

Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Handbook
of the
Iowa Reading Association

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IOWA READING ASSOCIATION

BYLAW: ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Association shall be the Iowa Reading Association. The acronym IRA will not be used in reference to the Iowa Reading Association.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The purpose of the Iowa Reading Association shall be to:

- 1) serve as a professional organization concerned about literacy;
- 2) stimulate and promote the study of literacy at all educational levels;
- 3) disseminate information of investigations and practices;
- 4) maintain an awareness of the impact of literacy;
- 5) advise and monitor teacher-training programs;
- 6) promote mutual understanding and cooperation among educators; and
- 7) promote a level of reading proficiency among all people commensurate with each individual's unique capacity.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 (Eligibility)

Membership shall be open to all persons interested in furthering the purposes of the Iowa Reading Association.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 (Categories)

The categories of membership shall be International Reading Association (IRA), Iowa Reading Association, and local reading council or association.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 3 (Admittance)

Membership may be initiated at any time during the year.

Admittance to:

- A. International Reading Association shall be by filing an application with its Executive Director and paying the initial dues.
 - 1) Iowa Reading Association shall be by: 1) filing an application with a local council and paying the required state and local dues or 2) filing state-only membership with the Executive Director and paying the required state-only dues. (6/00)
- B. Local reading council/association shall be as established by that body.

POLICIES:

- 1) If members belong to more than one local council, Iowa Reading Association dues will be paid to only one local council. (8/87)
- 2) The membership list of the Iowa Reading Association may be purchased by Association members for educational research upon approval of the President. Members who have not agreed that their names be made available will be excluded. A member requesting the mailing list will pay the cost of providing the mailing labels.
- 3) Membership lists or labels may be made available to nonprofit/profit educational organizations including Local councils of the Iowa Reading Association upon approval of the President, and a fee of \$100/\$400 (6/04) respectively, may be charged. Members who have not agreed that their names be made available will be excluded. A two week lead time will be required. The labels will include name and address. Only complete lists will be available.

BYLAW: ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 4 (Classes of Membership)

Classes of membership shall be:

- 1) Active. Any person who meets the admittance requirements.
- 2) State-only. Any person who meets the admittance requirements.(6/00)
- 3) Sustaining. Any active member who contributes at least \$10 in addition to the active dues. Sustaining members shall be recognized by their names appearing in distinctive print in a publication.
- 4) Honorary. This complimentary title may be bestowed in recognition of outstanding contributions to reading.
- 5) Student. Any person who is a full-time student. (6/90)
- 6) Retiree. A person who has formally terminated active employment. (4/98)

POLICIES:

- 1) Honorary Memberships: A prospective recipient of an Honorary Membership can be nominated by an individual, local council, or the Board of Directors. Individuals outside of education, who have been supportive of the goals of the Association, are eligible for nomination as well as educators. The nomination must be submitted to the winter Executive Committee meeting thus becoming an agenda item for the winter Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors must approve recommendation(s); The recipient(s) will be recognized in the Spring Conference program and announced at the banquet. Conference registration and banquet fees will be waived.
- 2) Honorary Membership will be for a lifetime. Local and state dues will be waived. The honorary member will receive the publications of the Association, but this honorary award does not carry with it the voting privilege. Honorary Membership does not preclude a member from the active membership category. This is not intended to be an annual Association function. An Honorary Membership may be bestowed at the discretion of the Board of Directors to preserve the distinction of this honor. Therefore one will rarely be granted. (2/89)
- 3) Student membership shall be annually granted if written verification of full-time student status including signature of an advisor or instructor. Verification shall accompany their membership form. (6/90)
- 4) Membership and Annual Conference fees will be granted to retirees at the student rate. (10/97)

BYLAW: ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 5 (Dues)

Annual dues for membership shall be set by the Delegates Assembly upon recommendation of the Board of Directors. Any proposed changes in dues to be recommended by the Board of Directors shall be published with the call to the delegates Assembly.

POLICIES:

- 1) If members belong to more than one local council, Iowa Reading Association dues will be paid to only one local council. (3/85)
- 2) Student members shall pay one-half full member dues of the Iowa Reading Association.
- 3) Local councils are encouraged to charge student members no more than 1/2 of full member local dues. (6/90)
- 4) The active member dues shall be \$35 per member; students and retirees pay \$15.00. (6/07) (10/11)
- 5) State only dues shall be \$40. (6/07)

BYLAW: ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 6 (Membership Year)

Membership year for dues purposes shall go from October 1st to September 30th of the following year.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 7 (Termination)

Membership shall terminate by failure to pay dues; no person's membership shall terminate unless the dues remain unpaid after 60 days beyond the preceding membership year.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1 (Titles)

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Treasurer (6/07) and an Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 2 (Eligibility)

The eligibility requirements shall be set forth in the Policy Handbook.

POLICIES:

To be considered for candidacy for Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, an individual must:

- 1) be a member of the Iowa Reading Association; (3/85)
- 2) be a member of the International Reading Association; (3/85)
- 3) and have served the Iowa Reading Association in any of the following ways:
 - a) Board of Directors member;
 - b) a state committee chairperson; and/or
 - c) an officer of a local council (10/94)

BYLAW: ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 3 (Term)

The term of the Vice President shall be one year after which he or she shall succeed to the office of the President Elect for one year. At the end of that year, he or she shall succeed to the office of President for one year. The terms of the Treasurer and the Secretary shall be two years; they may serve two consecutive terms. The Secretary shall assume the office at the conclusion of the Annual Conference and shall continue to serve for the duration of the term or until a successor can assume duty. The Treasurer shall assume the office on July 1. (6/10) The Executive Director shall be designated upon nomination of a candidate by the Executive Committee every triennium following the initial establishment of the position. (10/92)

POLICIES:

- 1) The Treasurer's two-year term shall begin July 1 of even-numbered years. (6/10)
- 2) The Secretary's two year term shall take effect in the spring of odd-numbered years.(6/03)

BYLAW: ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 4 (Vacancies)

In the event the Vice President office is vacated, the Nominating Committee shall propose a nominee to fulfill the term of Vice President. At the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority vote shall be cast for Vice President. If the President, President Elect, and Vice President are incapacitated or resign, the Secretary shall serve as acting President until such time as a special or next regular election can be held. Vacancies in the offices of Treasurer and Secretary shall be filled by the Board of Directors until the next election.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 (General Duties)

The officers shall perform the duties incumbent upon their office and as prescribed by these bylaws, policies and the parliamentary authority. All officers shall be a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

POLICIES:

- 1) Transfer meetings may be scheduled so incoming officers receive materials and discuss duties and responsibilities prior to the Leadership Conference. (6/06) (10/94) (10/11) The current Vice-President shall appoint a director(s) to discuss the structure and organization of the Board of Directors and the responsibilities for the various positions. (10/97) (10/11)
- 2) Transfer meetings may be scheduled so incoming zone directors can receive materials and discuss duties and responsibilities prior to the Leadership Conference (10/11)
- 3) Attendance at regional, international and leadership conferences:
Goal: The Iowa Reading Association will have annual representation at regional, international, and leadership conferences.
Budget: Members of the Executive Committee will determine which members will attend the regional, international, and leadership conferences at the fall Executive Committee Meeting for the following year (in consultation with newly elected officers who would not yet be attending the Executive Committee meetings.) (10/11)
Representation: The Board of Directors shall determine the total amount available for attendance at regional, international, and leadership conferences. This shall be reflected in the annual budget.

