

# Request for Membership on IRC Standing and Special Committees

*Please consider becoming more involved in the Illinois Reading Council. Members of the local reading councils may submit their own names for consideration. Below are brief descriptions of committee goals.*

## **IRC STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Budget, Finance, and Strategic Planning Committee** - Prepare a yearly budget, report on the audit, and review dues structure. Work to establish a well-defined vision for the future of IRC.

**Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Committee** - Review and update the IRC bylaws and policies.

**Conference Committee** - Make plans for the annual conference of the council.

**Membership Committee** - Stimulate membership of ILA, state, local, and special interest councils.

**Nominating Committee** - Prepare a slate of candidates for IRC Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Organization/Council Bylaws Committee** - Act as liaison between ILA and local and special interest councils.

## **IRC SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Advocacy Committee** - Gather and disseminate information concerning legislation related to reading.

**Book Club Committee** - Host four virtual book clubs in the spring, summer, fall, and winter.

**Educational Media Committee** - Assist state, local, and special interest councils with newspapers in education and with the integration of technology and literacy.

**Family Literacy Committee** - Collect and disseminate information concerning adult, parent, and family literacy.

**ILA Exemplary Reading Program Award Committee** - Assist ILA in recognizing outstanding reading and language arts programs in Illinois schools.

**Illinois Reads Committee** - A yearly statewide project to encourage reading for all Illinois citizens.

**International Projects Committee** - Address issues, provide resources, and encourage others to become involved in literacy projects in third world countries.

**IRC Literacy Support Grants Committee** - Recommend financial grants for literacy projects.

**Jerry Johns Reading Educator of the Year Award Committee** - Recognize an outstanding teacher contributing to literacy.

**Obama Literacy Fund Committee** - Promote the importance of multicultural literature and focus on providing multicultural literature for teachers' use.

**Prairie State Award Committee** - Review nominations to select an outstanding Illinois children's/YA author.

**Professional Learning** - Share best practices in educational initiatives and effective professional development to support all grade levels and content areas.

**Publicity and Publications Committee** - Provide templates and support to IRC and local councils to promote membership and events. Provide guidance in creating and publishing IRC materials.

**Sticker Design Contest Committee** - Promote the Static Sticker Decal Contest that encourages children to read.

**Please complete the information below and mail the form to:  
Illinois Reading Council, 1100 Beech St, Building 8, Suite 2, Normal, IL 61761**

I wish to be considered for membership on the following committee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Council \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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