IRA Adolescent and Adult Literacy Committee

Charges:

1. In collaboration with IRA’s Office of Communications and Public Policy, identifies strategies for raising public awareness of the importance of developing adolescent and adult literacy.

2. In collaboration with IRA’s Office of Communications and Public Policy identify strategies for communicating IRA’s Adolescent Literacy Position Statement to state governors, school superintendents, and other relevant state policy makers.

3. In collaboration with IRA’s Board of Directors identify strategies for promoting and disseminating (e.g. webinars, publications) research-based practices for the professional development of teachers of adolescents with special consideration for adolescents living in poverty and adolescents outside of the United States.

4. In collaboration with IRA’s Literacy Advocacy, Policy, and Legislation Committee identify state councils that support adolescent and adult literacy initiatives, and recommend IRA strategies to showcase these.

5. In collaboration with IRA’s Board of Directors identify strategies for promoting and disseminating (e.g. webinars, publications) research-based practices for the professional development of teachers of adults with special consideration for adult literacy needs in developing countries.

Due Dates:

1. Board Recommendations/Reports
   a. Interim report–November 15, 2014

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An annual evaluation will be done based on the ongoing needs of the Association.