IRA Zolt Award/Grants and IRA Technology and Reading Award Committee

Charges:

1. Actively seek nominations for the IRA Erwin Zolt Curriculum Excellence Award, IRA Esther Zolt Academic Research Grant, IRA Esther Zolt Teacher Research Grant and IRA Award for Technology and Reading Award.
2. Review all applications for the IRA Erwin Zolt Curriculum Excellence Award, IRA Esther Zolt Academic Research Grant, IRA Esther Zolt Teacher Research Grant, and IRA Award for Technology and Reading Award according to established guidelines and award criteria.
3. Recommend candidates to the Board of Directors for each award (a. through d.) providing supportive data.
4. Review the criteria and guidelines and make recommendations for change, if necessary, to Board.

IRA Erwin Zolt Curriculum Excellence Award: This award is to be given to support exceptional design and execution of a curriculum unit based on In2Books and the Common Core State Standards, inspiring students to transform knowledge into creative action.

IRA Esther Zolt Academic Research Grant: This grant is to be given for a completed research study on the effective classroom implementation of In2Books that inspires others to improved teaching and learning in innovative ways.

IRA Esther Zolt Teacher Research Grant: This grant is to be given for a completed action research study. The study should be conducted by a teacher who has implemented In2Books with exceptional innovation and rigor, leading to the development of curious and independent learners.

IRA Technology and Reading Award: This award honors educators in grades K–12 who are making an outstanding and innovative contribution in the use of technology in reading education.

Due Dates:

2. Guideline recommendations—March 15, 2015

Chair: Don Leu, Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs Mansfield, CT
Board Liaison: Julie Coiro
2012-2015 Kimberly Kimbell Lopez, Louisiana Tech Univ., Ruston, LA
            Michael Putman, Univ. of North Carolina-Charlotte, Charlotte, NC
2013-2015 Kathleen Gormley, Lake George, NY
2014-2015 Robin Griffith, Arlington, TX
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*An annual evaluation will be done based on the ongoing needs of the Association.*