INTERNATIONAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors **MEETING MINUTES**

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on June 20, 2024.

1. Quorum met; meeting called to order by Board President Kia Brown-Dudley at 2:45 p.m. ET.

The meeting agenda was accepted with unanimous consent.

2. Present:

President, Kia Brown-Dudley; Vice President, J. Helen Perkins; Immediate Past President, Kenneth Kunz

Members-at-Large:

Sue Corbin, Young-Suk Kim, James Darin Pope, Dana A. Robertson, Rebecca D. Silverman

Ex-Officio Member:

Executive Director, Nicola Wedderburn

Staff:

Debbie Harris

Absent:

Molly Ness, Zoi Traga Philippakos, Jeanette Toomer

3. Order of Business

- K. Brown-Dudley thanked the Board for its work during the preceding work session.
- Board Committee Reports
 - o Finance Committee:

D. Harris presented financial statements as of 5/31/24 and reported that financials are tracking on budget.

Nominating Committee:

No further updates; the work of the committee concluded.

o Publications Committee:

No updates.

Governance Committee:

J.H. Perkins advised that various governance documents will be reviewed and—if necessary—updated during the 2024–2025 fiscal year.

Research Committee:

No updates.

Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Equity Committee:
K. Brown-Dudley reported that the ILA equity audit is complete. It revealed a 24-

point gain in diversity, thereby moving ILA's score from emerging to developing. The inclusion standard changed from developing in 2023 to expanding in 2024, and ILA gained 15 points in the equity category.

o Program Committee:

K. Brown-Dudley shared that fiscal year 2024–2025 program planning is underway.

Global Committee:

K. Kunz reviewed the 5-29-2024 global affiliates meeting where many regional project presentations were shared.

Commission on ILA National Recognition:

J.H. Perkins continued to report strong growth in this program area as evidenced by a large influx of applications for the fall 2024 cycle.

Fundraising & Giving Committee:

K. Brown-Dudley stated that fiscal year 2024–2025 fundraising plans are in progress.

Membership Committee:

K. Kunz discussed the most recent results of the ILA member survey and pointed out increased retention levels. N. Wedderburn added that member growth overall increased as well. A minor decrease in individual journal subscriptions was observed, likely due to a shift to institutional subscriptions.

Awards and Grants Committee:

N. Wedderburn mentioned that ILA's 30 under 30 program is open for submissions, and a new awards and grants cycle opens in August.

ILA Administrator Task Force:

K. Kunz reported that he and J.D. Pope hosted a task force meeting on 6-12-24 where best practices to mitigate summer learning loss were discussed. During the meeting, many task force members expressed interest in continuing to serve throughout the new fiscal year.

4. Recognition

K. Brown-Dudley recognized M. Ness and K. Kunz for their Board service with resolutions to recognize literacy excellence and service.

J.H Perkins honored D.A. Robertson and K. Brown-Dudley with resolutions for literacy excellence, service, and contributions to the organization.

5. Other Business

None.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN: D.A. Robertson; SECONDED: J.H. Perkins; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Board meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m. ET.

7. Next Board meeting:

Thursday, September 12, 2024, 3:00 p.m. ET via Zoom