BYLAW: ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 2 (President)

The President shall be the executive officer of the Association. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall serve as chair of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and shall exercise general leadership and supervision over the affairs of the Association in implementing its purpose. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

POLICIES:

Responsibilities related to the International Reading Association:

- 1) Shall keep the International Reading Association headquarters informed of all major events and decisions of the state organization. (3/85)
- 2) Shall share with the Board of Directors communications from International Reading Association headquarters. (10/94)

Responsibilities related to Iowa Reading Association:

- 1) Shall act as official representative of the Iowa Reading Association. (3/85)
- 2) Shall share with the Board of Directors communications from International Reading to insure the implementation of its purposes. (3/85)
- 3) Shall maintain active communication with councils throughout the state by stating objectives, needs, and plans for the state council. (3/85)
- 4) Shall maintain close communication with State Coordinator and send copies of major communications to the coordinator. (3/85)
- 5) Shall maintain communication with the officers concerning all matters of the organization. (3/85)
- 6) Shall maintain a positive relationship with other professional organizations and educational units within the state. (3/85)
- 7) Shall turn all files over to incoming president after the passing of the gavel at State Conference.
- 8) Shall approve a voucher for payment to a local council following approval of their grant request. (10/94)
- 9) Shall develop special projects consistent with the aims of the organization for approval by the Board of Directors. (10/94)
- 10) The President shall be responsible for monitoring the availability of computer-related technology. Computer-related technologies shall be provided for the Executive Director. (6/03)

Responsibilities related to Committees:

- 1) Shall communicate with the chairpersons of the standing and ad hoc committees to insure that the committee charges are being completed. (3/85)
- 2) Shall appoint temporary or ad hoc committees as needs arise. (3/85)
- 3) Shall request the Executive Director to procure, duplicate, and compile written reports for each Delegates Assembly from: Treasurer, State Coordinator, Director of Membership Development, standing and ad hoc committee chairpersons. (3/85) (6/03)
- 4) Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. (3/85)

5) Shall thank committee chairpersons in a timely fashion. (10/94)

Responsibilities related to meetings:

- 1) Shall chair meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. (10/94)
- 2) Shall work with the State Coordinator to plan Leadership Workshop for state and local officers. (3/85)
- 3) Shall preside at the annual meeting of the Delegates Assembly. (3/85)
- 4) Shall give the agenda for a Board of Directors meeting to the Executive Director so that he/she can distribute it to board members two weeks prior to the Board of Directors meeting. (10/94) (6/03)
- 5) Shall invite newly elected officers to attend the winter board meeting and all subsequent meetings. (10/93)
- 6) Shall appoint two Directors to approve minutes at each Board of Directors meetings. (10/97) (6/03)
- 7) Shall appoint a Zone Director to record, in newsletter format, the minutes of each Board of Directors meeting and to distribute a master copy to other Zone Directors who will then copy and distribute to Local Council Officers within his/her zone. (10/97)

BYLAW: ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 3 (President Elect)

The President Elect shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee and chair of the Program Committee. He/she shall assume and perform the duties of the President in the event of the absence of the President. Should the office of President become vacant, the President Elect shall become President immediately and shall serve the unexpired portion of the President's term in addition to the year which he/she was elected.

POLICIES:

Responsibilities related to committees:

- 1) Shall consult with the President and Vice-President in appointing members of all standing and ad hoc committees and in appointing chairpersons of these committees. (10/94)
- 2) Shall invite members to serve as committee chairpersons and as committee members. The standing committee chairs shall be approved at the first Board of Directors meeting. (8/87)
- 3) Shall serve as a member of the Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee. (9/87)

Responsibilities related to meetings:

- 1) Shall attend all Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings of the Iowa Reading Association. (8/87)

Responsibilities related to appointments:

- 1) The auditor shall be recommended by the Budget Committee and confirmed by the incoming President. (10/94)

Responsibilities related to Annual State Conference:

See Program Committee, Article XII, Section 10.

BYLAW: ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 4 (Vice-President)

The Vice-President shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, shall work closely with the President Elect and shall assume and perform the duties of the President Elect in absence of the President.

POLICIES:

Responsibilities related to Iowa Reading Association:

- 1) Shall be encouraged to attend the International Conference in May of the school year in which he/she was elected. (10/10)

Responsibilities related to Bylaws, Policies and Procedures:

- 1) Shall chair the Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee
- 2) Shall update the Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Handbook upon completion of the term as Bylaws Chairperson. (10/94)

Responsibilities related to Delegates Assembly:

- 1) Shall act as sergeant-at-arm at the Delegates Assembly. (3/85)

Responsibilities related to Annual State Conference:

- 1) Obtain major speakers for general sessions, banquet, and luncheons for the Annual State Conference to be held during the Vice-President's tenure as President Elect. (3/85)
- 2) Establish contact with State Title I Director. (3/85)
- 3) Serve as Facilities Sub-Committee Chair for the Annual State Conference. (10/96)

Responsibilities related to Board of Directors:

- 1) Appoint a Director(s) to facilitate the transfer of materials and responsibilities to the incoming Directors/Officers of the Iowa Reading Association. (10/97)

BYLAW: ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 5 (Secretary)

The Secretary shall record the minutes at all meetings of the Delegates Assembly, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee.

POLICIES:

Responsibilities related to Board of Directors and Delegates Assembly:

- 1) Shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Delegates Assembly. (3/85)
- 2) Shall maintain a record of attendance at all Board of Directors meetings. (3/85)
- 3) Shall act as presiding officer over the Board of Directors in the event that the President, President Elect, and Vice-President are incapacitated, absent or resign. (3/85)
- 4) Shall have available for reference at all meetings, a copy of the Iowa Reading Association Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Handbook. (3/85)

Responsibilities related to minutes:

- 1) Shall accurately record all minutes of the Board of Directors meetings and Delegates Assembly. A permanent record of such minutes shall be maintained for future reference. (3/85)
- 2) The minutes should include:
 - a. the kind of meeting, “regular” or “special”
 - b. name of the assembly
 - c. date and place of the meeting
 - d. mention of the presence of the regular Chairperson and Secretary, or, in their absence, the name of their substitutes
 - e. a list of the number of members from each council will be available to determine a quorum. (6/06)
 - f. disposition of the minutes of the previous meeting
 - g. a record of what is done by the assembly and not what is said by the members
 - h. motions, including points of order and appeals, whether sustain or lost; other motions that were not lost or withdrawn; the name of the member who introduced the main motion but not the name of the seconder.
 - i. vote counting: when a count has been ordered or when the vote is by ballot, the number of votes on each side shall be made available on request from the executive director up to the next election.the hours of meeting and adjournment. (3/8)

BYLAW: ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 6 (Treasurer)

The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the Association which shall be deposited in the name of the Iowa Reading Association of the International Reading Association. He/ she shall submit a written financial report for each meeting of the Board of Directors. He/ she shall serve as Treasurer for all conferences and meetings involving finance, and shall receive all other monies due the Association. He/she shall sign checks for the disbursement of funds only upon proper receipt and shall provide a bond for an amount fixed by the Board of Directors and paid for by the Association. The bond is to be filed with the President. He/she shall submit all books for an annual audit. If a resignation occurs, the Treasurer shall turn over to the successor all funds, accounts, and books of the Iowa Reading Association within 30 days. (10/94)

POLICIES:

Responsibilities related to Board of Directors and Delegate Assembly:

- 1) Shall attend budget hearing at Annual State Conference. (10/94)
- 2) Shall attend all Board of Directors, Executive Committee meetings and the Delegates Assembly. (10/94)
- 3) Shall present in writing the amounts of income, expenditure, and the total current income, expenditures and balance at each meeting of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Delegates Assembly. (10/94) This shall include a check register. (10/92)

Responsibility for budget and record keeping:

- 1) Receive all books and necessary information from the previous Treasurer in preparation for the new fiscal year. (10/10)
- 2) Shall be the person authorized to open a checking account (6/08) and to sign checks. The president shall sign checks if the Treasurer is incapacitated. (3/85)
- 3) Notify the President of the bank account number for the records of the Association. (3/85)
- 4) Establish records to reflect categories of income and expenditure that are identical with the categories on the approved annual budget. In addition, these records shall be maintained to reflect each item of income or expenditure within the budget categories. (3/85)
- 5) Pay only those bills which are budget line items. (3/85)
- 6) Record and properly identify any income from conferences under "conference income" and record and properly identify any subsequently paid expenses of the conference under the category, "conference expenses." (3/85)
- 7) Encourage the submission of all bills for payment in June so that the books can be closed and bank statement finalized by July 31.
- 8) Have keys and a signature card for the Iowa Reading Association safety deposit box in addition to the Executive Director. (1/93)

Procedures for payment of expenditures:

