IRA Literacy Advocacy, Policy, and Legislation Committee

Charges:
1. Provide a support system for state/national/international level grassroots advocacy by
   a. identifying those committee members who will serve as regional ambassadors (for regions with USA,
      Canada, and other international regions)
   b. working with these regions to identify members within them who can lead advocacy initiatives (may be
      Governmental or Advocacy Chairs within states, regions, etc.) and provide IRA Headquarters with that
      contact information
   c. working with these regions to identify issues within them that are not addressed by current position
      statements and providing IRA’s Board of Directors with that information
   d. working with these regions to promote eligibility for IRA’s Advocacy Award (see 3 below).
2. Recommend to the IRA Board of Directors the topic for a position paper concerning advocacy, policy, and or
   legislation that would be most appropriate for literacy communities outside of the United States and Canada
3. Create a plan for modifying the Advocacy Award to make it appropriate for affiliates outside of the United States
4. In collaboration with IRA’s Office of Communications and Public Policy, identifies strategies for implementing
   recommendations of IRA’s Advocacy and Partnership Task Force document of June 2013, BUILDING IRA’S ADVOCACY
   PRESENCE.

Due Dates:
1. Board Recommendations/Reports
   a. Interim report–November 15, 2014
   b. Final report–March 15, 2015

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