

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on February 21, 2024.

1. Quorum met; meeting called to order by Board President Kia Brown-Dudley at 1:21 p.m. ET.

The meeting agenda was accepted with unanimous consent.

2. Present:

President, Kia Brown-Dudley
Vice President, J. Helen Perkins

Members-at-Large:

Sue Corbin, Zoi Traga Philippakos, Dana A. Robertson, Jeanette Toomer

Ex-Officio Member:

Executive Director, Nicola Wedderburn

Staff:

Debbie Harris, Anette Schuetz

Absent:

Immediate Past President, Kenneth Kunz; Young-Suk Kim, Molly Ness, James Darin Pope, Rebecca D. Silverman

3. Order of Business

- K. Brown-Dudley thanked the Board for its work during the preceding work session.
- Board Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee:
D. Harris presented a summary of the January 2024 financial statements. Membership counts increased 9% year-to-year, journal subscriptions increased 8.4% year-to-year, and Literacy Learning Library sales are steadily increasing. Outreach to state education departments continues.
 - Governance Committee:
J.H. Perkins reported that the committee is discussing a possible enhanced definition of the Board vice president role. Drafts will be shared for input.
 - Nominating Committee:
K. Brown-Dudley reported that the Nominations Committee is in the process of interviewing candidates for Board service. Recommendations will be presented at the March Board meeting.
 - Research Committee:
D. Robertson reported that the committee continues to recruit members for the assessment task force. The dyslexia task force is reviewing the next set of

thought leadership pieces. Next, the committee will review ILA's Literacy Glossary for potential definition updates.

- Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Equity Committee:
K. Brown-Dudley reported that the About Us section of the ILA website was updated to reflect ILA's commitment to DEIB practices.
- Program Committee:
K. Brown-Dudley requested suggestions for dynamic webinar speakers from social justice, literacy, special education, and many other diverse backgrounds. Interested speakers may complete and submit the ILA Digital Events Volunteer Form on ILA's Volunteer & Lead webpage. The committee is exploring summer webinars.
- Global Committee:
N. Wedderburn stated she is working with the Asia region to plan a spring conference. All global regions were provided with information on how to join committees.
- Publications Committee:
No report.
- Commission on ILA National Recognition:
J.H. Perkins reported that the commission has several reviews and new applications in progress. Board members are encouraged to recommend individuals with qualified backgrounds to serve as reviewers.
- Fundraising & Giving Committee:
K. Brown-Dudley reported that ILA's global fundraising campaign continues year round. The committee is also exploring grant funding opportunities.
- Membership Committee:
N. Wedderburn provided an update of current membership and journal subscription counts and emphasized positive shifts in membership growth.
- Awards and Grants Committee:
N. Wedderburn reported that the committee is reviewing awards, grants, and associated timelines. In addition, the committee is contemplating funding a previous non-monetary award.
- ILA Administrator Task Force:
N. Wedderburn reported on behalf of K. Kunz that the committee will meet in the spring. Follow-ups to Literacy Learning Library presentations are underway and further outreach is taking place.

4. Other Business

J.H. Perkins and S. Corbin encouraged Board members to recommend *Reading Research Quarterly* to their faculty contacts as the journal provides many opportunities to keep current with developments in the literacy field.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Z. Traga Philippakos; SECONDED: J. Toomer
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Board meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m. ET.

6. Next Board meeting:
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 1:00 p.m. ET via Zoom