

## Bylaws of the White River Reading Council

### ARTICLE I - Name and Area Served

The council shall be called the White River Reading Council, serving the area of Independence County.

### ARTICLE II - Nature and Purposes

Section 1--Nature: The White River Reading Council shall be a professional organization of individuals who are concerned with the improvement of reading.

Section 2--Purposes: The purposes of the council shall be: 1) to encourage the study of reading problems in all educational levels; 2) to stimulate and promote research in developmental, creative, corrective, and remedial reading; 3) to study the various factors that influence progress in reading; 4) to act as an intermediate clearinghouse for information relating to reading; 5) to disseminate knowledge helpful in the solution of problems related to reading; 6) to sponsor conferences and meetings; 7) to promote mutual understanding and cooperation and cooperative work among educators in the elementary grades, junior high, high school, special areas, college and leadership positions.

### 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.

Section 2--Active Members Membership in the council shall become effective upon payment of council dues for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

Section 3--Council Dues: Dues for annual membership in the council shall be set by the Board of Directors with the approval of the assembly. Dues are payable to the council for the fiscal year on or after the preceding May 1 and shall apply to the year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

Section 4--Arrears: Any member who has not paid local dues by July 1 becomes inactive. A member whose dues are delinquent shall be notified immediately, before the name is eliminated.

Section 5--International Dues: Membership in the International Reading Association shall be strongly recommended. Dues to the International Reading Association, which provide members with benefits and services dependent upon the type of membership, may be paid to the council or directly to IRA Headquarters.

### Article IV - Officers

Section 1--Officers: The elected officers of the council shall be a vice president, president, a treasurer, and a secretary. Any member in good standing, who is also a member of the

the membership for approval.

Section 2--Composition: The Board of Directors shall consist of all current officers and the chairpersons of the standing committees.

Section 3--Meetings: The first meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held no later than July in order that the standing committees may be appointed with greater part of the official year remaining for their specific work, and in order that the yearly calendar may be established with the Program Committee. The Board of directors shall be empowered to hold such meetings as it shall deem necessary on the call of the president, at such times and places as the president may determine. No less than two (2) meetings shall be held each year.

Section 4--Quorum: A quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) members.

#### ARTICLE VI - Assembly

Section 1--Composition: The assembly shall consist of the Board of Directors and all other members of the council.

Section 2--Function: The assembly shall be the legislative body of the White River Reading Council and shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the council, within the limits set by these bylaws. It shall have authority to review decisions made by the Board of Directors and to accept or reject them.

Section 3--Quorum: A quorum shall consist of 20% of all those eligible to vote in the assembly.

Section 4--Meetings: The assembly of the White River Reading Council shall meet four (4) - six (6) times each year.

Section 5--Amendments to the Bylaws: The assembly of the White River Reading Council shall have the power to amend these bylaws as provided in Article XII.

#### ARTICLE VII - Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1--Election: All officers shall be elected in the spring.

Section 2--Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members appointed by the president and approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees annually. Each nominee must be a member of the International Reading Association. Advance consent from each nominee shall be secured by the Committee.

Section 3--Mode of Election: The president shall give an opportunity to propose nominations from the floor for each office after the slate from the Nominating Committee has been presented including a short vita of each nominee. Voting shall be by

The yearbook should be in the hands of all members not less than two (2) weeks before the fall meeting.

Section 6-Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall function as defined in Article VII, Sections 2 and 3 of these bylaws.

Section 7-Budget Committee: The Budget Committee shall examine the income and expenditures of the council and shall be responsible for preparing the annual budget. Members of the committee shall be the president, vice president, treasurer, and three (3) or more members of the council.

Section 8-Auditing Committee: The Auditing Committee shall make an annual audit to be presented at the first meeting of the fiscal year.

#### ARTICLE IX-Representation at the Annual Assemblies

Section 1-Representation Annual IRA Assembly: Representation of White River Reading Council at the Delegates Assembly of the International Reading Association shall be in accordance with the bylaws of the International Reading Association as specified in Article VI, Section 1, which reads in part as follows:

"Each local council of 10-50 members who have paid current dues to the (International Reading) Association shall be entitled to one delegate and an additional delegate for each 50 members who have paid current dues to the Association.... One person may represent only one council in the Assembly. A council may send an alternate for each delegate; an alternate may vote only when the delegate is absent."

Section 2-Representation Annual State/Provincial Assembly: Representation of the White River Council at the annual state/provincial assembly shall be in accordance with that specified by the bylaws of the state/provincial council.

#### ARTICLE X - Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the proceedings of this council, except in cases governed by the constitution, bylaws, and special rules adopted by this council.

#### ARTICLE XI- Dissolution

In case of the dissolution of this council, any assets remaining after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the council 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 Board of Directors; 2) the Bylaws Committee; or 3) by a majority of the voting members present at a meeting of the council. All proposed amendments shall be sent to the