IRA Literacy and Education Reform Task Force

Charges:
1. In collaboration with IRA’s Board of Directors, prepare a white paper tentatively titled A Framework for Designing Education Reform for High Literacy Achievement, outlining essential planning considerations for reformers/policy makers. Consultation with relevant IRA committees/task force is encouraged, including
   a. IRA Common Core State Standards Committee
   b. IRA Leadership for Literacy Committee
   c. IRA Literacy, Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee
   d. IRA Task Force On Teacher Preparation for Literacy Instruction.
2. In collaboration with IRA’s Board of Directors, develop a position statement on the Common Core ELA Standards, with consideration for struggling students and English language learners.
3. In collaboration with IRA’s Board of Directors, develop a position statement on international perspectives on best practices for literacy instruction and lifelong learning
4. In collaboration with IRA’s Office of Communications and Public Policy identify strategies for communicating IRA’s Framework and position statements to state governors, school superintendents, and other relevant state and local policy makers.

Begin Date: May 2014   End Date: July 2015

Due Dates:
1. Board Recommendations/Reports
   b. Final of white paper—March 15, 2015

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