

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on January 15, 2026.

1. Quorum met; meeting called to order by Board President D.A. Robertson at 4:11 p.m. ET.

2. **Present:**

President, Dana A. Robertson; Vice President, Danielle V. Dennis; Immediate Past President, J. Helen Perkins

Members-at-Large:

Sonja Ezell, La Tasha Fields, Delilah Gonzales, Young-Suk Kim, Deborah MacPhee, Katina Zammit

Ex-Officio Member:

Executive Director, Nicola Wedderburn

Staff:

Deborah Harris, Anette Schuetz

Absent: Zoi Traga Philippakos, James Darin Pope, Margaret Vaughn

3. **Order of Business**

- Board Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee:
D. Harris distributed November 2025 financials to the Board for review.
 - Fundraising & Giving Subcommittee:
No updates.
 - Governance Committee:
D.A. Robertson stated that work continues with revisions to the ILA governance handbook.
 - Nominating Committee:
J.H. Perkins reported that several applications for Board service were received and are going through the review process.
 - Research Committee:
D.A. Robertson explained that committee work aligns with assessment task force but with an expanded scope.
 - Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Equity Committee:
S. Ezell reported that the committee's work is using data to identify member needs.

- Program Committee:
K. Zammit reported increases in global webinar attendance. Work continues with the Research Committee to broaden the pool of available subject matter experts.
- Global Committee:
N. Wedderburn reported that the first committee meeting was held in November 2025. Six of seven regions attended to share their work, questions, and challenges. The committee will meet every two months. Global project presentations are to come.
- Journals Committee:
D.V. Dennis reported that the *RRQ* Editorial Board Search Committee's resolution to approve the *RRQ* editorial team for a four-year term beginning in April 2026 was submitted electronically and approved with a vote of 11/12 with one Board member abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest. New *RRQ* editorial team members are Chase Young, Professor, Sam Houston State University; Juan Araujo, Professor, Texas Women's University; Michelle Bedecker, Associate Professor, New Uzbekistan University; Janet S. Gaffney, Professor, Waipapa Taumata Rau, The University of Auckland; and Bethanie C. Pletcher, Professor, Texas A&M University – Corpus Cristi. Onboarding of the new editorial team is underway.
- Membership Committee:
S. Ezell reported that the committee is reviewing membership data to analyze opportunities and benefits.
- Awards and Grants Committee:
N. Wedderburn reiterated upcoming deadlines for award applications and mentioned that one additional award may be to come.
- Commission on ILA National Recognition:
N. Wedderburn reported that the commission reviewed and approved all submitted programs. Review timelines were adjusted. Potential university partnerships are under consideration.
- Literacy Administrators Collaborative:
N. Wedderburn reported discussions and decided to implement two projects: A course for classroom management, and resources focused on small group reading instruction.

4. **Other Business:**

None.

5. **Motion to adjourn** by Y.-S. Kim, seconded by L. Fields.

D.A. Robertson adjourned the Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. ET.

6. **Next Board meetings:**

March 19, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET

May 21, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET

June 18, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET