

MICHIGAN READING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 13, 2011
Board Reports

Officers and Business Manager

A. President.....K. Operhall

Leadership and Professional Development

- Attended MRA Leadership in June, 2010 and presented a session on leadership
- Attended Summer Literacy Conference in Frankenmuth and brought greetings to the membership on behalf of the board.
- Attended IRA leadership in Dallas, Texas August 6-8, 2010
- Planned and facilitated board retreat at the Lake Huron Retreat Center August 25-26, 2010.
- Promoted MRA conference and membership campaign at Wayne County Reading Council meeting, Literacy Coach training for Detroit Public Schools and MiBLSi conference attendees at the Anita Archer conference series in Lansing (Dec. 1-3)
- Registered for 2011 IRA conference in Orlando; secured hotel and airfare.
- Accepted invitation to serve on the newly formed IRA North America Councils' Committee for 2011-2012.
- Represented MRA, along with business manager T. Pecht, at the Michigan Adult Education and Training Conference on March 22, 2011.

Board of Director and Executive Committee Meetings

- Presided over executive committee meeting on August 25, 2010.
- Presided over first board meeting of the 2010-2011 year on August 26, 2010.
- Conducted Skype meeting of Executive Committee and Business Manager in November 2010.
- Presided over executive committee meeting on January 21, 2011
- Presided over board meeting on January 22, 2011.
- Met with Membership Chair and Past President on February 19, 2011.
- Emailed and involved executive committee on discussions and voting in between full board meetings.

Communication

- Wrote "president's letter" for fall and winter issue of *News and Views*.
- Wrote "president's letter" for winter edition of the Michigan Reading Journal.
- Wrote "president's greetings" for the 2011 Conference book.
- Communicated with Lakeshore Learning and IRA, preparing for the Great Lakes Breakfast at IRA, May 2011.
- Wrote "presidential letter" for January/February issue of *News and Views*.
- In contact with Sue Sharma, 2011 conference chair.
- Presided over general sessions for the 2011 conference.
- Presided over annual MRA meeting on Sunday, March 13, 2011.
- Brought greetings at the Local Council Presidents Luncheon, Young Author's Luncheon and Literacy Coach luncheon during the annual conference.
- Brought greetings and opened the pre-conference, 2011.
- Welcomed past presidents and those attending the Past Presidents Dinner at the 2011 conference.

- In constant contact with MRA office staff via email and phone regarding operations of the organization.
- On-going communication with T. Pecht, business manager, regarding finances of the organization, office personnel, and issues regarding future seminars and conferences for the organization.
- On-going communication with N. Fairchild, Office Personnel Chair, assessing the position of administrative assistant in the office.

Other

- Visited both the Marriott and Hyatt Regency Hotel with T. Pecht and G. Velchansky to view physical plants as potential MRA conference venues.
- Signed contracts for the organization as required.
- Presented the Josie Odum Morris Foundation a certificate of recognition for their work in promoting literacy in western Wayne County.

B. President-Elect.....S. Sharma

- Attended January, 2011 Board meeting in Dearborn, MI.
- Attended Executive Committee meeting in January, 2011 in Dearborn, MI
- Attended Budget Committee meeting in January, 2011 in Dearborn, MI
- Conference 2011: Pages of Tomorrow Activities:
 - Conducted Conference Planning Committee meeting and Committee assignments, January, 2011
 - Provided promotion materials to MRA Board and Committee members at January Board meeting
 - Provided conference update at Board Meeting, January, 2011
 - Promoted the conference on Facebook and Twitter January-March, 2011
 - Solicited sponsors for conference January-March, 2011
 - Published Conference Program book, March, 2011
 - Electronic conference planning with Committee Chairs and MRA Office Staff, January 2010– March, 2011
 - Prepared for Annual Conference General Sessions, February, 2011
 - Collaborated with Illinois Reading Council on conference promotion ideas, February 2011

C. Vice President.....G. Velchansky

- MRA Meetings
 - Attended the August 2010 Executive and Board meetings
 - Attended the MRA Summer Retreat – August 2010
 - Attended the October 2010 Executive, Office Personnel, and Board meetings
 - Participated in the November 2010 Executive Committee Conference call
 - Attended the January 2011 Executive and Board meetings
- 2011 Conference Activities
 - Reviewed proposal speakers for the 2011 Conference
 - Met with 2011 conference committee to organize speakers and events
 - Reviewed revisions to the 2011 Conference grid for accuracy
 - Edited revisions to the 2011 Conference at-a-Glance (CAAG)
 - Edited revisions to the 2011 conference program book
 - Introduced keynote speakers and guests at the 2011 Conference
- 2012 Conference Activities
 - Researched possible 2012 conference locations—Detroit Marriott, Dearborn Hyatt, and Amway Grand to be presented at the October Board Meeting

