USBBY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2021
(Updated July 2021)

National Selection Committees

USBBY Outstanding International Books Committee
Two-year appointment. Select annual list of the best books from other countries published or distributed in the USA during the previous year. Attendance is required at the selection meeting in December. The year in parentheses is always when the list is announced at ALA Midwinter, the end of January of that year. Therefore, the appointment ends in January of the year given.

Chair: Bettie Parsons Barger (through 2021)
Past Chair: Anamaria López Anderson
Board Liaison: Wendy Stephens
Assist. Chair/Member: Jenn Graff (through 2022)
Member: Desiree Cueto (through 2022)
Member: Alison Francis (through 2022)
Member: Sara Parrish (through 2022)
Member: Isaac Larison (through 2022)
Member: Nancy Johnson (through 2021)
Member: Wendy Stephens (through 2021)
Member: Patricia Bloem (through 2021)

Bridge to Understanding Award Committee
This award is given biennially to a program that promotes international understanding among children through books. Two-year appointment. Solicit nominations, select winner, publicize the award.

Chair: Nancy Hadaway (through 2023)
Board Liaison: Jim Stiles
Member: Teri Lesesne (2023)
Member: Amy Kellman (2023)
Member: Joan Glazer (2023)

Dorothy Briley Memorial Lecturer Selection Committee
Meets in even years. Select the Dorothy Briley Memorial Lecturer, a lecture presented at each biennial IBBY Regional Conference by a speaker from outside the United States. (One Member from CBC-one or two members of the previous committee, one member of the board and 3 members at large)

Chair: Terrell Young (through 2021)
Board Liaison/CBC rep: Ellen Myrick (through 2021)
Member: Linda Pavonetti (through 2021)
Previous Member: Mary Kemper (through 2021)
Member: Paula Holmes (through 2021)

Nominating Committees for International Awards and Projects

Hans Christian Andersen Award Committee
This prestigious award is presented to an author and illustrator of international stature at each biennial IBBY World Congress. Two-year appointment. Nominate U.S. candidates for the awards to IBBY, prepare dossiers. Also choose books for the biennial IBBY Honor List

Chair: Terry Hong (2021)
Past Chair: Laretta Henderson
Board Liaison: Claudette McLinn
Member: Maria Salvadore (2021)
Member: Patty Dean (2021)
Member: Jeremiah Henderson (2021)
Member: Gillian Engberg (2021)

Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award Committee
Two-year appointment. Nominate U.S. candidates for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, given annually by the Swedish government to an author, illustrator, storyteller, or promoter of children’s books.

Chair: Brenda Dales (through 2023 nominations)
Past Chair: Maria Acevedo
Board Liaison: Caroline Ward
Member: John Bickford (through 2023 nomination)
Member: Ruth Lowery (through 2023 nomination)

IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award Committee
Two-year appointment. Recommend a project to be nominated for the award, given biennially to groups or institutions that have made a lasting contribution to reading programs for children and young people.

Chair: Elizabeth Poe (through 2021)
Board Liaison: Susan Polos
Member: Laura Shovan (through 2021)
Member: Sue Parsons (through 2021)
Member: Denise Davila (through 2021)

USBBY Committee for the IBBY-iRead Outstanding Reading Promoter Award (chair plus 3)
Two-year appointment. Recommend an individual to be nominated for the award, given biennially to an individual who is working to promote the expansion and development of children’s reading.

Chair: Kathy Short (through 2021)
Board Liaison: Evie Freeman
Member: Doris Gebel (through 2021)
Member: Susan Corapi (through 2021)
Member: Meredith Davis (through 2021)

Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities
Two- or three-year appointment. Select U.S. books for this biennial IBBY list and traveling exhibit

Chair: Jared Crossley (through 2021)
Past Chair: Linda Parsons
Board Liaison: Amy McClure
Member: Dawn Menge (through 2021)
Member: Catherine Sorenson (2021)
Member: Danilo Baylen (through 2021)
Member: Sunny Wee (through 2021)

Other USBBY Committees

2021 IBBY Regional Conference Planning Committee
This committee serves for a two year term starting in the even year preceding the conference.

Chair: Ellen Myrick (through 2021)
Co-Chair: Ann Neely (through 2021)
Board Liaison: Evie Freeman (through 2021)
Member: Wendy Stephens (through 2021) Breakout Session Chair
Member: Lisa Von Drasek (through 2021)
Member: Deb Wooten (through 2021)
Member: Terry Young (through 2021)
Member: Alison MacLachlan (IBBY Canada)
Member: Julie Danielson (through 2021)
Member: Sandra Farag (through 2021)

2021 IBBY Regional Conference Local Arrangements Committee
This committee works closely with the Regional Conference Program Planning Committee, once the site for the conference is selected.

Chair: Ann Neely
Board Liaison: Ellis Vance
Member: Christina Moorehead
Member: Bettie Parsons Barger
Member: Myrick Marketing staff
Member: Mary Kemper
Member: Other local people identified by Ann

Alida Cutts USBBY Lifetime Membership Award Awarded at IBBY Regional Conference
Chair: Janelle Mathis (2021)
Member/Board Liaison Claudette McLinn (2021)
Member: Miriam Martinez (2021)

Membership Committee
Two-year (end of year) appointment. Recommended that members should represent sponsor organizations: ALA, CBC, IRA & NCTE) Charged with membership recruitment and membership activities.

Chair: Tucker Stone
Board Liaison: Ellis Vance
Member: Marion Rocco
Member: Jim Stiles
Member: Susan Polos
Member: Bindy Fleischman
Member: Ellen Myrick
Member: Christina Moorehead
Member: Alisha Berger

Nominating Committee
Two–year appointment. Prepare slate of nominees for annual election to the Board of USBBY.

Chair: Terry Young (2021)
Member: Kathy East (2021)
Member: Teri Lescnes (2021)
Member: Pat Scherber (2021)

Publications Committee (still need to clarify committee charge)
Monitors, manages, and coordinates USBBY publications

Publicity Committee
Charged with increasing visibility of USBBY and publicizing USBBY projects
Chair: Susan Polos
Board Liaison: Evie Freeman
Member: Barbara Scotto (with focus on Facebook Group)
Member: Marion Rocco (with focus on Facebook page and webpage)
Member: Ellis Vance (with focus on emails to membership, etc.)
Member: B. P. Barger (with focus on creating a website to replace the Bridges Book Series)

**Biennial International Bratislava (BIB) Nominating Committee**
Chair: Therese Bigelow (2020)
Board Liaison: Ellis Vance
Member: Ed Sullivan (2020)
Member: Molly McLoughlin (2020)

**International Opportunities for U.S. Illustrators Committee**
Chair: Paul Zelinsky (2020)
Board Liaison: Karen Perry
Member: Kathleen Merz (2020)
Member: David Wiesner (2020)
Member: Nancy Johnson (2020)
Member: Caroline Ward (2020)

**Ad Hoc Silent Books Committee**
Nominate wordless picture books for the IBBY Silent Book Collection; develop procedures for the work of the committee in the future
Chair: Therese Bigelow (2020)
Board Liaison: Lizette Serrano
Member: Leslie Colabucci (2020)
Member: Robin Gibson (2020)
Member: Leigh Ann Wilson (2020)

**USBBY Task Forces**

**State Ambassadors**
Chair: Evelyn Freeman
Member: Kathy G. Short

**Twinning Partnerships**
Chairs: Shanetia Clark
Member: Isaac Larison
Member: Claudette McLinn
Member: Susan Polos

Twinning Countries:
EL SALVADOR
HAITI
LEBANON
PALESTINE
SOUTH AFRICA