- 1) A voucher shall be submitted to the treasurer/budget chair for all expenditures paid by the Iowa Reading Association. (10/10)
 - (a) Individuals not on a committee submit vouchers to the Budget Committee Chair or the Chair's designee, to review and forward to the Treasurer for payment. (10/94)
 - (b) Conference vouchers will be signed by the conference Chair and sent to the Treasurer for payment. (10/94)
 - (c) Following approval of a grant by the Board of Directors, the President shall issue a voucher for payment to a Local Council. (10/91)
- 2) All vouchers must be filled out in detail specifying the exact product or service for which payment is to be made; accompanying receipts must be enclosed whenever possible (e.g. mileage to board meeting, Cedar Falls to Des Moines, 210 mi. x 30 cents/mile = \$63.00). (3/85). (6/07) (10/11)
- 3) Only one account may be requested on a voucher. If an individual has items from two different accounts, separate vouchers must be submitted. (3/85)

- 4) Only persons responsible for an account may authorize reimbursement from that account. (e.g. budget chair may not spend from membership account.) If expenses belong to an account from which the person is not authorized to spend, voucher must be countersigned at the bottom by the person who is responsible and by the budget Committee Chair. (10/97)
- 5) Persons authorized by the treasurer to expend funds from an account shall keep a file of vouchers regarding that account. (10/10)
- 6) Treasurer/ budget chair approves, dates, and initials and submits them for payment. (10/10)
- 7) When expenditures for any line item account exceed the amount approved in the budget, the individual responsible for the account must report the request, prior to the expenditure, at a Board of Directors meeting and receive approval by majority vote of the Board members present. The President shall notify the individual requesting the funds of the Board of Directors action. (10/97)
- 8) The Iowa Reading Association may pay expenses for the following persons to attend the Annual Conference of the International Reading Association: immediate Past President, President-elect, Vice-President, State Coordinator, and Director of Membership Development. (10/10)
- 9) The Iowa Reading Association may pay expenses for the following persons to attend Leadership Conference, Regional Conference or Annual Convention: Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors will determine the amount of compensation per individual to be paid by the organization. (1/90)

BYLAW: ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 7 (Executive Director)

The Executive Director shall provide administrative support for the Association through leadership, management, financial and clerical responsibilities as designated by the President and the Board of Directors. (6/00)

POLICIES:

The Executive Director will possess the following qualifications:

- 1) Must be bondable.
- 2) Must have computer ability in the areas of word processing, data processing, and spread sheet usage.
- 3) Will provide a location for the "office" which establishes a permanent address and phone for the Association.
- 4) Will have public relations skills. (10/94)

Leadership

- 1) Provide information, training, and/or other support as needed to state officers as they assume their leadership roles. (1/00)
- 2) Serve as a resource to Zone Directors and Directors-at-Large as they work with their successors. (1/00)
- 3) Serve as an official spokesperson for the Association at the direction of the President. (1/00)
- 4) Attend meetings/functions as a representative of the Association at the direction of the President. (1/00)

Management

- 1) Complete reports to the Iowa Legislative Ethics Board regarding the legislative liaison. (1/00)

- 2) Serve as the Registered Agent for the Association, a position the Association must have with the State of Iowa as an incorporated group. (01/00)
- 3) Provide continuity for the Association through knowledge of the Association's Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, and other records. (1/00)
- 4) Serve as an information clearinghouse. (1/00)
- 5) Maintain continuous records for the Association.
- 6) Send membership renewal notices. Receive dues and membership forms from local councils keeping Director of Membership Development informed of all transactions. (10/10)
- 7) Work with the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Chair to update the Policies and Procedures Handbook.
- 8) Locate facilities for Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings as well as arrange for meal functions and/or refreshments.
- 9) Assist in the distribution and receipt of election ballots as set forth in Article VIII.
- 10) Send an updated copy of Bylaw changes annually to the International Reading Association. (8/87)
- 11) Insure that each incoming Board Member receives an Iowa Reading Association notebook at the meeting following the Annual State Conference which contains current Bylaws, Policies and Procedures plus dates of Board and Association activities.
- 12) Maintain an accurate list of computer-related technologies owned by the Association and where they are housed.
- 13) Turn over files and correspondence to successor. (3/85)

Financial

- 1) Handle Annual State Conference registration. Process refunds only if requested 10 days or more prior to the opening of the Conference. Refunds dated after that deadline will not be honored. (6/97)
- 2) Keep and submit cash receipts. (1/88)
- 3) Rent a safe deposit box for the Iowa Reading Association in his/her home community and have keys and signature card for the box in addition to the Treasurer. (1/93)
- 4) Procure surety bond for Executive Director and Treasurer with a reputable bonding company. (10/10)
- 5) Provide information as requested annually by the auditors. (10/10)
- 6) Inform the board of pertinent information regarding the CDs prior to maturity dates for possible board action. (10/10)

Clerical

- 1) Maintain and update the Association membership file.
- 2) Handle correspondence designated by the President and/or the Board of Directors. (3/85)
- 3) Procure, duplicate and compile written reports from: Treasurer, Liaisons, and Committee Chairpersons for each Board of Directors meeting. (3/85)
- 4) Send agenda and written reports to the Board of Directors two weeks prior to the meeting. (3/85)
- 5) Duplicate and prepare packets of all materials needed for the Delegates Assembly. (3/85)
- 6) Distribute copies of the minutes from Delegates Assembly and the Board of Directors meetings to members of the Board, presidents of local councils, and committee chairpersons.
- 7) Provide copies of the minutes to the Publications Chairperson so that they will be included in the newspaper and thereby disseminated to the membership. (3/85)
- 8) Provide a current copy of the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Handbook to all members of the Board of Directors at the fall board meeting. (10/98)

- 9) Communicate with local council membership directors to share information regarding dues and mailing of membership renewals. (1/00)
- 10) Prepare and distribute information about Delegates Assembly 30 days prior to the event and secure delegates from each Local Council
- 11) Prepare and distribute to all Local Councils copies of current proposed bylaws amendments 30 days prior to Delegates Assembly.

BYLAW: ARTICLE VI LIAISONS TO INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION

The State Coordinator and the Director of Membership Development shall maintain a liaison between International Reading Association and the Iowa Reading Association and shall perform such duties as are developed and stated by the International Reading Association. These positions are appointed for a term of three years by IRA upon recommendation of the Iowa Reading Association.

POLICIES:

Responsibilities related to Iowa Reading Association:

- 1) The State Coordinator and Director of Membership Development shall be eligible to attend annually and receive a stipend for International Conference and/or Regional Conference expenses. (11/08)
- 2) The State Coordinator and Director of Membership Development shall be expected to attend annually the Leadership Conference. (Note: Expenses are paid by International for the State Coordinator and Director of Membership Development) (6/05)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE COORDINATOR:

To be considered for candidacy for State Coordinator, an individual must:

- 1) be a member of a Local Council, Iowa Reading Association, and International Reading Association
- 2) be willing and able to carry out the duties of the position
- 3) have demonstrated leadership within the Iowa Reading Association.

TERM OF OFFICE:

The International Reading Association Board of Directors affirms its position that state/provincial coordinators shall serve a maximum of two three-year consecutive terms. The extension for any additional term shall be at the discretion of the Iowa Reading Association Board of Directors. The State Coordinator shall begin serving as of April 1st as unofficial assistant coordinator. The official role will begin July 1st of the appointed year. (6/06)The State Coordinator shall serve for not more that two three-year terms of office.

MODE OF APPOINTMENT:

- 1) Each Local Council President and Board of Director shall be notified of the impending vacancy of the State Coordinator's position by the Iowa Reading Association President. This notice shall be accompanied by the pages from the Bylaws and Policies Handbook, which describe the procedure for selection, the responsibilities, and an application form.
- 2) Each application must be accompanied by no more than three letters of recommendation completed by individuals who are familiar with the qualifications of the applicant. If currently employed, one of these three should come from the applicant's supervisor who has the power to give permission for the applicant to attend conferences and workshops.
- 3) The President shall appoint a special screening committee, which shall consist of at least three persons, one of who shall be a past State Coordinator or President. The responsibility of this committee shall be:
 - a. to screen the candidates according to the qualifications as outlined in the bylaws and policies of the Association;

