

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
OF THE  
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION

Article I

Section I      The name of this organization shall be the Northwest Arkansas Council and it will serve the area of Benton, Carroll, Washington, and Madison Counties, in the state of Arkansas.

Article II Purposes

Section I      The purposes of the council shall be:

1.    to promote interest in reading improvement in the council area.
2.    to improve professional communications among council members.
3.    to promote professional growth in reading.
4.    to promote improvement of reading instruction in schools within the council areas.

Article III Membership and Dues

Section I      The council shall have only one class of membership.

Section II     Amount of dues shall be set by the by-laws committee and approved by the council membership.

Section III    Dues shall be paid to the committee treasurer. Lapse of dues for a period of six months shall be grounds for suspension of membership.

Section IV    Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons engaged in the teaching or supervision of reading at any school level, to parents and to all others interested in the purposes of the Association.

Article IV Officers and Directors

Section I      Officers of the council shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section II     Duties of the President shall be to conduct meetings of the council and meetings of the Board of Directors and to sign all checks.

- Section III The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of death, resignation or incapacity to serve and shall assist the President in discharging the responsibilities of his office.
- Section IV Duties of the Secretary shall be to maintain records of council meetings and Board of Directors' meetings.
- Section V Duties of the Treasurer shall be to have custody of all money, sign all checks, and keep all books of account.
- Section VI Candidates for council officer offices shall be IRA members in good standing.
- Section VII Officers shall be elected annually by council members at the first council meeting of each school year.
- Section VIII Order of succession of officers in the event of death, resignation, or incapacity to serve shall be Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

#### Article V Board of Directors

- Section I The Board of Directors shall **consist** of the council officers.
- Section II Candidates for the Board of Directors shall be IRA members in good standing.
- Section III Board of Directors term of **office** shall correspond to office terms for council officers.
- Section IV The Board of Directors shall ~~meet~~ at least two times per school year.
- Section V Board of Directors meeting's shall be called by the Board chairman.
- Section VI The council president shall be chairman of the Board of Directors.
- Section VII The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to determine how the purposes of the council shall be carried out.

#### Article VI Assembly

- Section I The Assembly (business meetings) shall consist of council members.
- Section II The council members present at a duly called Assembly shall constitute a quorum.
- Section III Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section IV Meetings shall be held four times per year.

## Article VII Elections

- Section I Elections shall be held the first council meeting of each year.
- Section II Newly elected officers shall assume office the first council meeting of each school year.

## Article VIII Committees

- Section I The committee on committees shall consist of the council directors and shall be a permanent committee. This committee shall create and appoint all other committees when and as needed.

## Article IX Amendments

- Section I Amendments shall be proposed by a constitutional committee.
- Section II Amendments shall be voted upon in regular Assembly.
- Section III Adoption of proposed amendments shall require a simple majority of the council members present.

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APPENDIX TO BYLAWS

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Addition to Article VII - Elections, Section 1.

"Nominations will be received from the nominating committee and from the floor. Vote will be by secret ballot.

Additional Article of Bylaws.

Article X - Dissolution

In case of dissolution of this council, any assets remaining after the payment of debts or provision therefore will revert to the International Reading Association.