

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on September 18, 2025.

1. Quorum met; meeting called to order by Board President D.A. Robertson at 4:00 p.m. ET.

2. **Present:**

President, Dana A. Robertson; Immediate Past President, J. Helen Perkins

Members-at-Large:

Sonja Ezell, La Tasha Fields, Young-Suk Kim, Deborah MacPhee, James Darin Pope, Margaret Vaughn

Ex-Officio Member:

Executive Director, Nicola Wedderburn

Staff:

Deborah Harris

Absent: Vice President, Danielle V. Dennis, Delilah Gonzales, Zoi Traga Philippakos, Katina Zammit

3. **Order of Business**

- Board Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee:
D. Harris noted that unaudited results for June 2025 were distributed to the Board; questions should be directed to N. Wedderburn, D. Harris, or D.A. Robertson. The auditors are scheduled to present audit results for approval at the November Board meeting.
 - Fundraising & Giving Subcommittee:
Y.-S. Kim reported that fiscal year fundraising will focus on ILA's 70th anniversary and a Board giving campaign. The 70th Anniversary Committee will provide details for fundraising campaigns aside from the Board giving campaign. The Fundraising Committee will develop the Board giving campaign that will align with the 70th Anniversary efforts. In addition to donating funds to support the organization, the Board giving campaign is important because 100% Board participation is required to qualify for certain grants that ILA will seek.
 - Governance Committee:
D.A. Robertson advised that a committee meeting is scheduled and will take place September 25.

- Nominating Committee:
J.H. Perkins encouraged Board members to consider and nominate qualified candidates within their professional environments to apply for ILA Board service.
 - Research Committee:
D. Robertson advised that a committee meeting was in the process of getting scheduled.
 - Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Equity Committee:
S. Ezell advised that a committee meeting was in the process of getting scheduled.
 - Program Committee:
D. MacPhee reported that historical background information and committee charges were discussed during the first committee meeting.
 - Global Committee:
N. Wedderburn reported that the committee is reviewing annual region funding submissions for 2025–2026. All seven regions applied for funding. Charges for the committee were reviewed and there are plans to finalize them during the October meeting.
 - Journals Committee:
D. MacPhee reported that the committee has not met yet and was in the process of getting scheduled. N. Wedderburn added that the *Reading Research Quarterly* editor search is proceeding.
 - Membership Committee:
N. Wedderburn reported that the committee has not met yet and was in the process of selecting a date for the September meeting.
 - Awards and Grants Committee:
N. Wedderburn advised that a committee meeting was in the process of getting scheduled.
 - Commission on ILA National Recognition:
D. MacPhee reported that the first committee meeting was held, and the history of ILA National Recognition, timelines, and responsibilities were discussed. The program is experiencing significant growth.
 - Literacy Administrators Collaborative:
J.D. Pope reported that the first meeting of the fiscal year was scheduled. The committee wants to take a different direction this year that includes plans to establish subcommittees and a service project. The name of the group was changed from the ILA Administrator Task Force.
4. **Other Business:**
N. Wedderburn issued a reminder for Board members to verify their committee assignments and meeting invitations.
5. **Motion to adjourn** by M. Vaughn, seconded by L. Fields.
D.A. Robertson adjourned the work session at 4:30 p.m. ET.

6. **Next Board meetings:**

November 20, 20205, at 3 p.m. ET

January 15, 2026, at 3 p.m. ET

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

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

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