

**2018 Minnesota Library Association
CYP Annual Business Meeting
Friday, October 12 at 1 pm
Meeting Minutes Taken by Renee Grassi, CYP Chair-Elect**

Meeting called to order at 1 pm

I. Chair Julia Carlis provides an overview of the major CYP activities and accomplishments of 2018.

A. Carlis reports that 24 library staff attended the CYP Unconference at Brooklyn Park Library in April. The theme of this year's UnCon was nature-themed library programs, featuring a presentation entitled "Nature Smart Libraries" by the Children and Nature Network. Monica Stratton from Ramsey County Library presented "Raising Monarchs" about her library's initiative to provide accessible experiences with the natural world to children inside the library.

B. Carlis reports that the first online CYP Journal Club session was hosted in August, 2018. This began as a response to membership seeking more opportunities for the membership with limited transportation from Greater Minnesota to participate and connect virtually. The content was derived from the April, 2018 session of the Library Services for Children Journal Club, which focused on play and designing learning environments for youth. There were three attendees.

C. By the end of the year, Carlis will develop and implement a CYP membership-wide survey to assess CYP members and other Minnesota Library youth services library staff. The goal of this survey will be to assess interest in CYP, evaluate barriers to participation in CYP, and gather information about future areas of development and support for CYP. Carlis will work with Renee Grassi, CYP Chair-Elect, to develop and disseminate this survey.

II. Carlis presented the 2018 Budget Report. The annual budget for the CYP is \$100. Carlis reported that all \$100 had been spent on refreshments to supply the April UnConference program. She reports a balance of \$0.00.

III. Renee Grassi, CYP Chair-Elect, reviewed her 2019 platform. This three-part platform will focus on the following items:

A. Provide more learning opportunities to CYP members on youth services topics that are accessible to Greater Minnesota and those from libraries with limited transportation or budget for travel. Grassi will explore recording the 2019 CYP UnConference and making some or all of the content accessible online.

B. Grow participation and engagement in CYP Activities. Grassi will continue the work started by Carlis with the upcoming CYP Membership Assessment, review its findings, and explore opportunities to build membership.

C. Emphasize and support learning and conversation about teen services. Grassi reports that historically, CYP has had a focus on children services serving birth through Grade 5. She would like to provide an opportunity to support engagement around topics concerning teen services. This may include a second event for 2019: the first CYP-sponsored Teen Services UnConference.

IV. Carlis presented a new set of CYP Bylaws, which had been by herself and Chair-Elect Renee Grassi. It's custom for MLA Sections to have an approved set of bylaws to direct section activities. Attendees were provided printed copies of the bylaws to review. After a review, Carlis opened floor for discussion. Gail proposed adding the phrase "and caregivers" under "Purpose" to ensure family engagement is part of the scope.

Susan Schumacher made a motion to approve the draft bylaws as amended.

Amy Commers seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote.

V. Carlis opened the floor for the election of 2020 CYP Chair. She reports that only one nominee had expressed interest in running for position: Kristen Schneider from Carver County Library. No other members presented submitted nominees. Carlis called for a voice vote for those in favor of electing Schneider for 2020 CYP Chair-Elect. Kristen Schneider is 2020 CYP Chair-Elect passed by voice vote.

VI. Leah Larson from Minnesota State Services and LSTA Coordinator provided an introduction and presentation of various services and resources available from the State Library.

A. Minnesota libraries can express interest to receive the American Indian Collection, a newly curated collection of 100 titles focusing on indigenous and American Indian experience. Those interested should email Leah Larson.

B. Larson reports that the YALSA Train the Trainer "Coding and Connecting Learning in Teen Services" Cohort will be formed soon. There will be more information coming soon about the 10 trainings available through this initiative.

C. Larson announced that Minnesota will be the host site for an upcoming library training called "EXCITE Transformation in Libraries" in November, 2019. This training will be specifically for leadership in library services. There will be funding to support this training opportunity. More information from the State Library Services coming soon.

VII. Carlis opened the floor for discussion from CYP membership.

A. Jill Smith, Bayport Public Library presented about “PreNatal – Age 3 Policy Forums.” The Prenatal to Three Policy Forums are intended to provide a space for early-childhood advocates, and those interested in this critical topic, to share their plans and build toward a unified agenda. Smith reports that she has attended these forums in the past, and that they have been worthwhile networking and learning opportunities. The next forum event will be on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the University of St. Thomas from 9 am – 12 pm. These forums are available to attend in person or via live stream. For more information, check out the website: <https://www.p3minnesota.org/>

B. Tom Jorgenson from Dakota County Library encouraged everyone in attendance at the meeting to introduce themselves, their role, and their home library.

C. There was discussion about a past event called the “Mock Newbery, Caldecott and Printz Award Discussion.” These in-person events were hosted annually and co-sponsored by the CYP. The goal of these events were to bring CYP members together for a face-to-face networking opportunity centered around discussion about potential Newbery, Caldecott, and Printz award-winning titles. Grassi recommends that a question be included on the upcoming assessment to garner interest in continuing this event. Other suggestions were to explore online discussion format, while some preferred to keep the discussion in person. The suggestion was made to consider this as a possible topic at the UnConference. Carlis agreed to include this question on the upcoming membership survey.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm