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Special Ballot Issue
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KENTUCKY READING ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION & BY-LAWS AMENDMENT BALLOT SPRING 2011



Tammy Board
KRA President

Message from KRA President **Tammy Board**

Kentucky Reading Association Members, it is time once again to vote for officer positions to fulfill upcoming KRA terms. Please help your organization by taking time to register your vote here or on our special Survey Monkey link, which will be emailed to you. The officer positions are: KRA Vice-President, Robin Hebert, and KRA Secretary, Heather Brooks. Please cast your vote for the stated candidates or write in (one candidate of your choice per office) on **page two** of this special Spring 2011 ballot issue of *Literacy Leaders*.

In addition, we are asking members to cast their vote to accept or to not accept select changes in KRA's by-laws. The excerpted by-laws needing your vote are marked in **red** on **page three** of this special issue of *Literacy Leaders*. We greatly appreciate your participation in the governance of KRA – helping us to fulfill our mission to be a voice for literacy!

KRA appreciates your support! Thank you!

Tammy Board

KRA President
2009-2010, 2010-2011

Vote for KRA Officers Leadership Positions for 2011-2012



Robin Hebert is running for KRA Vice President.

"I would be honored to have your vote for the office of Vice-President of the Kentucky Reading Association. More than any other organization, the Kentucky Reading

Association has supported my professional growth as an educator and my civic growth as an advocate for literacy. I would like to see this kind of impact in the lives and careers of others who share the vision of a literate Kentucky."

Heather Brooks is running for KRA Secretary.

"I have been a Fayette County Public School teacher for the past seven years. During this time, most of my experience has been teaching in Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms, as well as reading intervention. I completed my early elementary Undergraduate Degree and a Master's Degree in Reading and Writing K-12 at the University of Kentucky. My passion for teaching reading is not only evident in my classroom but at home with my own young children."



KRA Members Can Now Vote on Our Special Survey Monkey Ballot!

Instead of mailing in the ballot, KRA will send members an email with a Survey Monkey website link for voting.

Voting is fast, easy, and free! **Survey Monkey or paper ballots are due by April 15, 2011.**

For those who prefer to vote with paper ballots, please use the coupon below.

✂ OR, you can send in your KRA Ballot using the coupon below! Clip & Send! ✂

Kentucky Reading Association Officers' Election & By-Laws Amendment Ballot

Please vote for one person for each position. You may write in one candidate per position, if you wish.

- **KRA Vice-President 2011-12:** Robin Hebert Other (write-in one nominee): _____
- **KRA Secretary 2011-12:** Heather Brooks Other (write-in one nominee): _____
- **Vote on changes to KRA By-Laws** (see KRA website www.kyreading.org): I Approve I Do Not Approve the changes to the KRA By-Laws.

Please & clip and send completed ballots by April 15, 2011, to:

Thelma Hawkins, KRA Membership Ballot, P. O. Box 1156, Frankfort, KY 40601

Selected Revisions to the

BYLAWS of the KENTUCKY READING ASSOCIATION **of the INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION**

Revised Fall 1992; Amended April 1994; Revised Fall 2004; Revised Spring 2009

For full bylaws, please see the KRA website: www.kyreading.org

From ARTICLE IV

Officers

(Fall 1992)

(Revised Fall 2004)

(Revised Spring 2009)

Section 1 *Officers.*

The elected officers of the Kentucky Reading Association shall be a vice president, treasurer, and secretary. The president elect will ascend to the office of the presidency. The appointed officers of the Reading Association shall be the state coordinator, director of membership development, newsletter editor, journal editor, zone coordinators, and any positions so designated by the Board of Directors. Any member in good standing, who is also a member of the International Reading Association, is eligible to be an officer of the Reading Association. The actions of the elected and appointed officers shall be governed by the duties as detailed in the K.R.A. Bylaws and Policy Handbook.