- Toured the Detroit Marriott and Dearborn Hyatt as considerations for 2012 Conference
- Selected committee members for 2012 Annual Conference
- Conducted a conference call with 2012 Conference Committee co-chairs
- Reviewed proposal speakers for the 2012 Conference
- Corresponded with office manager regarding 2012 Conference location and logistics
- Coordinated the design of the 2012 Conference poster
- Coordinated the advertisement of the 2012 Conference
- Created a media presentation for the 2012 Conference
- Provided feedback for the online submission of featured and proposal speakers
- Contacted potential speakers for the 2012 Conference
- Coordinated the confirmation of speakers for the 2012 Conference
- Provided updates to the Board at quarterly meetings
- Additional Activities
 - Attended the Summer Literacy Conference in Frankenmuth, MI – July 2010
 - Attended IRA Leadership in Dallas, TX – August, 2010
 - Reviewed the By-laws, Policies and Procedures for revisions/additions/deletions and made recommendations regarding same
 - Solicited potential candidates for the 2012 Board elections

D. Secretary.....T.Pawl

- Participated in the MRA Board Retreat August 25-26, 2010
- Attended the Executive Committee Meeting on August 25, 2010
- Submitted May 14, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes for approval
- Presented and distributed Guidelines for Board Reports and Past Presidents' Legacy Fund information
- Completed the August 26, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes for approval
- Completed the August 25, 2010 Executive Committee Minutes
- Completed the October Meeting Reports for distribution
- Participated in October 2010 Board meeting in Okemos, MI.
- Attended Executive Committee meeting in October 2010 in Okemos, MI
- Registered for 2011 International Reading Association (IRA) Conference in Orlando, FL; secured hotel and airfare.
- Shared Past Presidents' Legacy Fund information
- Completed the October 9, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes for approval
- Completed the October 8, 2010 Executive Committee Minutes
- Completed January Final Reports
- Collected March 2011 reports for Annual Meeting
- Completed March 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes for approval.
- Attending MRA and completing Minutes for 2011 Annual Meeting
- Submitted Board Briefs for *News & Views*
- Working on transition for new secretary and finishing official filing of information

E. Treasurer.....J. Beal

- Worked with T. Pecht to ensure that MRA remains fiscally solvent
- Worked with present and future conference chairs to ensure that expenditures are fiscally responsible
- Facilitated creation of a balanced budget and maintained the balanced budget

F. MRA/IRA Coordinator.....D. Halstead

- Planned and facilitated the June 2010 Council Leadership Conference. The conference was held in Okemos, Michigan at the Okemos Conference Center June 23-24, 2010. This conference focused on three goals:
 1. Introduce the leaders to the new MRA Website and to begin to develop council web sites.
 2. Council Planning time
 3. Familiarize all leaders with MRA and what MRA can offer
 The Leadership Conference was a great success and based on the evaluations all attendees were pleased with the facilities, the format and the topics.
- Attended the IRA Leadership in Dallas August 6-8, 2010
- Attended the MRA Board Retreat August 23-24, 2010
- Met with region reps and MALS to discuss plans for the year
- Discussed 2011 Leadership plans with the MRA office
- Reviewed Leadership 2010 Evaluations
 - Location was satisfactory, except the smell in the guest rooms
 - Participants enjoyed time to get together within councils
 - Participants liked the format and prefer this years format over previous years
 - Do not want as many keynotes and/or breakouts for next year
 - Some would like a social activity planned to get together with others
 - More information on IRS information is needed, possibly a handout
 - Excited about the website and the future
- Beginning to plan for the year and for Leadership 2011
- Created and sent out fall newsletter, winter newsletter and Conference newsletter
- Submitted an articles monthly for Michigan News and Views
- Leadership 2011 Plans are moving ahead. The conference will be in Okemos, Michigan at the Conference Center. The theme this year will focus on team building.
- Met with a group of teachers in Lansing who are interested in revitalizing the Capital Area Reading Council. I gave the MRA information and also put them in touch with Teresa to contact the IRS for numbers and such. Since the October meeting the group has contacted the IRS and are waiting to hear what their next steps are. They have also been in contact with IRA.
- Skype Executive committee meeting with the E-board on some pressing issues. Decided to plan an hour long “mini” PD with the region reps for January focusing on the need to increase membership and communication.
- Made arrangements to attend the IRA Conference in Orlando in May 2011
- Met with some teachers in Lansing and pushed membership and conference registrations
- Convinced principal at my school, Eastern High School to send 10 teachers to the MRA Conference
- Finalized list of Michigan Honor Councils. Created certificates and planning the luncheon for them to be honored in March 2011.
- Monthly communication with presidents and region reps
- Sent an e-mail of concern to K. Operhall regarding the lack of communication and activities going in the councils. Hopefully we can work on this.
- Continuing to work on council luncheon plans, Scholastic is sponsoring, Pat Edwards is speaking and gifts will be provided. ☺
- Created a “How to Increase Membership” idea list for region representatives and MALS
- Met with prospective officers for Capital Area Reading Council. Council is trying to revitalize. Still waiting to see what happens.

