

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on June 18, 2026.

1. Quorum met; meeting called to order by Board President D.A. Robertson at 3:27 p.m. ET.

2. **Present:**

President, Dana A. Robertson; Vice President, Danielle V. Dennis

Members-at-Large:

Sonja Ezell, La Tasha Fields, Young-Suk Kim, James Darin Pope, Katina Zammit

Ex-Officio Member:

Executive Director, Nicola Wedderburn

Staff:

Deborah Harris, Anette Schuetz

Absent: Immediate Past President, J. Helen Perkins; Delilah Gonzales; Deborah MacPhee; Zoi Traga Philippakos; Margaret Vaughn

3. **Order of Business**

Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee – D.A. Robertson

D. Harris informed that the additional investment draw for FY25–26 approved in May will not be required. Next investment draw will be July 1, 2026 against approved FY26–27 budget.

Fundraising & Giving Committee – N. Wedderburn

More Circle of 70 campaign donations are expected in the coming months.

Governance Committee – D.A. Robertson

Updates to ILA Bylaws are in progress

Evaluation Committee – D.A. Robertson

Informed the Board that the evaluation process for the Executive Director took place and goals were set for the year. The evaluation process and information will be reviewed by the full Board in the coming year.

Nominating Committee – no updates

Research Committee – no updates

Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Equity Committee – S. Ezell finalized and presented the 2026 equity report to the Board. The committee is investigating alternate audit platforms.

Program Committee – K. Zammit provided updates on recent webinar performance and

is gathering ideas for future programming.

Global Committee – N. Wedderburn reported that annual affiliate reports are being compiled and will be shared with the committee. Funding applications for FY26-27 will be the next step and are due in August.

Journals Committee – no updates

Membership Committee – S. Ezell explained that the 2026 member survey drove goal setting decisions focused on member retention.

Awards and Grants Committee – N. Wedderburn shared that award winners will be announced July 1, 2026.

National Recognition Commission – no updates

Literacy Administrators Collaborative – N. Wedderburn reported that the Collaborative put together a Small Group Reading Instruction event for September 29 and is working on blog posts. Another group within the Collaborative have provided resources and guidance on a Classroom Management project. The Collaborative consists of approximately 80 individuals, ILA membership is required to join. J.D. Pope pointed out that the newly implemented project-based work is giving members a voice and sense of belonging.

Recognitions

The ILA Board of Directors extends its sincere appreciation to **Dr. Zoi Traga Philippakos, Dr. Young-Suk Grace Kim, Dr. J. Helen Perkins, and Dr. James Darin Pope** for their dedicated service, recognizing their leadership, commitment, and meaningful contributions to advancing the mission of the International Literacy Association

Motioned by K. Zammit; 2nd by L.T. Fields
APPROVED unanimously

D.V. Dennis recognized D.A. Robertson for his role as ILA President. He will continue as Immediate Past President in FY26–27.

Other Business:

None

4. Adjourned by D.A. Robertson at 4:35 p.m. ET.

5. **2026–2027 Board Zoom Meeting Schedule:**

TBD