

**BYLAWS
of the
LAKE AREA READING COUNCIL
International Reading Association**

ARTICLE I - Name and Area Served

The name of the “ByLaws of the Lake Area Reading Council” is hereby changed to “The Constitution and Bylaws of the Lake Area Reading Council,” in recognition of the fact that the ByLaws constitute the Lake Area Reading Councils’s organizing document.

ARTICLE II - Nature and Purposes

1. The Lake Area Reading Council is organized exclusively for educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

2. The Council is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code. The Council’s educational purposes are: (1) to form a partnership with the International Reading Association by promoting membership and participating in IRA-sponsored council activities; (2) to encourage the study of reading problems at all educational levels; (3) to stimulate and promote research in developmental, creative , corrective, and remedial reading; (4) to study the various factors that influence progress in reading; (5) to publish the results of pertinent and significant investigations and practices; (6) to assist in the development of improved teacher-training programs; (7) to act as a clearinghouse for information relating to reading; (8) to disseminate knowledge helpful for solving problems related to reading (9) to sponsor conferences and meetings; (10) to promote mutual understanding and cooperation among educators in elementary school, junior high, high school, special areas, college, and leadership positions.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Membership: Membership in the council shall be open to all persons engaging in the teaching or supervision of reading in all grade levels, to parents and to all others interested in the purposes of the council.

Active Members: Members become active for one year upon receipt of member dues to the LARC.

ARTICLE IV Dues and Duties of Officers

IRA Dues: Membership in the International Reading Association shall be paid in full for the LARC board members. All other members will be encouraged to join and attend the annual conference and will be informed by the LARC of all special events, publications and notices.

Officers: The officers of the Lake Area Reading Council shall be a president, a co-president if necessary, a vice president (if necessary), recording secretary, and treasurer. Any of the above positions can be combined. Any member in good standing, who is also a member of the International Reading Association, is eligible to be an officer of the council.

Term of office: The terms shall remain flexible as the council grows in membership to be reviewed annually and announced prior to election.

1. Duties of President and Co-President: The president and co-president shall act as the executive officers of the council. The president and co-president shall preside at all meetings of the council, shall act ex officio as chairperson of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and shall exercise general leadership and supervision over the affairs of the council, implementing its purposes.

2. Duties of Vice President: Duties of Vice president are to serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors, as a member of the Program Committee, and as coordinator of external programs. Should the office of president-elect become vacant, the vice president shall serve the term.

3. Duties of Recording Secretary: The recording secretary shall record the events of all council meetings while keeping a book of the minutes of all meetings. Recording Secretary shall cooperate fully by turning over all up-to-date records within thirty (30) days of leaving the office.

4. Duties of Treasurer: The treasurer shall maintain accurate and up-to-date records, have custody of the funds of the council which shall be deposited in the name of Lake Area Reading Council of the International Reading Association, sign checks on behalf of the council, cooperate fully with an annual audit within thirty (30) days of retirement from office, turn over to the successor all funds, accounts, and books of the treasurer.

5. Interim Replacement: In the event of a vacancy in the office of vice president, treasurer, recording secretary or corresponding secretary, the Board of Directors shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the next regular election.

ARTICLE V - Board of Directors

1. Function: The Board of Directors shall exercise general supervision over the property and affairs of the council. It shall have the general power to administer the affairs of the council between council meetings and shall report its actions to the membership for approval.
2. Composition: The Board of Directors shall consist of all current officers.
3. Meetings: The first meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in the summer in at the annual IRC retreat. The yearly calendar may be established at the IRC annual retreat. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to hold such meetings as it shall deem necessary on the call of the president, at such times and places as the president may determine. No less than three (3) meetings shall be held each year.
4. Quorum: A quorum is established when 60% of the Board members are present.

ARTICLE VI - Assembly

1. Composition: The assembly shall consist of the Board of Directors and all other members of the council.
2. Function: The assembly shall be the legislative body of the council and shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the council, within the limits set by these bylaws. It shall have authority to review decisions made by the Board of Directors and to accept or reject them.
3. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of 20% of all those eligible to vote in the assembly.
4. Meetings: The assembly of the Lake Area Reading Council shall meet approximately eight (8) times each year or less. If the LARC offers popular speakers, which const more to host, the LARC may meet less than eight (8) times.
5. Notification of Meetings: At least two (2) weeks in advance of each meeting the president shall notify all members of the date, time, and place of the meeting.
6. Amendments to the Bylaws: The assembly of the Lake Area Reading Council shall have the power to amend these bylaws as provided in Article twelve (12).

ARTICLE VII - Nomination and Election of Officers

1. Election: All officers shall be elected or re-elected each year at the July meeting prior to the annual IRC summer retreat.
2. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees annually. Each nominee shall be a member of the IRC and the IRA.

3. Mode of Election: The nominating committee shall prepare and present to the membership a slate of officers consisting of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Membership Development thirty (30) days prior to the spring meeting.

4. Reporting: The President shall report the newly elected officers to IRC using the appropriate IRA forms before the due date set by IRC.

5. Each elected officer shall assume the duties of their new office following the annual IRC retreat in July.

ARTICLE VIII-Committees

1. Standing Committees: The number of standing committees may be increased or decreased upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

2. Special Committees: Special committees will be appointed yearly.

3. Other committees: The Archives, Awards, Budget, Bylaws, Community Projects and Executive, Family Literacy, Honor Council, Intellectual Freedom, International Projects, Legislative, Membership, PR, Research and Young Writer's Committees will be handled in a less formal manner by the President(s) and other members until a more formal committee is warranted.

ARTICLE IX-Representation at the Annual Assemblies

1. All efforts will be made to host one representative at the Annual State Assembly.

ARTICLE X- Parliamentary Authority

1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall govern the proceedings of this council, except in cases governed by the constitution, bylaws and special rules adopted by this council.

ARTICLE XI-Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Council, any assets remaining, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Council, shall revert to the International Reading Association, or shall otherwise be distributed for one or more tax exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disclosed of by a

court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Council is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organize and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XII-Amendments

1. Amendments to the bylaws of the Lake Area Reading Council shall be agreed upon by a quorum of the Board of Directors. All proposed amendments shall be sent to the IRA State Coordinator for IRC.

Lake Area Reading Council By-Laws Approved

Name/Title

Date

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Amendments To ByLaws of the Lake Area Reading Council
(International Reading Association)

The BYLAWS of the Lake Area Reading Council are hereby amended as, follows:

First Amendment

The name of the "ByLaws of the Lake Area Reading Council" is hereby changed to "The Constitution and Bylaws of the Lake Area Reading Council," in recognition of the fact that the ByLaws constitute the Lake Area Reading Council's organizing document.

Second Amendment

Article II, Section 2 of the Bylaws is hereby amended, as follows:

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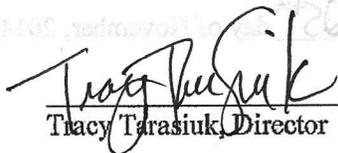
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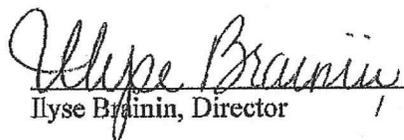
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DECLARATION

The undersigned Directors of the Lake Area Reading Council, hereby declare that the foregoing Amendments to the Council's ByLaws were duly considered, adopted, affirmed and ratified by the Council on this ___ day of November, 2014.

 11/25/14
Tracy Tarasiuk, Director / Date

 11/25/14
Ilyse Braumin, Director / Date