IRA Literacy, eLearning, Communication, and Culture Committee

Charges:

1. Support IRA in meeting initiatives associated with the organization’s Strategic Directions Statement (SD #6) for Technology; in particular provide proposals for utilizing digital platforms to (a) support professional development opportunities and (b) to promote community building and communication among members of the organization on a worldwide basis.

2. Promote the dissemination and application of technology to the development of literacy through working with the Annual Program Committee for a strong technology component at the IRA Annual Convention.

3. Work with the IRA Literacy Advocacy, Policy and Legislation committee to develop a plan for communicating IRA’s New Literacies and 21st-Century Technologies position statement to state governors, school superintendents, and other relevant state policy makers.

4. Work with the Technology in Literacy Education Special Interest Group (TILE-SIG) to gather, promote, and disseminate research-based practices for fostering literacy with new technologies as part of IRA’s professional development initiatives.

5. In collaboration with the IRA Board of Directors, develop a survey to identify the challenges, changes and consequences experienced by teachers worldwide in integrating digital technologies into the literacy curriculum.

6. In collaboration with the IRA Board of Directors, update and revise position statement on New Literacies and 21st Century Technologies with particular focus on cognitive and sociocultural perspectives of literacy, learning, and culture in a digital age.

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.