



## IRC Professional Learning and Development Committee Protocol for the Local and Special Interest Council Representatives

Thank you for your leadership and willingness to support the Illinois Reading Council's Professional Learning and Development (PL&D) Committee's mission which is to provide relevant and current literacy educational resources and instructional pursuits for IRC members throughout the year. It also supports the over-arching Mission Statement of IRC which is **“to provide information and resources to its members to enable them to promote lifelong literacy.”**

The local council representative which may be the president or designee, acts as a conduit between the councils and PL&D Committee Chair. Although there may be no formal in-person Committee meetings during the year, the PL&D Committee Chair may host a virtual meeting as well as regularly communicate with the local council representatives through the scheduled meetings of the IRC Board of Directors.

One responsibility of this Committee is to provide researched resources on topics of importance for literacy teaching and learning, and curate updates on national and state educational initiatives. Each local and special interest council representative will be asked to submit researched instructional resources in the form of websites, articles, books etc. These will be reviewed and then placed on the [IRC Literacy Learning Links Padlet](#). To submit a resource for the Literacy Learning Links Padlet, please complete the brief [Google Padlet Form](#) that will provide the PL&D Committee Chair with the necessary information to include the resource in the Padlet.

The *IRC Communicator* is always seeking topical entries for the monthly e-newsletter. The mission of the *IRC Communicator* is to provide information and resources for members as they promote and teach lifelong literacy. If you would like to share an article, please email your article to the [IRC Office.](#)”

Each council within IRC's 10 statewide regions may submit an article for an issue of the *IRC Communicator*. Topics may include but not limited to:

- #What am I reading
- Highlight Reels
- Themed Book Lists
- Other Literacy Topics

Go the [IRC Communicator](#) webpage to get the specifics on making a contribution and provide your words of wisdom.

Please contact the PL&D Committee Chair if you require further clarification regarding your role on this Committee. Thank you for your continued support of IRC's mission to promote and teach lifelong literacy.

With respect for all you do for literacy learners,

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