

## Board of Directors MEETING MINUTES

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on September 20, 2023.

- 1. Quorum met; meeting called to order by Board President Kia Brown-Dudley at 1:54 p.m. ET.
- 2. Present:

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

Members-at-Large: Sue Corbin, Carol Jago, Molly Ness, Zoi Traga Philippakos, Dana A. Robertson

Ex-Officio Member: Executive Director, Nicola Wedderburn

Absent:

Immediate Past President, Kenneth Kunz, Young-Suk Grace Kim, James Darin Pope, Rebecca D. Silverman, Jeanette Toomer

- 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 reported on the committee's review of August 2023 month-end financial statements. The fiscal year 2023–24 budget remains on track.
    - Governance Committee: No updates.
    - Nominating Committee:

N. Wedderburn advised that the nominations process will commence soon. Board members are encouraged to look to their networks for potential candidates.

• Research Committee:

D. Robertson reported that the committee met several times, and the Dyslexia Task Force finished its work. Several upcoming webinars focus on the topic of dyslexia and additional related assets (e.g., Glossary definition, research advisory) were updated for publication. The committee work continues with reviewing, updating, and/or retiring other ILA assets. Subject Matter Experts groups are in the process of formation; they will focus on the highest priority items and topics.

 Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Equity Committee:
 K. Brown-Dudley reported that the committee met and discussed DEIB-focused updates to the Glossary terms. Board and staff DEIB training will take place in the coming months.

• Program Committee:

K. Brown-Dudley reported on upcoming webinar programming. The nonmember option to join ILA during the webinar registration process is resulting in an uptick in memberships.

• Global Committee:

N. Wedderburn reported that the committee met to discuss charges and evaluate funding submissions. The committee will invite regions to committee meetings to increase participation and engagement.

- Publications Committee: No updates.
- Commission on ILA National Recognition: J.H. Perkins reported that meetings with applicants and reviewers are continuing. Program submissions are under review. Global inquiries were received.
- Fundraising & Giving Committee:
  K. Brown-Dudley mentioned the launch of ILA's global giving fundraising campaign on September 8, 2023 (International Literacy Day). The campaign will continue to run year round.
- Membership Committee:

K. Brown-Dudley stated that the committee met to discuss charges. Committee members will take part in new member meetings and phone campaigns to connect with new members.

- Awards and Grants Committee: No updates.
- ILA Administrator Task Force:

N. Wedderburn reported that the committee met in August to discuss goals. Invitations to join were sent and the first task force meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2023. So far, many invitees have accepted. The committee is looking forward to introducing the Literacy Learning Library project.

- 4. Other Business None.
- 5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: K. Brown-Dudley; SECONDED: J.H. Perkins MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Board meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. ET.

6. Next Board meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 1:00 p.m. ET via Zoom