- b. to prepare a ballot listing the names of those applicants who meet the recommended criteria as outlined in the bylaws and policies of the Association;
- c. to count the votes which should equal those members of the Board of Directors who are eligible to votes, as specified in the Association's bylaws; and
- d. to report the results of the election to the Board of Directors and International Reading Association, who will make the appointment.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1) Maintain accurate records of chartered councils within the state (names of councils, their boundaries, and all officers' names and addresses).
- 2) Report to International names and addresses of all local and state officers by April 15.
- 3) Support the State Association, Local Councils and Special Interest Councils in performing their duties.
 - a. Arrange an annual Leadership Workshop for all local and state officers and committee chairpersons.
 - b. Arrange an annual retreat for the Board of Directors, which will be held in conjunction with the Leadership Workshop.
 - c. Distribute yearly organizational materials from International Reading Association headquarters at the Leadership workshop. (10/10)
 - d. Prepare and distribute at Leadership Workshop an annual state directory including names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of state officers, state committee chairs, and local council officers.
 - e. Encourage local council leaders to use the media to interest the public in Iowa Reading Association, International Reading Association, and literacy.
 - f. Establish a working relationship with the Professional Development Associate.
 - g. Assist the Director of Membership Development in the operation of the membership booth during the Annual State Conference.
- 4) Promote the organization of additional councils
 - a. Identify key people interested in reading in areas of the state where there is no council. Encourage them to start a new local council or a special interest council.
 - b. Assist new councils with programs, budgets, election procedures, formulation of bylaws, and organization procedures.
 - c. Remind new councils to work with the Treasurer to get and send a tax number (Employer's Identification Number) to International headquarters.
- 5) Communicate with all councils in the state on a regular basis by visiting council meetings, written correspondence, telephoning, or e-mailing.
- 6) Work with the Public Relations Committee to advertise Iowa Reading Association, International Reading Association, and literacy.
- 7) Serve as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- 8) Provide a summary of activities at each Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting.
- 9) Train the new State Coordinator upon expiration of term and turn over all records and information to that individual.
- 10) Submit news and promotional items for inclusion in the Iowa Reading Association newsletter on a regular basis.
- 11) Attend annual International Reading Association's workshop for state association leaders.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

To be considered for candidacy for Director of Membership Development, an individual must:

- 1) be a member of a Local Council, Iowa Reading Association and International Reading Association
- 2) have demonstrated leadership capabilities;.
- 3) have the ability to work cooperatively with others to carry out the responsibilities of the office.

TERM OF OFFICE:

The Director of Membership Development shall serve a maximum of two three-year consecutive terms. The extension for any additional term shall be at the discretion of the Iowa Reading Association Board of Directors.

MODE OF APPOINTMENT:

- 1) Each Local Council President and Board of Director shall be notified of the impending vacancy of the Director of Membership Development's position by the Iowa Reading Association President. This notice shall be accompanied by the pages from the Bylaws and Policies Handbook, which describe the procedure for selection, the responsibilities, and an application form.
- 2) Each application must be accompanied by no more than three letters of recommendation completed by individuals who are familiar with the qualifications of the applicant. If currently employed, one of these three should come from the applicant's supervisor who has the power to give permission for the applicant to attend conferences and workshops.
- 3) The President shall appoint a special screening committee, which shall consist of at least three persons, one of who shall be a past Director of Membership Development or President. The responsibility of this committee shall be:
 - to screen the candidates according to the qualifications as outlined in the bylaws and policies of the Association;
 - to prepare a ballot listing the names of those applicants who meet the recommended criteria as outlined in the bylaws and policies of the Association;
 - to count the votes which should equal those members of the Board of Directors who are eligible to votes, as specified in the Association's bylaws; and
 - to report the results of the election to the Board of Directors and International Reading Association, who will make the appointment.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1) Serve as Chair of the Membership Committee.
- 2) Establish a strategy to meet Iowa Reading Association's membership goals.
- 3) Develop a promotional plan and train Local Council Membership Directors, focusing on organization of campaigns and methods of presenting membership information as well as processing membership forms.
- 4) Update image public relations materials. (10/10)
- 5) Organize and direct the operation of the membership booth (assisted by the State Coordinator) and other promotional activities during the Annual State Conference.

- 5) Participate in workshops for state council Directors of Membership Development organized by International Reading Association.
- 6) Develop a communication plan that networks with the Local Council Membership Directors, Zone Directors.(6/04) First communication should be prior to August 15 and then routinely through May.

- 7) Submit news and promotional items for inclusion in the Iowa Reading Association newsletter on a regular basis.
- 8) Attend Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings.
- 9) Provide a summary of activities at each Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting.
- 10) Work with the Executive Director and Board of Directors:
 - a. to order membership forms;
 - b. to develop a procedure for disseminating membership promotional packets;
 - c. to build a yearly profile of membership for the Board of Directors and International Reading Association; and
 - d. to share local councils membership.
- 11) Submit an annual budget request for the Membership Committee to the Budget Committee.
- 12) Develop and implement a program to follow-up on those failing to renew membership.
- 13) Assist the Student Membership Directors in promoting membership at all three levels - local, state, and international. (10/11)
- 14) Train the new Director of Membership Development upon expiration of term and transfer all records and information to that individual prior to the first meeting of the new director.
- 15) Membership lists or labels may be purchased by nonprofit educational organizations including Local Councils of the Iowa Reading Association upon approval of the President. Members who have not agreed that their names be made available will be excluded. A fee of \$100 paid in advance will be charged. A two-week lead-time will be required. The labels will include name and address. A list will include name, address, and position. Only complete lists will be available. (4/88)
- 16) Membership lists or labels may be purchased by a profit organization upon approval of the President. Members who have not agreed that their names be made available will be excluded. A fee of \$400 (6/04) paid in advance will be charged. A two-week lead time will be required. The labels will include name and address. A list will include name, address, and position. Only complete lists will be available. (4/88)
- 17) Preparing for Delegate Assembly the Membership Director will receive names of leadership attendees from the State Coordinator, record a current list of IRA members from International, check that all attendees are current IRA members, make ballot cards which include name of council, name of person, and expiration date, and finally see that there are no more than four votes per council. (6/06)

IN-STATE EXPENSES FOR OFFICERS, STATE COORDINATOR, DIRECTORS AND DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

MILEAGE

Officers, State Coordinator, Directors and Director of Membership Development shall be reimbursed thirty cents (\$.30) per mile (10/06) (10/11) when they travel to Local Councils, Board of Directors meetings, committee meetings, and/or Leadership Workshop. In addition, when one of these individuals serves as the official representative of the Iowa Reading Association at any professional educational meeting, mileage will also be paid. (10/93)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Designated hotel accommodations (double occupancy rates) will be paid for official participants from the appropriate line item providing that appropriate vouchers have been submitted. (4/96)

MEALS

- 1) Designated meal expenses for official participants shall be paid at the following rates:
Breakfast, \$7; Lunch, \$10; and dinner, \$15. (10/97)
- 2) Reimbursement will be made from the appropriate line item providing that appropriate vouchers have been submitted. (4/96)
- 3) Out-of-state expenses for Association business shall be paid at the rate of \$32 per day. (10/97)

BYLAW: ARTICLE VII DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

Section 1 (Composition)

The Delegates Assembly shall consist of the Board of Directors and four (4) Delegates from each Local Council within the state. Delegates are to hold Local, State, and International memberships. Delegates shall be selected by each Local Council. (4/98)

POLICIES:

- 1) If for some reason a certified Delegate cannot attend, an alternate may be appointed. This alternate needs to meet the same membership qualifications as a Delegate and must be a member of the same council. A written statement from the Delegate or a member of the Local Executive Board verifying this change must be presented to the state Executive Director along with proof of International membership. (10/97)

BYLAW: ARTICLE VII DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

Section 2 (Function)

The Delegates Assembly shall be the legislative body of the Iowa Reading Association and shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the Association within the limits set by these bylaws. It shall have authority to accept or reject any decisions made by the Board of Directors. Items proposed by a Delegate under new business shall require a majority vote for consideration.

