

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on November 21, 2024.

1. Quorum met; meeting called to order by Board President J. Helen Perkins at 4:04 p.m. ET.

2. Present:

President, J. Helen Perkins; Vice President, Dana A. Robertson; Immediate Past President, Kia Brown-Dudley

Members-at-Large:

Sue Corbin, Sonja Ezell, Young-Suk Kim, Rebecca D. Silverman, Jeanette Toomer, Katina Zammit

Ex-Officio Member:

Executive Director, Nicola Wedderburn

Staff:

Debbie Harris, Anette Schuetz

Absent: Delilah Gonzales, Zoi Traga Philippakos, James Darin Pope

3. Order of Business

- J.H. Perkins thanked the Board for its work during the preceding work session.
- Board Committee Reports

- Finance Committee:

J.H. Perkins presented a motion for approval of the FY23–24 financial statements as presented by Belfint, Lyons & Shuman: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Fundraising & Giving Subcommittee:

Y.-S. Kim reported that the subcommittee is brainstorming fundraising initiatives.

- Governance Committee:

J.H. Perkins reported that the committee completed its charges and is reviewing the governance handbook to determine the need for updates.

- Nominating Committee:

K. Brown-Dudley reported on the success of a recently held informational session for ILA Board service applicants. She asked all Board members to encourage colleagues to apply for Board service or otherwise volunteer.

- Research Committee:

D. Robertson reported that the committee is working on developing new and updating existing ILA thought leadership processes.

- Anti-Racism, Social Justice, and Equity Committee:  
K. Brown-Dudley reported that the committee is looking to form an advisory committee. She encouraged Board members to recommend dynamic and diverse leaders to apply to this committee.
- Program Committee:  
S. Corbin reported that the committee is looking to deepen ILA's chapter event partnerships. Committee members are researching specific programming topics of interest to members.
- Global Committee:  
N. Wedderburn reported that the committee finalized its charges and approved funding for those regions whose submissions were received. She explained that the funding application process was streamlined.
- Journals Committee:  
R. Silverman shared that the committee received the open access report from Wiley and has a budget meeting coming up. The committee is discussing opportunities to achieve more consistency across journal offerings.
- Membership Committee:  
S. Corbin shared that the committee finalized its charges and is inviting new members to volunteer for a committee. Special interest group structures are being explored.
- Awards and Grants Committee:  
N. Wedderburn explained that the committee set timelines for the upcoming awards and grants application cycle and is discussing potential new awards to add to ILA's awards and grants portfolio.
- Commission on ILA National Recognition:  
J.H. Perkins reported continued robust growth in applications to ILA's National Recognition program.
- ILA Administrator Task Force:  
N. Wedderburn reported that the 11/7/24 meeting went well with about 40 out of 55 committee members in attendance. Discussions revolved around ILA's brief on leadership and other issues of importance to attendees. ILA's Literacy Learning Library will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Other Business  
None.

5. J.H. Perkins adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m. ET.

6. Next Board meeting:  
January 16, 2025, at 3 p.m. ET via Zoom