

# Minnesota Reading Association

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## MRA Executive Board

**Date: 3/9/13**

**Location: Maple Grove Community Center**

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### Invitees Attend:

- Jennifer McCarty-Plucker
  - Jessica Crooker
  - Deb Peterson
  - Stephanie Brondani
  - Kate Kelly
  - Linda Snowberg
  - Katie Bannon
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### 1. Leadership positions

- a. Sue Pasch will be new VP beginning July 1
- b. Kari Ross would like to be the IRA Coordinator

### Additional Discussion Points:

- Do not have precedent or language in the Bylaws to determine course of action
- Could amend the Bylaws or make an appointment
- Appoint Kari as interim IRA Coordinator for this year, and she can be on the ballot next year

### Decision(s):

- Stephanie makes motion to appoint Kari for one year to the IRA Coordinator position and she will be on the ballot next year; Jessica seconds; vote passes unanimously
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### 2. Leadership Academy: week of June 27-29

- a. Should ask about volunteers today; If we get more volunteers, then we can check finances
- b. Part of the benefit of the event from past years is networking in the evening, so maybe we can pay for hotel rooms even though it is local
- c. Perhaps we could host a dinner for MN contingent there
- d. IRA is not covering costs this year
  - i. Registration \$249
  - ii. Hotel cost would probably run \$400
  - iii. Stipend for dinners (\$25/night)

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- e. Maybe we send some people that are starting to get interested in MRA, as a way to build interest in leadership

Decision(s):

- Jen makes a motion to solicit up to 10 volunteers from MRA Leadership to send to the IRA Leadership Academy; Deb seconds; votes unanimously
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### 3. Budget review

- a. Have a considerable amount in savings so we can invest in this leadership academy

Additional Discussion Points:

- Since we have money, maybe we can compensate some authors for MRA (\$160 payment or night at Cragun's, can attend the conference, mileage)

Decision(s):

1. Jessica makes a motion to compensate authors \$160 or a night at Cragun's & mileage; Kate seconds; passes unanimously
  2. Jessica makes a motion to compensate breakout presenters \$160 or a night at Cragun's & mileage; Stephanie seconds; passes unanimously
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### 4. Future Meeting Dates

- a. May 4, 10-1
  - b. Location TBA
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### Action Steps:

- Consider reviewing the Bylaws to have language that covers situations where a mid-term appointment needs to be made
- Communicate with authors for conference - Compensation or night (\$160) & mileage, 15-30 minutes on agenda
- Katie volunteers to take over as Celebrate Literacy chair
- On May 4, Jen will have proposal for North visit for MRA to cover
- Need to brainstorm ways to get grant proposals

**Minutes prepared by:** Kate Kelly\_3/9/13

**Minutes Approved:** Approval signature needed