

YS Forum Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom

February 5, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1) Welcome & Reports

- a) Introductions – 21 in attendance: Anne Kunzen, Beth McCloskey, Kelly Stulgate, Jennifer Abler, Ann Baillie, Ellen Fitzgerald, Richard Izzo, Christy Kepler, Niki Marabotti, Kristi Miller, Tina Ruszala, Brandi Smits, Sarah Tattersall, Lisel Ulaszek, Jenny Westbook-Krusza, Nicole Mills, Erica Hanke-Young, Cyndi Robinson, Amber Creger, Melanie Lo Piccolo (guest), Lynn DeSmidt (guest)
- b) Forum buddies for new members – Ellen will be Nicole's forum buddy
- c) Assign note taker – Beth
- d) No corrections to the minutes from November 6, 2020
- e) Approval of minutes from November 6, 2020 – Jen moved to accept the minutes, Lisel seconded the motion
- f) No additions or changes to agenda
- g) Roster additions – Nicole Mills will join the YSF Board in addition to being our YASF Liaison
- h) ILA Board report (Cyndi and Amber) – Legislative meet-ups are going on now and are available to all ILA members. ILA elections are coming up. March 15 is the deadline to volunteer to serve on an ILA committee. Award nominations are now open, and the deadline is May 15. Conference proposals are due March 31. The ILA board issued a statement condemning the violence at the Capitol on January 6. The ILA DEI sub-committee is working on definitions of terms.
- i) YASF report (Nicole Mills) – They are offering professional development on February 11 on Teen Activism. Sign up at <https://www.ila.org/events/young-adult-services-forum-professional>. They are still looking for iREAD submissions. She shared the minutes from their last meeting on January 14 in the chat.
- j) iREAD report (Erica Hanke-Young) – 2022 Resource Guide submissions are due February 28. Their next meeting is February 12.
- k) Correspondence

2) Old Business – Everyone confirmed the following committee information is correct.

- a) Committee Positions:
 - i. Election of Co-Managers for November 2021-October 2022 – Jen Abler and Christy Kepler
 - ii. Awards Committee – Ellen (chair), Kelly, Tina, Kerry, and Anne K.
 - iii. Author Breakfast Committee – Traditional committee is not needed this year. Committee instead will work with ILA and iREAD on a potential virtual YSF Keynote Speaker/Author Breakfast session at the conference. – Jenny will chair
 - iv. Stories & Spirits – Kristi and Niki will be co-chairs
 - v. Pre-Conference Committee – Brandi, Anne K., and Sarah will work on a potential virtual author visit or un-conference
 - vi. Marketing and Promotions (includes Soup administration) – Christy (chair), Brandi, Anne, Tina, and Ellen; admins have been updated
 - vii. Conference Booth Committee – Jen (chair)
 - viii. New Virtual Networking Committee to work on networking opportunities outside of the conference throughout the year – Beth, Kristi, and Sarah on committee

- b) 2021 ILA Conference program discussion – Conference will be October 12-14, 2021 and will be virtual again; the theme is Breaking Down Barriers, Building Up Communities; specific program proposals will be discussed in New Business

3) New Business

- a) Discussion of Awards: The ILA Awards Committee will conduct an internal audit of all ILA Awards as part of its 2021 activities. The committee will review award names, as well as categories, eligibility, and criteria. We had a lengthy discussion about changing the names and eligibility of the Davis Cup and Golden Ticket awards. We will present the ILA Awards Committee the following new names for our awards: Youth Services Librarian of the Year (formerly Davis Cup) and Youth Services Achievement Award (formerly Golden Ticket). Our YSF Awards Committee will update more of the details of each award and email the YSF Board with proposed final wording before submitting it to the ILA Awards Committee. Changes include moving the information about Marion Davis to the description (instead of the name of the award), specifying that the Youth Services Achievement Award does not require the recipient have an MLIS, and expanding the Youth Services Achievement Award to include achievements in other areas of youth services in addition to programming.
- b) Discussion and clarification of committee responsibilities/job duties – Duties for all committees and chairs were discussed and the document will be updated to reflect the changes. The new document will be sent to ILA to post on our YSF web page after the YSF Board approves the changes.
- c) Discussion of 2021 ILA Conference program ideas – Prior to the meeting, many proposals were discussed via email. The discussion was continued at the meeting and seven proposals will be put forth by YSF members as sponsored by YSF. The exact titles and details of each proposal will be discussed via email among the YSF members who are listed for each proposal below:
- a. Readers’ advisory for kids who are beyond readers, but not ready for long chapter books – Anne K., Jen, Christy
 - b. StoryWalks – Brandi (heading up this proposal), Lisel, Kristi
 - c. Storytime EDI/DEI – Sarah
 - d. Homeschooling program – Jenny (heading up this proposal), Rich
 - e. Youth Middle Management – Kelly, Ellen
 - f. Passive programming for youth – Beth (heading up this program), Kristi, Brandi
 - g. IGNITE – Ellen
- d) Other area YS meetings, programs, or other educational opportunities – Prairie State Story League on February 12 at 10:00 a.m.; Gwen Harrison and Amber Creger will present a five-part series in April on computational thinking called Transforming Teen Services (sponsored by YALSA and the Illinois State Library), register at <https://librarylearning.org/event/2021-04-09/t3-transforming-teen-services-train-trainer>; LACONI presents Summer Programming in a Pandemic on Feb 17 and 18 (the registration page on Eventbrite says both days are sold out)
- 4) **Discussion topic if time allows:** Ideas for virtual programming for children: What is working for you? – This topic was tabled as we didn’t have any extra time.

5) Upcoming Meetings:

- April 30, 2021 - 10 – noon, via Zoom
- August 6, 2021 - 10 – noon, TBD
- Conference/via Zoom
- November 5, 2021

Jen moved to adjourn the meeting, and Rich seconded the motion.