



Association of Yale Alumni Governance

The structure of alumni volunteer governance

The Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) consists of everyone who completed at least one semester of a degree granting program at Yale University. No dues or fees are expected. The affairs of the AYA are managed by a professional staff in New Haven, CT (USA) located at the Alumni House and governed by the AYA Assembly.



Alumni House

The Assembly is a representative body of Yale alumni selected by supporting Yale alumni organizations around the world. The Assembly meets one time per year on the Yale campus to discuss alumni affairs, volunteering for Yale, and the affairs of the university. Members of the Assembly are called “delegates” and often have served Yale as volunteer alumni leaders in their local communities, their Yale interest or identity groups.

The Assembly elects a Board of Governors from its membership. The AYA Board of Governors consists of 24 alumni volunteers with especially strong leadership skills. The Board meets several times per year and works closely with the AYA professional staff. Members of the AYA Board serve for three years. The Board elects four officers, including a Chair of the Board, who serve for two years apiece.

Who serves in governance roles

Members of the AYA Assembly and the AYA Board of Governors are selected by their peers for their leadership skills and for their passion to serve Yale. Alumni of every age may serve. Alumni of every professional background may serve.

What alumni leaders do

Leaders in AYA governance do two things. First, they develop the vision and the strategies that inspire other Yale alumni to serve Yale, and they communicate that information broadly, including over the Internet. Second, they ensure that all Yale alumni have access to resources sufficient to enable success in providing service to Yale. This will include attending meetings and organizing and attending events and programs.

The benefits to alumni and to Yale

Volunteer alumni leadership helps Yale achieve its goal of providing service to the global community. Volunteer leadership helps alumni support each other, which builds a community across generations who share a common goal of service.

The Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) is the current governing structure of Yale alumni activity. Yale alumni activity began in 1792 – the longest record of any American university. The organization and content of Yale alumni activities have evolved over the centuries. Many if not most of these changes were conceived and implemented by alumni volunteers.



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