- Monthly e-mails and communication with region representatives and council presidents
- G. MRA/IRA Membership Director.....J. O'Brien Cradit
 - Attended January E-board and MRA/IRA meetings 1/21
 - Established membership committee
 - Met with President and Past-President 2/19
 - Continue to promote membership and conference
- H. Business Manager.....T. Pecht

Region Representatives

- A. Member-at-Large.....D. Graham
 - Attempts were made to contact the coordinators of the adolescent and adult literacy councils however no replies were made to board member's inquiries.
- B. Member-at-Large.....A. White
Celebrate Literacy: A Student Society (CLASS)
 - Held regular scheduled Wednesday meetings during the 2010-2011 year (7:15pm EHS 215, CMU campus)
 - Accomplishments and goals of councils
 - Volunteering at tween and teen events hosted by Veteran's Memorial Library
 - Providing tutoring assistance to local elementary schools
 - Participation in local Pen Pal Program at Vowels Elementary
 - Brought in guest speakers to speak to CLASS members
 - Betsy Vandeusen Macleod, State Literacy Grant Experiences
 - Dr. Xiaoping Li, CLASS University Coordinator, shared information about reading clinics
 - Put on a used book sale in the fall of 2010 in the Education Building at CMU and planning a spring 2011 sale as well
 - Hosted a Halloween-themed Family Reading Nigh in October 2010
 - Holding a Dr. Seuss themed "Family Reading Night" on March 2nd at CMU Campus
 - Organizing a "First Year Teacher Panel" for April 13, 2011
 - consisting of past CMU students
 - Celebrated CLASS board and members with end of trimester banquets
 - Continuing to post CLASS information on Google Site
 - Contains meeting dates, minutes, as well as upcoming events and news
 - Find CLASS website at <http://sites.google.com/site/classiracmu/home>
 - Maintenance of site by Alison Tuma, CLASS President
 - Intending to send five student volunteers to assist at the MRA March 2011 *Pages of Tomorrow Conference*
 - Planning to participate in the 2011 *Learn Today Teach Tomorrow Conference* with several other pre-professional organizations for CMU students going into the education field
- MRA Title I Special Interest Council
 - Held several e-meetings during the 2010-2011 year
 - Collaborating with Adolescent Literacy Council to co-host a literacy event
 - Focus on informational reading/writing and the common core state standards
 - Planning a dinner and dialogue format-- three sessions with three different locations throughout the state

- April 15th Troy Hicks presenting on Digital Literacy in Lansing
- September 16 or 23
- October 28 or November 4
- Earned 2010/2011 Honor Council
 - Planned Title I happenings for the MRA *Pages of Tomorrow* Conference
 - Intervention Strand representation
 - Secured Yvonne Mayfield, Consultant for the Office of Field Services at MDE
 - March 14, 2011 MRA Intervention Luncheon
 - Keynote, Richard Allington
 - Election and Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, March 14, 2011, following the Intervention Luncheon

