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BYLAWS  
of the  
NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS READING COUNCIL

INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION  
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ARTICLE I - Name

The council shall be called the North Central Arkansas Reading Council, serving the area of Conway, Cleburne, Faulkner, Perry, Van Buren, and ~~White~~ Counties, and shall be a professional organization for individuals who are genuinely concerned with the improvement of reading programs and teaching procedures--both developmental and remedial, for children and adults--and with the provision of adequate guidance in all situations in which reading serves as a vital aid to learning. OK

Article II - 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 publish the results of pertinent and significant investigations and practices; 5) to assist in the development of more adequate teacher-training programs; 6) to act as an intermediate clearing house for information relating to reading; 7) to disseminate knowledge helpful in the solution of problems related to reading; 8) to sponsor conferences and meetings planned to implement the purposes of the council and national association; 9) to promote mutual understanding and cooperative work among educators in the elementary grades, junior high, high school, special areas, college, and in 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. \* OK

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 \$2.00. Student Dues \$1.00. Dues are payable to the treasurer for the fiscal year on or after the preceding May 1 and shall apply to the year beginning July 1, and ending June 30.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

Section 1  
Officers

The elected officers of the council shall be a president-elect, a president, a past president, a treasurer, a recording secretary, and a corresponding secretary. Any member in good standing, who is also a member of the International Reading Association, is eligible to be an officer of the council. OK

Section 2  
Term of Office

The term of the president-elect shall be one year. He shall then automatically succeed to the office of president for one year. At the expiration of his year in office, the president shall become past president for a period of one year. The term of treasurer, corresponding secretary, and recording secretary shall be one year; however, these officers may serve a second term immediately following their first term in office. OK

Section 3  
Time of  
Assuming Office

Each officer shall assume the duties of his office on July 1, following the spring election and shall continue to serve for the duration of his term.

Section 4  
Duties of  
President

The president shall act as the executive officer of the council. He shall preside at all meetings of the council, shall act ex officio as chairman of the executive board, and shall exercise general leadership and supervision over the affairs of the council, implementing its purposes.

Section 5  
Expiration  
President's Term

At the expiration of his term of office, the president shall automatically become the past president for a period of one year. The past president shall serve as a member of the Executive Board.

Section 6  
Duties of  
President-elect

The president-elect shall serve as a member of the executive board and chairman of the program committee. In the event of the president's absence, incapacity, or resignation, the president-elect shall assume and perform his duties. Should the office of president become vacant, the president-elect shall become president immediately and shall serve the unexpired portion of the president's term, in addition to the year for which he was elected. If the president and president-elect are incapacitated or resign, the corresponding secretary shall serve as acting president until such time as a special or next regular election can be held.

committees, when possible. \*

Section 3  
Meetings

The first executive board meeting shall be held no later than September, in order that the standing committee may be appointed with a greater part of the official year remaining for their specific work. Also, the yearly calendar shall be established with the program committee. The executive board shall be empowered to hold such meetings, on the call of the president, as it shall deem necessary, and at such times and places as the president may determine. No less than three meetings shall be held each year. Immediately before or after a general meeting is the recommended time for executive board meetings.

Section 4  
Quorum

A quorum for a meeting of the executive board shall consist of six members.

ARTICLE VI - Assembly

Section 1  
Composition of  
the Assembly

The assembly shall consist of the executive board and all other members of the council.

Section 2  
Function

The assembly shall be the legislative body of the North Central Arkansas 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 executive board and to accept or reject them.

Section 3  
Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of those present and eligible to vote in the assembly.

Section 4  
Meetings

The assembly of the North Central Arkansas Reading Council shall meet three (3) times each year.

Section 5  
Notification of  
Meetings

At least two (2) weeks in advance of each meeting, the corresponding secretary shall notify all members of the date, time, and place of the meetings.

