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Adelina Arellano-Osuna, professor at the University of the Andes-Mérida, Venezuela, will serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Reading Association until May 2009. Arellano-Osuna served as president of the Asociación de Lectura Los Andes from 1990 through 2004. She chaired IRA's Latin American Committee, directed a professional development project in IRA-Latin America, and organized IRA councils and affiliates in Cuba, Panama, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Puebla, and San Salvador. She also served as chair of the program committee for 2002's Latin America Reading Conference.



Arellano-Osuna received her PhD from the University of Arizona, Tucson. Both her MA and BA were received from the University of the Andes, Mérida, Venezuela.

Arellano-Osuna has authored several articles, including *El lenguaje integral una alternativa para la educación* and *Propuesta integral par alas alfabetización del adulto*. She has presented at several reading conferences and at IRA's conventions.

Statement of philosophy

"The better we understand culture and language as written formats, the better we should understand each other. IRA can contribute powerfully to the literacy development of children and adults worldwide. To do this it needs not only to support initiatives like IRA professional development in Latin America but also to seek out good practice everywhere to apply in both developed and less developed countries, encourage research with immediate practical applications, and advocate freedom of expression and exchange of ideas for all."

Presentation topics

Reading and writing to learn
Creating effective mediations with English language learners
Miscue analysis in Spanish
Early biliteracy in today's classrooms
Constructing written language as a creative goal
Reading as a process to communicate meaning
Writing as a process to recreate ideas

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