POLICIES:

- 1) All substantive motions must be handed in writing to the Secretary before a vote is taken. (9/87)

BYLAW: ARTICLE VII DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

Section 3 (Notification)

The Executive Director shall notify all delegates at least one (1) month in advance of the Delegates Assembly as to date, time, and place.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE VII DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

Section 4 (Meetings)

The Delegates Assembly shall meet concurrently with the annual Leadership Workshop. (4/98)

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE VII DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

Section 5 (Quorum)

The quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates in attendance. (6/00)

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS

The Vice-President, Secretary (6/07) shall be elected by mail ballot. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees. No person shall be on the ballot who has not previously given consent to serve. The ballot will include provisions for write-in candidates. These ballots shall be mailed to the membership of the Association by December 31st. (6/08). The due date for ballots to be received must be stated on the ballots. Any ballot received following the due date shall be considered null and void. (10/07)

POLICIES;

- 1) See page 43 (Nominating Committee)

BYLAW: ARTICLE IX AFFILIATION OF LOCAL READING COUNCILS INTO ZONES

Local reading councils shall be organized into nine zones, each of which shall be contiguous. These zones shall be arranged on a geographic basis with no more than five councils placed in any one zone. The Board of Directors shall establish the zones and shall review their composition every triennium following the initial establishment. Each zone shall elect one director. In the event that a zone boundary is adjusted so that an elected director is subsequently residing outside the zone, that director shall continue to serve the zone for the remainder of his or her term of office.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 (Composition)

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, President Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Directors (one from each zone). (6-04) The State Coordinator, the immediate Past President, the Director of Membership Development, and the Executive Director shall attend without vote.

POLICIES:

- 1) The Zone Directors are the link between the Board of Directors and the local councils. They shall:
 - a. Attend all Board of Directors meetings and actively participate in the Annual Conference and Leadership Workshop. (10/97)
 - b. Make every effort to attend one meeting of each Local Council in your Zone per year. Zone Directors may receive reimbursement for mileage, meal, and incidental expenses incurred to attend meetings. (1/09)
 - c. Update Local Council Officers of actions taken at Board of Directors Meetings within two weeks through written communication to review important from Board Meeting; remind Councils of important deadlines; share accomplishments of other Councils within Zone; and encourage the membership to present and/or participate in the Annual Conference (10/97)
 - d. Prior to the fall Board of Directors Meeting, interact with Local Councils through personal contact, by telecommunication, or by hosting a fall breakfast to: share job description; share program ideas; plan any Zone activities; review timelines for awards, scholarships, creative writing contest, poetry contest, etc.; encourage participation in Honor and Merit Council Awards; and share the means of communication between Zone Director and Local Council Officers. (10/97)
- 2) Qualifications: To be considered for candidacy for Zone Director, (6/04) an individual must:
 - a. be a member of the Iowa Reading Association
 - b. be a member of the International Reading Association
 - c. and have served the Iowa Reading Association as:
 - a) a state committee chairperson and/or
 - b) an officer of a local council and/or
 - c) have given outstanding service to the Iowa Reading Association (9/87)
- 3) The current Vice-President shall appoint a Director(s) to facilitate transfer meetings. Transfer meetings may be scheduled so incoming officers can receive materials and discuss duties and responsibilities prior to the Leadership Workshop.(6/06) (10/11)
- 4) Duties of the immediate past president shall be assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors. (10/99)

BYLAW: ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2 (Function)

The Board of Directors shall exercise general supervision over the property and affairs of the Association. It shall review the minutes of the Executive Committee; shall develop policies for presentation to the Delegates assembly; shall take action recommended in committee reports; shall have the general power to administer the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Delegates assembly; and shall take such actions as are necessary and proper to facilitate the purposes of the Association, within the powers delegated by these bylaws. It shall make provisions for an annual audit of the financial records of the Association.

It shall approve standing committees and their chairpersons at its first meeting. At its winter meeting the Board shall review the proposed annual budget for the coming year as prepared by the Executive Committee. Modifications may be suggested to the Executive Committee. The Board shall adopt and amend a budget at its fifth meeting and shall make a report to the Delegates Assembly. The Board may amend the budget at any time by a majority vote.

POLICIES;

- 1) All state projects shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Each project shall be reviewed and evaluated at the spring Board meeting. (3/85)
- 2) The audit shall be approved by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the receipt of the audit report. (3/85)
- 3) All motions must be written and handed to the Secretary prior to a vote. (1/98)

BYLAW: ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3 (Nomination and Election)

In those zones where a new Director is to be elected, the Nominating Committee shall secure at least two nominees from each zone. The Executive Director shall prepare a ballot of candidates by Zones. Each president of the involved Local councils will receive five ballots. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the winner. In case of tie vote, the tie candidates will be revoted. (6/04)

POLICIES;

- 1) To be considered for candidacy for the Board of Directors an individual will:
 - a. be a member of the Iowa Reading Association
 - b. be a member of the International Reading Association and
 - c. have given service to the Local/State/International reading associations. (8/87)
- 2) If a tie exists following a revote, the Board member will be selected by a flip of a coin at the next Board of Directors meeting. (1/90)
- 3) Directors may serve two consecutive terms. (10/92)
- 4) Timeline for election of zone directors:
 - a. Local Councils that will be replacing their director should brainstorm at Leadership Workshop about who might be nominated.
 - b. The Nominating Committee will attempt to secure at least two nominees from each zone by November 1.
 - c. The Nominating Committee shall prepare an information sheet about the candidates that includes the following information: local council name, past and present local council involvement, and past and present Iowa Reading Association involvement.
 - d. The Executive Director will mail ballots and information sheets to presidents of the local councils involved in the election by December 1.
 - e. Local Council Presidents decide the method their council will use to determine how their votes are cast.
 - f. Ballots will be returned to the Executive Director by February 1.
 - g. The chair of the Nominating Committee will notify candidates of the results of the election by February 15.

BYLAW: ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4 (Notification)

The Executive Director shall notify all Directors of the date, time and place of the Board meeting at least one (1) month in advance.

POLICIES:

- 1) The Executive Director and the President shall set Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings for the year and announce the dates at the Board of Directors meeting prior to Leadership Workshop. (4/09)

BYLAW: ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5 (Meetings)

Meetings shall be held five (5) times annually. The first meeting of the new Board of Directors shall be held within 24 hours following the close of the Annual Conference. The second meeting shall be held in conjunction with Leadership Workshop and shall be held prior to the annual meeting of the Delegates Assembly. The third meeting shall be held in the fall; the fourth meeting in the winter; the fifth meeting shall be held during the annual conference. The President may call special meetings as deemed necessary.

POLICIES;

- 1) The Board of Directors may be called for special session when any member of the Executive Committee, including non-voting members feels that the Board should take action on behalf of the Association that needs to be enacted before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. (4/92, 6/92)
- 2) A committee of two board members shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings; the committee is to be appointed on a rotating basis by the President at each meeting. (9/87) (6/03)
- 3) The State Coordinator and Director of Membership Development may make motions and actively participate in discussion of motions. (4/88)
- 4) The Executive Director may be a part of any discussion. (4/88)
- 5) Committee chairs when invited may present committee reports with a motion and may answer questions directly related to this motion. This committee person will not be a part of other board discussion unless called upon by the Board. (2/96)
- 6) Liaisons of appropriate professional groups may be invited to attend Board meetings by the president and/or the Board of Directors. (1/00)
- 7) Other invited guests may be a part of discussion directly related to the topic of their invitation. (4/88)
- 8) Members of the Iowa Reading Association may request to be on the agenda by notifying the President in writing at least one month prior to the Board of Directions meeting. (4/88)
- 9) No discussion of an agenda item will take place unless there is a written report or written motion. (4/92)
- 10) Travel and Expense:
 - a. Mileage: *Information local Councils should be aware of (6/06):* Travel expenses for the fall and winter Board meetings shall be paid to the Local Council if its officers are in attendance. This shall be limited to thirty cents (\$.30) per mile (6/07) (10/11) for one car per council. Mileage is not paid to board meetings at State Conference. In lieu of that, the cost of 1/2 the double room rate per night up to two nights will be paid. Each Director should submit a voucher for reimbursement. (2/95)
 - b. Hotel Accommodations: Designated hotel accommodations (double occupancy rates) will be paid for official participants from the appropriate line item providing that appropriate vouchers have been submitted. (4/96)
 - c. Meals: Designate meal expenses for official participants shall be paid at the following rates: Breakfast, \$7.00; Lunch, \$10.00; and Dinner, \$15.00. Reimbursement will be made from the appropriate line item providing that appropriate vouchers have been submitted. (10/97)
 - d. Committee Chairs will not be reimbursed for travel if a car is coming from their council. (1/09)

BYLAW: ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6 (Quorum)

Seven voting members of the Board shall constitute quorum.

POLICIES;

BYLAW: ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7 (Term of Office)

The nine elected Directors of the Board shall serve for three years. Directors from three zones shall be elected each year. (6/04) The elected officers shall serve the period of time of their office.

