IRa Task Force On Teacher Preparation for Literacy Instruction

Charges:
1. Working in collaboration with IRA Headquarters, prepare a survey for state departments of education to obtain information on state requirements in the teaching of reading/language arts literacy for traditional and alternate route preservice candidates seeking certification as early childhood, elementary, secondary classroom teachers.
2. Working in collaboration with IRA Headquarters, disseminate the survey to appropriate respondents, establishing deadlines for return.
3. Prepare a symposium for IRA’s 2015 conference to share survey findings, conclusions and recommendations.
4. Use survey findings to update IRA’s position statement on Teacher Preparation
5. In collaboration with IRA’s Education Reform Committee, contribute to the Framework that committee is developing for planning education reform for high literacy achievement.

Begin Date: May 2014   End Date: July 2015

Due Dates:
1. Board Recommendations/Reports
   c. Interim report–November 15, 2014
   d. Final recommendation/report–March 15, 2015

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

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