Section 4 *Duties of President.*

(Spring 2009)

The president shall act as the executive officer of the Kentucky Reading Association (KRA). The president shall preside at all meetings of the Reading Association, shall act as ex officio, chairperson of the Executive Board and Board of Directors, and shall exercise general leadership and supervision over the affairs of the Reading Association, implementing its purpose with the approval of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. In the event that the president is unable to fulfill his/her term, the Executive Board may approve special arrangements to cover the term.

Section 5 *Duties of President-Elect*

The president-elect shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and as chairman of the Annual Reading Conference, and fulfill such other duties as are assigned by the Board of Directors. In the event that the president-elect is unable to fulfill his/her term, the Executive Board may approve special arrangements to cover the term.

Section 6 *Duties of Vice President*

The vice president shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and as vice chairperson of the Annual Reading Conference. In the event that the vice president is unable to fulfill his/her term, the Executive Board may approve special arrangements to cover the term until the next regular election. A majority vote of the Executive Board shall constitute approval.

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Section 13 *Duties of the Appointed Board Members*

The Board Members shall:

1. Serve as voting Board members
2. Attend functions of the Reading Association
3. Promote goals of KRA
4. Serve on the Editorial Board as requested
5. Support local councils
6. **Serve at the discretion of the Executive Board**

Added to Article 4:

Section 15 *Duties of the Kentucky Bluegrass (KBA) Chairperson*

The KBA chair *shall*:

1. ensure that each grade level masterlist has a leader
2. approve and publish grade level masterlists (April)
3. oversee voting and publish winners at all grade levels (April)
4. secure speaker for KBA luncheon at fall conference
5. coordinate KBA luncheon
6. oversee KBA grant process, help choose winners, notify winning schools, order books/secure book donations, mail books to winning schools (June-August)
7. promote KBA at conferences, the Summer Refresher, via listserves
8. oversee maintenance of KBA website
9. manage KBA supplies, including stocking and shipment of KBA promotional materials
10. submit a yearly estimated budget for the approval of the Board of Directors

Errata

In the Winter 2011 issue of *Literacy Leaders*, we incorrectly identified Sheila Eliassen, a teacher at Pride Elementary in Hopkins County (left), seated with author Linda Sanders Wells (right), as author Nancy Kelly Allen. Our apologies to Ms. Eliassen and Ms. Allen.



KRA membership—what’s in it for me?

KRA Bulletin Board
a voice for literacy
KRA Literacy Grants
Annual Conference Photos
Kentucky Bluegrass Awards
Spotlight on Local Councils
Literacy Leaders newsletter
Up Close: Personality Profiles
KRA Annual Conference
Member Accomplishments

*As a member of
KRA, I join hundreds
of others as*

**A voice
for
Literacy**

**Join or renew
today. Visit
kyreading.org
or complete
and send
in the
membership
form on
page 6.**

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Kentucky Reading Association Membership Form

All members of the Kentucky Reading Association are granted membership into their local council and vice-versa. The unified membership fee is **\$15.00**; student (full-time, undergraduate) membership is **\$10.00**.



Please make checks payable to the Kentucky Reading Association.

Mail the membership form and check to:

Thelma Hawkins, KRA Membership
P.O. Box 1156
Frankfort, KY 40601

Check one: Join Renew Membership
Check one: Regular (\$15.00) Student (full-time, undergraduate - \$10.00)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

Home Email*: _____

Work Email*: _____

School/Work Site : _____

County: _____

** Providing multiple email addresses allows for better communication, especially if change in work locations.*

Indicate which local council with which you would like to be affiliated. Check one. Verify to see which council represents your county.