POLICIES:

- 1) Directors may serve two consecutive terms. (10/92)
- 2) When completing a term for an Officer/Board Member vacating an office: if completing two (2) years or more, it will be considered a full term. If completing less than two (2) years, it will not constitute a term. (6/97)

BYLAW: ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 8 (Vacancies)

A vacancy in a directorship not provided for in these bylaws may be filled by the Board of Directors.

POLICIES;

- 1) After the Board of Directors declares a Zone Director seat vacant, the Nominating Chair shall contact the Local council Presidents of that Zone for nominations (shall attempt to find two nominations).(6/05) The Nominating Chair will conduct the election as follows: A ballot of candidates shall be prepared. Each council shall be allowed five (5) votes. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the winner. In case of a tie vote, the tie candidates will be re-voted. The results will be reported at the next Board of Directors meeting. The new Director shall be seated at that meeting. (9/87) This Director shall fill the length of the unexpired term (2/96)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 (Composition)

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, who shall serve as chairperson, the President Elect, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The State Coordinator, the Director of Membership Development, and Executive Director shall be nonvoting members.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE XI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 2 (Function)

The Executive Committee shall be authorized to transact business for the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board. All transactions shall be approved by the Board at its next meeting. The Executive Committee shall oversee the administrative procedures of the organization. It shall also prepare the agenda for the Board meetings and Delegates Assembly, review all committee reports and make recommendations for Board action, and perform other responsibilities as directed by the chairperson.

POLICIES;

1) No member of the Executive Committee, acting as an individual, may communicate with International Reading Association using official Iowa Reading Association stationery or his/her official title. (1/93)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 3 (Meetings)

The Executive Committee shall meet at least one month before each Board of Directors meeting. In addition, the President may call special meetings. Notice should be given by telephone, mail, e-mail or in person at least seven days prior in the meeting. (6/03)

POLICIES:

- 1) Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings shall include a listing of participants. (1/93)
- 2) Travel and Expenses:
 - a. Mileage reimbursement shall be limited to 30 cents per mile. (10/93), (6/07) (10/11)
 - b. Designated hotel accommodations (double occupancy rates) will be paid for official participants from the appropriate line item providing that vouchers have been submitted.
 - c. Meals: Designated meal expenses for official participants shall be paid at the following rates: Breakfast, \$7.00; Lunch, \$10.00; and Dinner, \$15.00. Reimbursement will be made from the appropriate line item providing that vouchers have been submitted. (10/97)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 4 (Quorum)

A quorum shall consist of three voting members.

POLICIES;

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 1 (Titles)

The committees shall consist of the Standing Committees as specified in Section 2-9 of this Article, and of Ad Hoc Committees in accordance with Section 11 of this Article.

POLICIES;

- 1) No expenses for mileage, meals, and/or hotels will be paid to Committees, Committee Chairs, and any other groups representing the Iowa Reading Association, unless prior authorization has been given by the Board of Directors. (3/85)
- 2) Committee chairs shall be members of the International Reading Association and the Iowa Reading Association.
- 3) All committee members shall be members of the Iowa Reading Association. (10/91)
- 4) It would be desirable if the new chairperson of a standing committee would be taken from the ranks of the committee membership. In order to secure continuity in committee work, the appointment of the chairperson of a Standing Committee should be such that he/she functions for at least a two-year period. However, chairpersons shall be appointed each year. The rotation of committee chairpersons shall be the general policy at the end of a two-year term except in cases where a special ongoing project requires an extension to three years. (3/85)
- 5) All committees shall begin functioning when Board of Directors approval is given at the first Board of Directors meeting. Funds budgeted for committees are not to be used for expenses to attend the Leadership Workshop. (3/85)
- 6) Unless specific exceptions are approved by the Board, committee members will be appointed for one year only by the incoming President but following incoming Presidents will have the freedom to appoint for additional one-year periods. (3/85)
- 7) Unless specific exceptions are approved by the Board, each member will be notified when he/she is appointed that his/her appointment will be for one year and that reappointment may be made up to the maximum necessary for continuity in completing a task or desirable for new points of view and competencies. (3/85)
- 8) In order to secure continuity in committee work, the membership of a committee should have a carry over of at least one (1) member. The membership of ongoing committees shall be staggered so that new members participate with those who have previously served. (3/85)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 2 (Duties of the Awards Committee)

The Awards Committee shall establish eligibility criteria and deadlines for awards given by the Iowa Reading Association. Nomination forms and procedures shall be prepared and disseminated

by this committee. This committee shall select the recipients and bestow the awards. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES:

The committee shall:

- 1) Present the following awards:
 - a. Celebrate Literacy
 - b. Iowa Reading Teacher of the Year
 - c. Administrator of the Year
 - d. Iowa Reading Association Service Award.
- 2) Review and update the previous year's criteria and nomination forms prior to Leadership Workshop.
- 3) Prepare packets for and present information at Leadership Workshop.
- 4) Receive applications by January 20.
- 5) Select award recipients by February 15.
- 6) By March 1, notify both the Local Council that submitted a winning nomination and the winner so each can be present during the Annual Conference.
- 7) Purchase awards to be presented.
- 8) Submit an article to recognize recipients of each award to the editors of Iowa Reading newsletter following the Annual Conference.
- 9) Maintain an ongoing list of recipients of each award.

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 3 (Duties of the Budget Committee)

The Budget committee shall be responsible for developing the proposed annual budget. It will regularly review the Association's financial status. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES;

- 1) The Association's fiscal year will be July 1 - June 30.
- 2) The committee will be composed of Board members. (10/10)
- 3) The committee will present an initial budget at the winter Board meeting; a preliminary budget at the Board meeting during Annual Conference; and a final budget at the summer Board meeting. The budget shall be based on actual conference revenues and membership dues.
- 4) All vouchers, with the exception of the Executive Director and the Conference Chair, will be sent to the Budget Committee chairperson for approval before being paid by the Treasurer.

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 4 (Duties of the Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee)

The Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee shall review the bylaws, policies, and procedures of the Association to determine if they are meeting current as well as foreseeable needs. Such changes as are alleged necessary shall be drafted by this committee, and the committee shall make appropriate recommendations. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES;

- 1) The Executive Director shall provide a copy of the Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Handbook to all members of the committee at Leadership Workshop. (10/97)
- 2) The committee chairperson (the Vice-President) shall notify the President who shall notify committee chairs and others affected by approved policy changes.
- 3) The chairperson shall provide annual revisions of the Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Handbook to the Executive Director to be distributed to the Iowa Reading Association Board of Directors at Leadership Workshop.
- 4) Review the bylaws, study the policies and recommend changes, if needed.
- 5) Maintain the Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Handbook by writing changes or additions to either document as needed.
- 6) Committee chair sends proposed bylaws changes to International Reading Association.
- 7) Committee chair sends proposed bylaws changes to the Director of Membership Development and the Executive Director (6/06) in time to be sent out with the Call to Delegates Assembly. (10/99)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 5a (Duties of the Creative Writing Committee)

The Creative Writing Committee shall establish procedures for promoting creative writing and reading for the Iowa Reading Association. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES:

- 1) Prior to Leadership Workshop, establish procedures for the Iowa Reading Association contest in Creative Writing.
- 2) Prepare packets for and present information at Leadership Workshop.
- 3) At Leadership Workshop, work with the President Elect to organize a time during the Spring Conference for recognizing the winning student writers. (6/03)
- 4) Notify state winners, their teachers, parents/guardians, Local Committee Chair, and Local Council Presidents during the first week of March.
- 5) Provide recognition for first, second, and third place winners with a certificate and small gift. (6/03)

Section 5b (Duties of the Poetry Contest Committee)

The Poetry Contest Committee shall establish procedures for promoting poetry writing and reading for the Iowa Reading Association. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings. (02)

POLICIES:

- 1) Prior to Leadership Workshop, establish procedures for the Iowa Reading Association contest in poetry writing.
- 2) Prepare packets for and present information at Leadership Workshop.
- 3) Notify state winners, their teachers, parents/guardians, Local Committee Chair, and Local Council Presidents during the first week of March.
- 4) Provide recognition for first, second, and third place winners with a certificate and small gift.

