A quorum was present for the meeting.

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We'll pause in the agenda to accommodate 10 min. information exchanges with:

- BARC Representative, Peter Hepburn at Board II.
- ALA Executive Board Representative, Maria McCauley at Board II.

Board I: 12:30 p.m. -2:30 p.m. EST

**Call to Order:**

**T. Krueger called the meeting at 12:35 p.m. EST, June 27, 2020**

**Review of virtual board norms and procedures.**

**Information Forum:**

Board I:

- K. Denier: Systemic Racism Conversation Group has selected an article for first discussion: Characteristics of White Supremacy-Dismantling White Supremacy. Tracy will lead. We will send out a link shortly.
- G. Lum: Thank Nichole and Leticia for their hard work on the grant for his wife. Leticia tracked all the donors and sent Gregory updates weekly. Thank you both!
- A. Barnhart: Freedom to Read Foundation considers Broad Band/Internet access a right just like reading.
- T. Krueger: Commented about ALA virtual event: Great to attend sessions that did not overlap w/YALSA Board. Great sessions that were able to be cobbled together in such a short period of time.

**Adoption of the Agenda:**

**Motion #1: T.Glass moved that the YALSA Board: Approve the meeting agenda for the 2020 ALA Annual Conference. K. Lemmons seconded. Motion Passed.**

**Consent Items:**

**Motion #2: G. Lum moved that the YALSA Board: approve the minutes from the 2020 Midwinter meeting in Philadelphia, posted by Josie. J Gov seconded. Motion Passed.**

**Motion #3 J. Gov moved that the YALSA Board: approve consent items #2-13 on the agenda with the understanding that YALSA Board will follow up on items #8, #9, and #12 as discussed in Board I meeting at ALA Virtual. T. Dantis seconded. Motion Passed.**

Item #2 Virtual meeting dispensation for Award Committees --Todd Krueger

Item #3 YALSA Advocacy Resources: Community Listening Task Force –Josie Watanabe

Item #4 Reconsidering the 2020 YALSA Symposium -Todd Krueger

Item #5 Greenlighting a Strategic Planning Consultant -Todd Krueger and Amanda Barnhart

Item #6 Defunding the Teen Summit to Apply Funds to Strategic Planning -Todd Krueger and Amanda Barnhart

Item #7 Meeting Virtually Due to the Cancellation of the ALA Annual Conference 2020 -

Todd Krueger and Kate Denier

Item #8 YALS Editor Report -Yolanda Hood

Item #9 JRLYA Editor Report-Robin A. Moeller, Ph.D

Item #10 YALSAblog Manager Report -Tess Wilson

Item #11 The Hub Manager Report -Stephen Ashley

Item #12 Teen Programming HQ Report--Dawn Abron

Item #13 May Chair Reports -Letitia Smith

## Action Items

Item #14 Bylaws Language Change For Meetings-- Kate Danier

**No vote, changes will be made the document and re-submitted.**

Item #15 Creation of a Selection List Oversight Committee -Todd Krueger

**Motion # 4: C. Seisser moved that the YALSA Board: approve item 15 with the changes of adding a chair, staggered appointments, and suggestion that current or former selection list members be considered for the Oversight committee V.Tago seconded. Motion Passed.**

Item #16 President's Taskforce- Amanda Barnhart

**Motion # 5: A.Phillips moved that the YALSA Board: approve item 16 to establish the YALSA Presidential Initiatives Taskforce. M. McBride seconded. Motion Passed.**

## Discussion Items

Item #17 Morris Award Manual Task Force -Kim Dare

Item #18 Odyssey Group Recommendations Part 2 -Rob Bittner

Item #19 FY 2020 First Quarter Fiscal Report--Tammy Dillard-Steels

**Motion #6: J. Gov moved that the YALSA Board: extend Board I meeting by 10 minutes. C. Seisser seconded. Motion Passed**

**T. Krueger called recess at 2:40 p.m. EST**

## Board II: 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. EST

### New Business

**Recess ended, T. Krueger called the meeting back to order at 3:34 p.m. EST**

Item #20 YALSA Councilor Annual Activities Update (5 min.) - Abigail Phillips

Item #21 Interim Strategic Plan -Tammy Dillard-Steels

**Motion #7: K. Lemmons moves to approve the draft strategic plan. G. Lum seconded. Motion Passed.**

Item #22 Pura Belpre' MOU -Todd Krueger and Tammy Dillard-Steels

**Motion #8: J. Watanabe moves to approve the Pura Belpre MOU. A. Phillips seconded. Motion passed.**

Item #23 NAMLE Alliance MOU -Todd Krueger and Tammy Dillard-Steels

**Motion #9: K. Lemmons moves to approve the NAMLE Alliance MOU. C. Osborne seconded. Motion Passed.**

Item #24 Adoption & Presentation of Resolutions -Todd Krueger

Item #25 Installation of New Board Members –Todd Krueger and Amanda Barnhart

**Informational Items**

T. Krueger would like to bring the informational items to the forefront and thank YALSA staff and thank folks who provided the Informational item.

Item #26 Guidelines for Board Meetings --YALSA Handbook

Item #27 Preliminary 2021 Conference Information --Tammy Dillard-Steels

Item #28 Board & Staff Liaisons for 2020 – 2021 --Amanda Barnhart

Item #29 Communications Update --Anna Lam

Item #30 Continuing Education and IMLS Update –Ni'Shele Jackson and Linda Braun

Item #31 Events & Conferences Update –Nichole O'Connor Item #32 Membership Update --Letitia Smith

Item #33 Reimagining the Alex Award -Kali Olson

Item #34 Social Media Task Force --Franklin Escobedo

Item #35 Outstanding Books for the College Bound -Yolanda Hood

Item #36 EDI Task Force 1: Promoting Professional Success for Underrepresented Groups within YALSA --David Wang

Item #37 EDI Task Force 2: Encouraging LIS and iSchools to Include EDI Plan Elements in Curricula-  
KE Hones

Item #38 EDI Task Force 3: Modeling Services and Programs to Include EDI Plan Elements -  
Sarah Ryan

Item #39 EDI Task Force 4: Addressing Institutional Bias and Racism in Libraries -  
Eric Schoenbaechler

Item #40 Joann Sweetland Lum Grant Report --Gregory Lum

Item #41 ALA Liaison Report to the Board--Gina Seymour

**Motion # 10: C. Seisser moves to adjourn the YALSA Board Meeting. M. McBride seconded. Motion Passed.**

**A. Barnhart adjourned the YALSA Annual Board Meeting at 4:47 p.m. EST, June 27, 2020**

