

**YALSA Board Meeting
2005 Annual Conference
Chicago, Illinois
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Topic: Conducting a Committee Review

Background: The idea has been brought forward that YALSA would benefit from a comprehensive review of its committees and discussion groups, including their individual charges and compositions. If this idea were to move forward, the Organization & Bylaws Committee would likely be the appropriate entity to conduct the review.

Action Required: Discussion/Decision

Some points to consider:

- YALSA has a new strategic plan, which outlines key goals for YALSA to accomplish in the next few years. The work of the committees will likely play a significant role in implementing the plan.
- YALSA currently has 22 process committees, 2 discussion groups and 9 selection committees (plus a few taskforces and ad hoc committees).
- The last time a review/evaluation of the structure of the organization was conducted was over 7 years ago.
- In the past five years YALSA has doubled its membership. Are the existing committees/discussion groups meeting all members' needs? How can new members be tapped for participation on committees? Special groups to consider:
 - 23% are student members
 - 28% are school library workers
- Does the changing nature of the profession call for new committees, disbanding certain existing committees and/or modifying existing ones?
- ALSC has a Quicklists Consulting Committee that exists to promote books and other resources through compilations of lists for publications, organizations, etc.
- YALSA celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2007. Will a special committee or taskforce need to be established to plan for that?