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 6 (Duties of the Iowa Merit Council Committee)

The Iowa Merit Committee shall oversee procedures for recognizing Local Council leadership and service within the state. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES;

- 1) Prior to Leadership Workshop, review procedures and guidelines for obtaining Merit Council status.
- 2) Prepare packets for and present information at Leadership Workshop.
- 3) At Leadership Workshop, work with the President Elect to plan council recognition display and recognition of recipients at Awards Banquet at Annual Conference.
- 4) Receive completed booklet of Local Council materials by March 1.
- 5) Committee will meet to evaluate materials by March 15.
- 6) Committee chairperson will notify winning councils prior to Annual Conference.
- 7) Maintain an ongoing list of yearly winners.
- 8) Submit an article to recognize winners to Iowa Reading newsletter editors.
- 9) Provide a recognition certificate for Local Councils meeting all requirements of the Merit Award. (6/95)
- 10) Provide a press release to Local councils attaining Iowa Merit Council status for submission to their local newspapers. (6/95)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 7 (Duties of the Legislative Committee)

The Legislative Committee shall advise the Association of current legislation dealing with educational concerns, make recommendations, and carry out any related duties. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES:

- 1) Review and monitor proposed state legislation relating to reading/language arts instruction, certification of teachers of reading K-12 (classroom, subject areas, or remedial reading), and other educational legislation which will directly or indirectly influence literacy issues.
- 2) Notify Iowa Reading Association members of recommended action relating to this legislation. If appropriate, encourage contacting legislators, letter writing campaigns, or conducting local council discussions on the topics.
- 3) Work with the Department of Education and other professional organizations on legislation relating to literacy issues.
- 4) When the Legislature convenes in January, communicate with members of the House and Senate Education Committees, informing them of the purposes and concerns of the Association. Include names, addresses, and phone numbers of the Legislative Committee Chair, and the Association's Executive Director. (10/97) (10/11)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 8 (Duties of the Membership Committee)

The Membership Committee shall be responsible for stimulating the growth of the Association. It shall secure new memberships and retain current ones. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES

The committee shall;

- 1) Be chaired by the Director of Membership Development.
- 2) Organize and prepare materials for membership campaigns to actively pursue a larger membership at all levels of the organization.
- 3) Visit Local Councils to present membership development activities and provide information about Iowa Reading Association.
- 4) Prepare and distribute materials to Local Councils that could be used for short promotional presentations regarding International Reading Association memberships.
- 5) Coordinate state and international memberships. People who are International Reading Association members but not Iowa Reading Association members should be encouraged to join at the state level and vice versa.
- 6) Help the Student Membership Directors promote student memberships at each college or university. (1/94) (10/11)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 9 (Duties of the Nominating Committee)

The Nominating Committee shall meet and prepare a slate of nominees for each elective office: Vice-President, Secretary. (6/07) There shall be a minimum of two nominees for each elective office. This slate shall be reported to the Board at its spring meeting and submitted to the electorate by mail ballot. In preparing the slate, the Nominating Committee shall be responsible for securing advance consent from all nominees before presenting the slate to the Board. Recommendation for nominees that are made to the Nominating Committee may come from the membership at-large, Presidents of each Local council, or members of the Board of Directors. These recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES;

The committee shall consist of a chairperson and the Zone Directors with the following duties. (10/00)

For election of Officers:

- 1) Secure a slate of officers by July 1. (6/06) The consent form that is used should include the information relative to campaign, i.e. that the only printed campaigning to be done will be that of the candidate flyer that accompanies the ballots.
- 2) Secure the vitae and photographs of the nominees by October 1. (6/06) This information will be used in the winter newsletter with the election ballot. (6/06)
- 3) Prepare and print a candidate's information in the fall (6/06) newsletter with the election ballot. (6/03) These vitae shall be printed and published solely by the Association. No other printed campaigning shall be done.
- 4) The ballots shall be mailed to the Association membership in the fall newsletter. (6/03) Ballots must be returned and received by the Executive Director within six weeks of the newsletter mailing. (6/03)
- 5) Within two weeks after the deadline for submitting the ballots, no less than two members of the Nominating Committee shall assist the Executive Director in counting the ballots. (6/06)
- 6) Within five days of counting the ballots, the committee chair will call to notify the election winners, and send written notice to all candidates of the slate of new officers.
- 7) Submit an article for publication in the Iowa Reading newsletter issue prior to Conference informing members of the newly elected officers. (6/30)
- 8) Notify the Executive Director of the slate of officers by March 1, so that she can notify the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.
- 9) Maintain a file of "Letters of Consent" reflecting individuals who have run or been willing to run for positions in the past. This information can be used as a reference for future elections and should be kept for six years.

For Election of Zone Directors:

- 11) Local Councils that will be replacing their Director should brainstorm at Leadership Workshop about who might be nominated.
- 12) The Nominating Committee shall prepare an information sheet about the candidates that include the following information: Local Council name, past and present Local Council involvement, and past and present Iowa Reading Association involvement.
- 13) The Executive Director will mail ballots and information sheets to Presidents of Local councils involved in the election by December 1.

- 14) Local Council Presidents decide the method their council will use to determine how their votes are cast.
- 15) Ballots will be returned to the Executive Director within 6 weeks.(6/06)
- 16) The Chair of the Nominating Committee will notify candidates of the results of the election within 2 weeks of reading the ballots.

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 10 (Duties of the Program Committee)

The Program Committee shall make plans for the Annual Conference and other such meetings as may be authorized. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES

- 1) The committee shall be composed of the President Elect, Vice - President, and others to be approved by the Board. (10/96)
- 2) The committee shall assume responsibility for planning and implementing the Annual Conference.
- 3) The committee shall provide input into the development of the conference budget for approval by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at the fall meeting.
- 4) The President Elect shall chair the committee, maintain and update a conference handbook, and report conference plan at the fall board meeting.
- 5) The Executive Director shall be responsible for all facets of registration.
- 6) The Vice-President shall serve as the Facilitates Sub-Committee Chair (10/96) and report to the Board at the winter meeting.
- 7) An On-Site Sub-Committee Chair will complete the responsibilities listed for this area, keep records that can be passed to the next Chair of this Sub-Committee, as well as maintain ongoing communication with the Annual Conference Chair.(10/96)
- 8) A Program II Sub-Committee Chair will complete the responsibilities listed for this area, keep records that can be passed to the next Chair of this Sub-Committee, as well as maintain ongoing communication with the Annual Conference Chair.(10/96)
- 9) A Printing-Publicity Sub-Committee Chair will complete the responsibilities listed for this area, keep records that can be passed to the next Chair of this Sub-Committee, as well as maintain ongoing communication with the Annual Conference Chair.(10/96)
- 10) The following is suggested protocol to be used with conference speakers.
 - a. Inform the speaker of the composition of the group and size of the audience.
 - b. Make necessary plans for the speaker, by phone or letter: date(s), place, and time; length of presentation; honorarium, travel expensed, meals , lodging - who will pay for which items?; AV equipment needed; ask for vita, black and white photo, title, and abstract; follow up with a letter confirming all details discussed.
 - c. Plan for hosting of speaker: have one person to assist speaker; meet at airport, hotel door, or other; check for appropriate accommodations; check on set up of speaking room and equipment.
 - d. Plan for the introduction of speaker: could be person hosting, an officer, or Board member; use the vita supplied; make the introduction short.
 - e. After the meeting: have honorarium check prepared and hand to speaker; follow with a thank you note; send articles or publicity noting the speaker; get travel expense receipts and pay as soon as possible. (2/89)

11) Responsibilities Related to Title I:

PROGRAM

It is recommended that the President Elect and State Title I Representative consult in the development of the program and determine the number of meetings devoted to Title 1.

The representative of each organization shall be responsible for chairing its respective Program Committee. Title 1 has the responsibility of having only effective and legal programs presented at the Conference. To insure that this is accomplished the Title 1 Representative will solicit and submit approved program presenters. It shall be the responsibility of the Title 1 Representative to make the final selection of the Title 1 presentations that will appear on the program. (While the International Reading Association has a rule restricting any person to one appearance on the program, the Title 1 component is not bound to this rule. This enables the Title 1 Representative to select model programs within the state.)

PROMOTION

Inasmuch, as the Conference is a joint venture, it is a necessity that each association maintain its identity. Therefore, it is suggested that all promotional material be headed: "sponsored by the Iowa Reading Association of the International Reading Association and Title 1, ESEA."

