

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

CALIFORNIA YOUNG READER MEDAL COMMITTEE

FUNCTION:

To participate in inter-organizational sponsorship of the California Young Reader Medal Program with California Association of Teachers of English, California Library Association and California Reading Association.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Members: Three (3) members appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Vice President, Professional Development and approval of the State Executive Board. The Senior Member shall report to the Vice President, Professional Development. The Vice President, Professional Development may serve as an additional CSLA representative at joint planning meeting.

Term: One new member shall be appointed each year for a three-year term. Member whose term is due to expire in the current year shall be designated Senior Member.

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES:

1. In cooperation with co-sponsoring organizations, conduct a statewide program annually to select the favorite books of students in the following categories: Primary, Intermediate, Middle School/Junior High, Young Adult.
2. Arrange to host one planning meeting of the State California Young Reader Medal Committee.
3. Provide for reproduction and dissemination of promotional materials.
4. Announce and honor winning authors.
5. Submit periodic reports to Vice President, Professional Development and submit a written report to the Vice President, Professional Development for final Executive Board meeting with budget recommendations for the following fiscal year.
6. Work cooperatively with CSLA Conference Committee to plan programs and activities related to California Young Reader Medal.
7. Participate in California Young Reader Medal programs at annual conferences of sponsoring organizations.
8. Assume responsibility for chairing various committees of the State California Young Reader Medal Committee.

9. Publicize California Young Reader Medal in CSLA Newsletter and Journal.
10. Present California Young Reader Medal Programs at regional workshops, district in-services, etc.
11. Abide by the terms of cooperation outlined in the Inter-organizational Memorandum of Understanding dated May 8, 1995.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CSLA CYRM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Members:

All members shall participate fully in the work of the inter-organizational State CYRM Committee as defined by its guidelines and practices.

Senior Member:

Committee member whose term is due to expire at the end of the current year shall be designated Senior Member with additional responsibilities as indicated below:

1. Prepare written reports for CSLA Vice President, Professional Development
2. Make reports at State Board Meetings upon request
3. Be responsible for oversight of CSLA/CYRM budget
 - Confer with Vice President, Professional Development regarding budget
 - Collect, approve and submit bills to Vice President, Professional Development
4. Be responsible for organizing the area of responsibility assigned to California School Library Association by the State Committee. This may be Committee Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, or Publicity Chair.
5. Communicate with CSLA office manager to coordinate sale and distribution of materials at conference booth and through business office.
6. Act as chairperson of CSLA/CYRM conference activities
 - Serve on Conference Committee, or delegate another CYRM committee
 - Coordinate medal presentation ceremony
 - Arrange student presenter for award
 - Obtain medal from CYRM State Chairperson
 - Organize concurrent session presentations
 - Organize materials for conference booth in exhibit area
 - Coordinate sale and dissemination of activity packets and promotional materials
7. Coordinate recommendations for new CSLA member to be appointed prior to CYRM meeting in June. Geographic location, work assignment, grade level and ethnic diversity is to be considered.

8. Prepare binder for new member.
9. Contribute materials to CSLA Archives.

Want to serve on the CYRM Committee? Here's How!

Each year the CSLA Board appoints one (1) member to the CYRM Committee. Interested CSLA members are encouraged to apply for a 3-year commitment from June 2002 through June 2005.

I. Member Responsibilities / Requirements for Three Years:

- **Attend four (4) weekend meetings per year** (January, April, and June: Friday late afternoon/early evening and all day Saturday meetings; October: Friday late afternoon/early evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday until noon)
- **Read and evaluate 200+ books** (Books range from picture books through intermediate all the way to grade 12 and are read all year; major reading is between April and late September.)
- **State Conference: Help plan and organize CYRM sessions, the exhibit booth, and the award banquet.** All three years involve Wednesday through Saturday attendance at conference. Second year of appointment involves serving on the conference committee, attending meetings, and serving as liaison for the CYRM committee.
- **Other Sponsoring Organizations: Participate in conference activities for the other state-wide CYRM sponsors (CATE, CLA, CRA)**
- **Contribute ideas and activities for the CYRM K-12 Resource Book** (Write summaries, book talks, readers' theater, writing prompts, etc. and prepare contributions for editor of book)
- **State-wide committee: Responsibilities rotate for the state-wide committee. CSLA is in line for the state committee chair.** The individual appointed this year will serve as state-wide committee chair one year and assume responsibilities of that office.

CSLA budgets for travel and hotel expenses for four annual state-wide committee meetings. Committee members are responsible for meals and some other expenses (conference expenses, etc.)

II. In return, Committee members receive the pleasure of reading and discussing young adult and children's literature with twelve congenial colleagues and working toward the common goal of encouraging pleasure reading for all young people.

III. To be considered for appointment to the CYRM Committee please send a letter of application, including a brief statement telling why you would like to be a CYRM committee member, to:

CSLA-CYRM Senior Member

717 K Street, Suite 515
Sacramento, 95814-3477
FAX: 916.447.2684
csla@pacbell.net

Application should include a vita or brief resume with the following information:

1. Your name, work and home addresses, phone numbers, fax, e-mail, school name, district, current position
2. Prior service in CSLA activities (Committee work; conferences; southern, northern, state boards)
3. Experience in reviewing children's and YA books: panels, publications, etc.
4. Experience in presentations on YA/children's literature to adult audiences
5. Participation/promotion of the CYRM program
6. Experience in giving booktalks and developing programs based on YA/children's literature
7. Other pertinent experience

Applications will be reviewed by current committee members and VP-Professional Development. The appointment will be announced by the CSLA Board in Spring 2002.

Questions? Contact any CYRM Committee member. Check the CSLA website: www.schoollibrary.org for contact information.

Applications due by January 31