IRA Jerry Johns Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award, IRA Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant, and IRA Arbuthnot Award Committee

Charges:
1. Develop objectives, nature of project, and evaluative criteria for individuals/groups applying for the Gertrude Whipple Professional Development Award and submit to the IRA Board of Directors the committee’s recommendations for objectives, nature of project, and evaluative criteria for this award.
2. Actively seek nominations for the IRA Jerry Johns Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award, the IRA Regie Routman Classroom Teacher Recognition Grant, and the Arbuthnot Award.
3. Review all applications for the IRA Jerry Johns Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award, the IRA Regie Routman Classroom Teacher Recognition Grant, and the Arbuthnot Award according to award criteria.
4. Recommend candidates to the Board of Directors providing supportive data.
5. Review the criteria and guidelines and make recommendations for change, if necessary, to Board.

IRA Jerry Johns Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award: This award recognizes an outstanding teacher of courses in reading and literacy instruction.

IRA Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant: This grant award will honor an outstanding, mainstream, elementary classroom teacher dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of reading and writing across the curriculum in real-world contexts in Grades K-6 (ages 5-12) at a school with at least 60% of the school students eligible for free or reduced lunch.

IRA Arbuthnot Award: This award recognizes an outstanding college or Univ. teacher of children's and young adult literature

Due Dates:
2. Guideline recommendations– March 15, 2015

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