The Iowa Reading Association Conference Chairperson will send copies of the pre-registration materials to the Title 1 Representative who in turn will send copies to local educational agencies.

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 11 (Duties of the Publications Committee)

The Publications Committee shall assume primary responsibility for directing and supervising the publications of the Association. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES:

The terms of the Iowa Reading newsletter editors shall be April 1995 to March 1997 and subsequently three years after that.

The committee shall:

- 1) Be composed of the Chair and others who work with the editor of the Iowa Reading newsletter, and represent the broad spectrum of the Association. (6/00)(6/03)
- 2) Maintain financial oversight and control of publication expenses. Alert the Board of Directors of any budgetary problems.
- 3) Function as a sounding board for policy suggestions from the editor of Iowa Reading newsletter.
(6/03)
- 4) Coordinate the search for editor according to the following procedure:
 - A. Notification
 - (1). One year before the end of an editor(s) term, the Publications Chair shall confer with the President and President Elect of the Association regarding the need to fill an upcoming editor position(s).
 - (2). Notice of vacancy in the editorship shall be made through the newsletter and/or other appropriate methods. (6/03)
 - (3). Deadlines for application shall be no earlier than three weeks after the mailing date of any Iowa Reading Association publication which reaches the total membership.
 - B. Candidates and Length of Term
 - (1). The editor(s) of the Iowa Reading newsletter shall serve a three-year term with the option to apply for one reappointment. (6/03) However, reappointment is not automatically assumed.
 - (2). All candidates shall submit to the Publications Chair both a resume and a letter of application which reflect qualifications for the editorship.
 - C. Interview
 - (1). A search committee shall consist of Publications Committee, President, President Elect, and Vice-President. Candidates will not be included on the search committee.
 - (2). A majority of the search committee shall interview the potential candidates(s) for the editorial position(s).
 - (3). The interview shall consist of a set of questions prepared in advance by the search committee.

D. Selection and Appointment

- (1). Upon completion of the interviews, the search committee shall make its written recommendation for the editor(s) to the Board of Directors.
- (2). The Board of Directors shall approve or reject the recommendation.

E. Resignations

- (1). If a resignation occurs, the Publications Chair shall notify the President and President Elect of the Association of the vacancy.
- (2). If an Editor resigns before the term expires, the Board of Directors shall receive recommendations from the search committee and appoint an Editor to complete the unexpired portion of the term. (1/94)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 12 (Duties of the Public Relations Committee)

The Public Relations Committee shall inform the public of the activities of the Association, advise Local Councils of methods to improve their publicity and perform all other public relations duties as assigned by the Board of Directors. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES:

The committee shall:

- 1) Write a summary after the winter Board Meeting of the Iowa Reading Association's accomplishments for the past year for the winter newsletter. This newsletter will be distributed to contact persons at Area Education Agencies, universities and colleges within the state of Iowa, and the Department of Education. It will also be included in the packets at Spring Conference. (4/96)
- 2) Establish and maintain a listing of these contacts at the aforementioned institutions. The list shall be updated on a yearly basis.
- 3) Produce a news release quarterly featuring literacy issues and concerns. Disseminate this new release to local Iowa newspapers and Council Presidents. Council Presidents are to duplicate and distribute to local libraries. (Consideration for rewarding Councils towards Merit Council.)
- 4) Provide information to and monitor the content of the Iowa Reading Association Web page. (10/00)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 13 (Duties of the Studies and Research Committee)

The Studies and Research Committee shall seek to determine issues that merit intensive study and make recommendations of such projects to the Board shall be responsible for offering leadership and stimulation or research activities in cooperation with other committees of the Association; and shall be responsible for dissemination of research findings. All actions and recommendations for further actions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings.

POLICIES:

- 1) The Iowa Reading Association provides monetary awards to active members of the Iowa Reading Association who are either undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in reading related courses or fields of study at an accredited college or university. (6/01) (6/03) The two scholarships may be awarded, depending upon availability of funds. (6/03)
- 2) Prior to Leadership Workshop, review and update the Studies and Research application forms: 1. Scholarship Application and 2. Research Grant Application. (6/03)
- 3) Prepare packets for and present information at Leadership Workshop.
- 4) Write an article for the fall/winter issue of Iowa Reading newsletter. Include application forms and guidelines in the article.
- 5) By October 1, contact the current Studies and Research grant recipient to remind them that they will be encouraged (6/03) to present at the State Conference in the spring, and within a year, write a summary of their findings for one Iowa Reading Association publication. A one-day complimentary conference registration shall be awarded to research study recipients the year they present their research at the conference. The committee shall notify the winners and the conference registration chair to facilitate this portion of the award. (10/00)
- 6) January 15 will be the deadline for Iowa Reading Association scholarship applications and Studies and Research grant applications.
- 7) By February 15, scholarship winners and recipients of the studies and research grants shall be selected and notified.
- 8) Follow up with previous winners to ensure they are following through on their obligations to present at the conference and write for an Iowa Reading Association publication.(6/03)
- 9) Each scholarship winner is awarded a one-day complimentary registration for the Annual Conference and two Awards Dinner tickets, if held. The committee shall notify the winners and the conference registration chair to facilitate this portion of the award. (10/00)
- 10) Prepare certificate to be presented to each winner at the State Conference Awards Banquet.
- 11) Prepare voucher to see that payments are made to winners and to committee members for expenses. (6/03)
- 12) Award monetary amount to Scholarship and Research Grant Recipients at the Annual Conference according to the current budget. Prepare vouchers to see that payments are made. (10/97)
- 13) Write an article for the spring/summer issue of Iowa Reading newsletter announcing the winners.
- 14) Provide a press release to the individuals receiving scholarships and the research grant for submission to their local newspapers. (6/95)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 14 (Composition of Standing Committees)

The members of the Standing Committees shall be members of the Association, shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board. Committees shall serve for the term of the President. In making appointments considerations should be given to the desirability of an experienced committee and gradual change of personnel. The Chairperson of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board.

POLICIES:

- 1) Standing Committee Chairpersons shall be members of the International Reading Association and Iowa Reading Association. (10/91)
- 2) All committee members shall be members of the Iowa Reading Association. (10/91)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

Section 15 (Ad Hoc Committees)

Ad Hoc Committees may be authorized by the Board of Directors or Delegates Assembly. Members and chairperson of each Ad Hoc Committee shall be appointed by the President and reported to the Board of Directors. Each Ad Hoc Committee shall report in writing its actions and recommendations for further actions to the Board of Directors prior to each of the meetings. Upon completion of its responsibilities, the Committee shall be disbanded.

POLICIES:

- 1) Ad Hoc Committee chairpersons shall be members of the International Reading Association and Iowa Reading Association. (10/91)
- 2) All committee members shall be members of the Iowa Reading Association. (10/91)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XIII IRA ANNUAL DELEGATES ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION

The representation shall be in accordance with that specified by the bylaws of the International Reading Association in Article VI, Section 1, which reads in part as follows: "Each state, provincial, regional, or special interest council of the Association shall be entitled to one delegate, provided the delegate has paid dues for the current year to the Association One person may represent only one council in the Assembly. A council may send an alternate for each delegate; an alternate may vote only when the delegate is absent."

POLICIES:

- 1) The Iowa Reading Association President at the time of the International Reading Association Annual Conference shall be the official Iowa Delegate. (10/92)

BYLAW: ARTICLE XIV PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of this Association except in such cases as are governed by the constitution and bylaws and special rules adopted by this Association. (6/00)

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE XV AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

Section 1 (Origin of Amendments)

Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by:

- 1) the Board of Directors,
- 2) the Bylaws Committee,
- 3) two or more Local Councils, but such proposals must be submitted to the Bylaws Committee;
- 4) petition of fifty or more active members who may bring a proposal to the Delegates Assembly.

POLICIES:

BYLAW: ARTICLE XV AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

Section 2 (Adoption of Amendments)

Proposed amendments shall be circulated to the Delegates with the call to the Delegates Assembly. An amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote. Amendments adopted by the delegates shall be incorporated into the bylaws. (6/00)

POLICIES:

- 1) Proposed amendments shall be circulated by the Director of Membership Development 30 days prior to Delegates Assembly with the call to attend.

BYLAW: ARTICLE XVI DISSOLUTION

In case of dissolution of this Association any assets remaining after the payment of debts or provisions therefore will revert to the International Reading Association.

POLICIES: