

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on March 22, 2023.

1. Quorum met; meeting called to order by Board President Kenneth Kunz at 1:31 p.m. ET

2. Present:

President, Kenneth Kunz

Vice President, Kia Brown-Dudley

Immediate Past President, Robert J. Tierney

Members-at-Large:

Sue Corbin, Danielle V. Dennis, Carol Jago, Annette Kiberu, Molly Ness, J. Helen Perkins, Dana A. Robertson

Ex-Officio Member:

Executive Director, Nicola Wedderburn

Staff:

Debbie Harris, Anette Schuetz

Absent:

Rebecca D. Silverman, Jeanette Toomer

3. Order of Business

- K. Kunz, welcome, attendance, executive leadership report highlights
- K. Kunz thanked the members of the Board for engaging in the 1:00–1:30 p.m. work session prior to the start of the Board meeting.
- May 19, 2023, in-person event at Delaware State University, Dover, DE
Final speaker agreements and programming are being completed. ILA is contacting potential exhibitors/sponsors. The event is open for registration and marketing efforts have commenced.
- In accordance with the recommendation provided by Belfint, Lyons, and Shuman, to more accurately reflect the net asset position of the organization, the ILA Board of Directors agrees to remove designations not backed by financial assets, shown as “Board-Designated for Specific Purpose” in Note 3 of the FY21–22 financial audit.
MOTIONED: K. Kunz, SECONDED: C. Jago; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- Board Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee:
K. Kunz reported on budgetary and programming strategies to meet 3-year profit & loss projections.
 - Governance Committee:
K. Brown-Dudley reported that the previously scheduled board training session was cancelled by the provider due to low registration, it will be rescheduled. One-on-one training sessions are also available. Options will be discussed further.

- Nominating Committee:
K. Kunz reported that the final election slate was approved, and the election timeline is on schedule. Reminder emails were sent to members.
- Research Committee:
D. Robertson reported that the dyslexia task force scheduled their first meeting and is still pursuing an additional member for international representation. Discussions around the ILA Glossary definition of SOR continue.
- Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Equity Committee:
N. Wedderburn reported that the equity audit is complete, and the committee will review next steps.
- Program Committee:
No updates.
- Global Committee:
N. Wedderburn reported that the annual meeting with global affiliates is coming up. Affiliates will be able to discuss their work, and board and members will have opportunities to engage and interact.
- Publications Committee:
D. Dennis reported that *The Reading Teacher* editor search is progressing. Interviews will take place over the first two weeks of April and final recommendations will be available for the May board meeting.
- Commission on ILA National Recognition:
H. Helen Perkins reported that the commission is reviewing several applications.
- Fundraising & Giving Committee:
No updates.
- Membership Committee:
N. Wedderburn reported an uptick in membership due to IT infrastructure fixes, new collaboration campaigns, a revamped approach to member communications, and focused outreach. Renewed interest is also noticeable in Alpha Upsilon Alpha chapter applications, due to a new marketing/promotional plan.
- Awards and Grants Committee:
R. Tierney reported that the committee continues to review current and potential new awards, as well as fiscal sustainability and will have recommendations at the May board meeting.
- Literacy Curriculum, Instruction, & Book Access Committee:
C. Jago reported that the recent members-only webinar on Children's' Rights to Read was successful with over 600 registrants. She stressed the importance of regular member webinars to help nurture the next generation of literacy leaders.
- ILA Administrator Task Force:
No updates. Please pass questions for the final task force meeting to K. Kunz.

4. Other Business
None.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: S. Corbin; SECONDED: C. Jago;
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Board meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m. ET

6. Next Board meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 1:00 p.m. ET via Zoom.