Section 6  
Amendments to  
the Bylaws

The assembly of the North Central Arkansas Reading Council shall have the power to amend these bylaws as provided in Article XII.

## ARTICLE VII - Elections

### Section 1 Mode of Election

All officers, except the president and the directors, shall be elected at the spring meeting. After the slate from the nominating committee has been presented, the president shall give an opportunity to propose nominations from the floor for each office. If nominations are not given from the floor, the recording secretary shall be directed to cast a unanimous vote. If there shall be more than one nominee for any office, voting shall be by ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election.

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### Section 2 Nominating Committee

The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of nominees annually. Each nominee must be a member of the International Reading Association. Advance consent shall be secured by the nominating committee from each candidate.

### Section 3 Term of Office

Each elected member's term of office shall begin on July 1, following the spring elections.

## ARTICLE VIII - Committees

### Section 1 Standing Committees

There shall be such standing committees as specified in Section 2 through 5 of this article. There shall be a carry-over of two (2) members on each outgoing standing committee into the membership of the newly formed standing committee.

### Section 2 Publicity Committee

The Publicity Committee shall publicize all meetings and work with television and radio stations, along with local and state newspapers. The committee shall, also, send articles to the National Headquarters and to the State Chairman for their information. Persons representing various interests in reading--public school administrators, public school teachers, college administrators and/or teachers--shall compose the publicity committee.

### Section 3 Membership and Organization Committee

The Membership and Organization Committee shall be responsible for plans to secure new members.

### Section 4 Program Committee

The Program Committee shall make plans for all meetings. The president-elect shall be chairman of this committee. This committee shall be responsible for a yearbook which will contain the year's programs with meeting dates, time, and places. It will also contain the names of the officers and members with their addresses and telephone numbers. The yearbook should be in the hands of all members not less than two (2) weeks before the fall meeting.

Section 5  
Nominating  
Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members appointed by the president and approved by the executive board. The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of nominees annually. All nominees must be members of the International Reading Association. Advance consent from each candidate shall be secured by the nominating committee.

Section 6  
Number of Stand-  
ing Committees

The number of standing committees may be increased or decreased upon the recommendation of the executive board and approval shown by a majority of votes cast at the Assembly.

Section 7  
Mode of Appoint-  
ment and Terms

The members of the standing committee shall be appointed yearly by the president with the approval of the executive board.

Section 8  
Chairmen

The chairmen of each standing committee shall be appointed yearly by the president with the approval of the executive board, except as specified in Article IV, Section 6.

Section 9  
Temporary  
Committees

Temporary or special committees may be authorized from time to time by the executive board of the council members at a general meeting and shall serve for the period specified.

Section 10  
Number of  
Members

The number of members of each temporary committee may be determined by the executive board or the council members at a general meeting. The number of members shall not be less than three.

Section 11  
Mode of  
Appointment

The members and chairmen of temporary committees shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the executive board and/or members at a general meeting.

ARTICLE IX - Representation at the IRA Assembly

Section 1  
Representation  
Annual Inter-  
national Assembly

Representation of the North Central Arkansas Reading Council at the Delegates Assembly of the International Reading Association shall be in accordance with that specified by the bylaws of the International Reading Association 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 Association shall be entitled to one representative and an additional representative for each 50 members who have paid current dues to the Association . . . . One person may represent only one council in the Assembly. A council

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may send an alternate for each representative; an alternative may vote only when the representative is absent. '\*

Section 2  
Representation  
Annual State  
(or Provincial)  
Assembly

Representation of the North Central Arkansas Reading 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, 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 the payment of debts or provision therefore will revert to the International Reading Association. OK

ARTICLE XII - Amendments

Section 1  
Origin

Amendments to the bylaws shall be proposed by 1) a quorum of the executive board, 2) the bylaws committee, or 3) by a majority of the voting members present at a regular 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. Copies of all amendments adopted shall immediately be sent to Headquarters and to the State Chairman and State President.