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INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE III - Membership and Dues

Section 1 Eligibility

Membership in the council 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 council.

ARTICLE XI - Dissolution

Section 1 Dissolution In case of the dissolution of the Council, any assets remaining after the payment of debts or provision therefore will revert to the International Reading Association.

ARTICLE XII - Amendments

Section 1 Origin Amendments to the bylaws shall be proposed by:
1) a quorum of the Executive Board; 2) the Rules
Committee; or 3) by a majority of the voting
members present at a regular business meeting of
the council.

Section 2 Procedure for Amending Amendments may be adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the council at a regular meeting of the council, after presentation at the previous meeting, and/or, provided that the proposed amendment has been circulated to each voting member at least thirty days in advance of the meeting of the council.

Section 3 Incorporation

Amendments adopted as described in Section 2 shall be incorporated into these bylaws.