SVSU TALL Readers Student Special Interest Council

- Note revival of SVSU Tall Readers has been successful this year as a direct result of SVSU faculty member, Jonathon Gould
- Confirmed that Lisa Midcalf, SVSU TALL (Teaching All to be Life-Long) Readers-university coordinator, was moving out of state
- confirmation that Jonathon Gould, SVSU faculty member would take over TALL Readers and continue council resurrection
 - Receiving additional SVSU faculty support from Dr. Vetta Vratulis, Co-Advisor
- Informed by Jonathon Gould that IRA received all appropriate forms to be get TALL Readers in good standing
 - Current IRA & MRA membership held by TALL Readers Board
 - Rose Ferrett, President; rmferret@vmail.svsu.edu
 - Hannah Wenzlick, Secretary; hmwenzli@svsu.edu
 - Megan Wright, Treasurer; mdwri3@svsu.edu
 - Jonathon Gould, University Co-Advisor; jagould@svsu.edu
 - Vetta Vratulis, University Co-Advisor; vvratuli@svsu.edu
 - Completed 990-N form required for non-profit organization
 - Conducted Wednesday meetings (Winter, 2011 semester) in the SVSU College of Education Bldg, Room ES 113 from 7:25-7:40 (and from 8:30-?? as needed for projects)
 - Completed four weeks of “Read Alouds” with students and staff of Freeland Learning Center (grades K-2)
 - Showcased in the Saginaw Valley State University campus online site, The Valley Vanguard
 - Worked with students and staff at Handy and Western Middle Schools (Bay City/Auburn) on a “Big Book” project
 - Guiding middle school students to create large picture books for elementary school students—focusing on mathematics literacy in the fall 2010 and “wide-open” literacy in the spring of 2011

C. Region 1.....L. Suckow

Marquette-Alger Reading Council (MARC)

Eastern U.P. Reading Council (EUPRC)

- Attended 2010 Leadership Conference in June
- Attended MRA Board meetings in May, August, and January
- Promoted MRA Conference and literacy activities throughout Region 1
- Encouraged MARC to form and maintain community partnerships
- Attended MARC monthly meetings for MARC

- Attended dinner for MARC Literacy Awards
- Encouraged award winner to apply for state literacy awards
- Assisted MARC president with paperwork for Honor Council status
- Submitted monthly interaction logs
- Promoted increased MRA membership at the council level
- Noted inactivity in EUPRC

D. Region 2.....T. Hales

- Facilitated meeting at leadership with Barb Hammond and Kathy Walsh-Sinnard in regards to formation of a local Northern Michigan Literacy Council
- Met with Northern Michigan Literacy Council to finalize paperwork and work on council goals
- Secured speaker, Toby Kahn-Loftis (Topic: The Intersection of Reading, Writing, and Mentor Text) for the kick-off Northern Michigan Literacy Council meeting
- Distributed Flyers to staff throughout Charlevoix and Emmet Counties to advertise initial meeting and registration for Northern Michigan Literacy Council
- Attended Northern Michigan Literacy Council’s kick-off meeting in Elk Rapids. Guest speaker, Toby Kahn-Loftis from Red Cedar Writing Project presented “The intersection of reading and writing through the use of mentor text.”
- Attended October board meeting via Skype
- Attempted email and telephone contact with Rosen Council but have not heard back from them
- Supplied Barb Hammond with example by-laws to aid in the development of a Traverse area council
- Contacted Barb Hammond to find out where Northern Michigan Literacy Council is in the process of writing their by-laws

E. Region 3.....K. Munger

- Attended January board meeting in Dearborn
- Promoted March Reading Conference at councils
- Encouraged MRA membership at councils
- Promoted Great Lakes, Great Books
- Shared council membership growth ideas for councils
- Signed up to help with registration and speaker introduction at conference

Kent Reading Council

- Planned six events for 2010/11 all held at Kent Intermediate School District at 4:30
 1. 10/5/10 Pooh’s Corner New Books
 2. 11/2/10 Shirley Poulton, Author and Consultant on Coordinated K-12 Writing, Power Writing and Effective Instruction Strategies
 3. 12/7/10 Ron Houtman on blended instruction, making technology a natural part of everyday learning
 4. 1/4/11 Gary Schmidt, Newbery and Printz Award winning Author, on Motivation and Inspiration K-12
 5. 2/1/11 Psychologist Dixie Newell and Team with Extreme Makeover: Autistic Spectrum Disorder Edition K-12
 6. 4/12/11 David Weinancy, PHD Communication Coach for local and national high-profile individuals on positive, effective interpersonal communication in the digital age, K-12
- Attended board meeting dinner
- Brainstormed ideas for 50th anniversary next school year
- Selected Golden Apple recipient
- Recruited nominees for council board positions