- Bluegrass Council: Anderson, Boyle, Bourbon, Fayette, Franklin, Harrison, Jessamine, Mercer, Scott, Woodford
- Bluegrass Council (*development*): Bath, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Robertson, Rowan
- Greater Louisville Council: Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer
- Greater Louisville Council (*development*): Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, Pendleton, Trimble
- Jesse Stuart Council: Clark, Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Rockcastle
- Jesse Stuart Council (*development*): Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Wolfe
- Lake Cumberland Area Council: Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Wayne
- Lake Cumberland Area Council (*development*): Bell, Clay, Harlan, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, Whitley
- Lincoln Heritage Council: Breckenridge, Hardin, Hart, Larue, Meade, Nelson, Washington
- Lincoln Heritage Council (*development*): Green, Marion, Taylor
- Murray Area Council: Calloway
- Murray Area Council (*development*): Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Trigg
- Pennyryle Council: Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, McLean, Muhlenberg, Webster
- Western Kentucky Council: Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Grayson, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Ohio, Simpson, Warren
- Western Kentucky Council (*development*): Crittenden, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Union

Once your membership has been processed, you will receive a membership card from Thelma Hawkins, Co-Director of Membership for the Kentucky Reading Association.

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For International Reading Association membership information, please visit:

www.reading.org

KRA use only:

Date received: _____

Personal check (check number _____)

District/School check (check number _____)

SAVE THE DATE

Kentucky Reading Association Annual Conference

"Lenses of Literacy: Multiple Perspectives"

October 27-29, 2011

Hyatt-Convention Center

Lexington, KY

Speakers:

Donna Alvermann

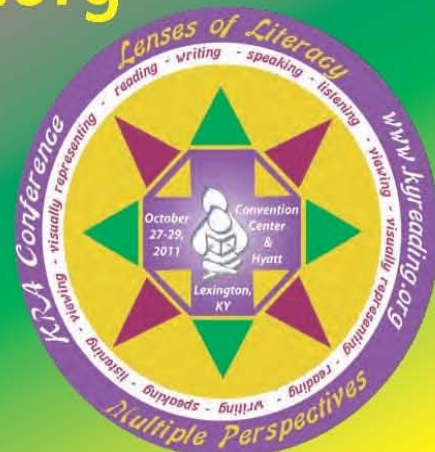
Stephanie Harvey

Peter Johnston

Cris Tovani

Keep checking the KRA website for more information as it becomes available

www.kyreading.org



2011 KRA Annual Conference: *Lenses of Literacy*
Lexington Hyatt and Convention Center, October 27-29, 2011

Proposal submitted by: _____
Institutional Affiliation: _____
Position/Title: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Fax: _____ Email: _____

Additional Presenter(s): List name(s) and title(s). ***(Correspondence will be conducted with person submitting proposal)***

Title of Presentation: _____

Presentation Summary: (3-4 lines as you wish it to appear in program). Please attach a description of your proposed session including objectives, content to be presented as well as a brief bio for the facilitator to use as an introduction.

Preferred day of presentation:

Friday Saturday Either day

Grade level of the presentation (please check all that apply):

Primary Intermediate Middle High College/Career

Intended Audience (please check all that apply):

Administrators/Supervisors Adult Education Early Childhood
 Parents Classroom teachers College students
 Reading Specialists/Coaches Other: _____

Topic (Please select ONE that will receive the major emphasis):

Literacy Environment Comprehension Family Literacy
 Content Area Literacy Vocabulary Early Literacy
 Technology Writing Diverse Learners
 Storytelling Communication/Discussion Oral Language
 Fluency KY Authors Other: _____

Equipment: LCD projectors and screens will be provided. Any other items are the responsibility of the presenter (with the exception of general and featured speakers).

Facilitator: I would be willing to serve as a session facilitator for another presenter on

Friday Saturday Either day Same day as my presentation

Please list the names and email addresses of presenters in your group who are willing to facilitate a session:

I understand that all conference presenters (including co-presenters) MUST register and pay the conference fee and DO NOT receive any form of reimbursement or payment of expenses.

Signature of proposal submitter: _____

Submit proposals by **May 31, 2011** to: Diana Porter, Eastern Kentucky University, 521 Lancaster Avenue, Combs 215, Richmond, KY 40475. Email: diana.porter@eku.edu Fax: 859-622-2004