- Attended February meeting hosting Rockford Psychology Team on meeting needs of Autistic Spectrum Disorder students
- Completed Honor Council requirements
- Requested names for conference speaker check-in
- Served as hospitality, prepared food for meeting
- Made blankets for Rock and Read
- Gave away 2 MRA memberships at meeting

Western Dunes Council

- Planned four events for 2010/11
 1. 10/27/10 Digital Storytelling, Anne Thorp PHD, Instructional Technology Consultant, Putting Stories and Images to Music at Ottawa ISD
 2. December TBD, Using Art to Develop Literacy by Kathryn Cahill, Art Consultant for School Specialty Art Education at Ottawa ISD
 3. 3/22/11 Troy Hicks, The Digital Writing Workshop at Muskegon ISD
 4. 4/20/11 Great New Book for Kids, Amy Oak, Macomb ISD
- Holding March 22 meeting at Muskegon ISD, Troy Hicks - Digital Writing Workshop
- Completed Honor Council requirements
- Awarded Literacy Award to Christine Baker, OAISD Early Childhood Consultant
- Developing a half-day Young Authors event in April
- Began planning for next year to have calendar ready for April meeting and will be sharing new children's literature at April meeting

F. Region 4.....,M. Howell

Bay Arenac Reading Council

- Elected president for the council, Jill Bartlett
- Searched for additional members to help in leadership positions

Flint Area Reading Council

- Promoted membership through authors event
- Held fundraiser event February 11
- Invitation to service learning projects involving writing holiday cards for senior citizens in fall
- Invitation to service learning projects involving writing holiday cards for senior citizens and hospitalized children in winter
- Completed book study with *The Book Whisperer*
- Sent newsletters to members
- Hosted various events including authors and family involvement
- Promoted various MRA events such as Great Lakes, Great Books,

Saginaw Area Reading Council

- Sent multiple newsletters to members announcing various events
- Hosted Bosses night membership drive
- Promoted various MRA events such as Kaleidoscope
- Hosted Young Author's Conference
- Held Author's-in-Residence event

- Planned annual Celebrate Literacy Dinner

G. Region 5.....B. Borglin

- Attended the MRA leadership with a full board of Tri-county Reading Council board members in June
- Attended all scheduled MRA board meetings
- Attended the MRA conference planning meetings
- Joined the Author Illustrator Breakfast Committee
- Agreed to serve on the MRA election committee
- Wrote an article for News and Views for Region 5
- Served as Treasurer for Tri-County Reading Council
- Worked to increase membership of our local council – Tri-County
- Advocated for MRA memberships
- Promoted the 2011 conference in Grand Rapids
- Meet with Tri-County board members to plan year long meetings
- Wrote a grant for Tri-County with the other board members
- Participated in a book study with Tri-County members
- Served as Honor Council chair for Tri-County
- Communicated with Tri-County president, board and members about MRA business
- Attended all Tri-County meetings

H. Region 6.....B. Jaszcz

Washtenaw Reading Council

- Earned Honor Council
- Wrapped holiday gifts at Barnes & Noble December 2010
- Contacted Washtenaw Reading Council president for 2010-1011 events
- Contacted Washtenaw Reading Council president for an update of officers for 2010-2011
- Held council event-Michele Alvarez--Using Pet Therapy and Other Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

MRA Duties

- Attended MRA Board of Directors retreat at Lake Huron Retreat Center on August 25-26, 2010
- Attended October MRA board meeting
- Attended January MRA board meeting
- Created speaker introductions spreadsheet for the 2011 MRA annual conference
- Began signing people to introduce speakers at the 2011 MRA annual conference
- Signed up to introduce speakers
- Ongoing contact with R. Maddox for speaker introducers for MRA annual conference
- Began organizing speaker biographies
- Set up SB-CEU codes with T. Pecht for MRA annual conference
- Contacted N. Fairchild for speaker introduction ribbons
- Signed up to assist at Speaker Check-In

I. Region 7.....C. Stark

- Attended August, 2010 Board Retreat in Port Huron, MI.
- Attended October MRA Board meeting in Okemos, MI.
- Attended January MRA Board meeting in Dearborn, MI.

Oakland County Reading Council

- Hosted along with Oakland Schools an all day event featuring IRA president Pat Edwards on March 2nd.
- Hosted Young Author’s event on Saturday March 5th at Oakland Schools.

- Receiving active council award with many new members.
- Applied for Honor Council.
- Establishing innovative ways to increase membership.

Macomb Reading Council

- Planning for the Young Authors Dinner, which will be held on May 2, 2011.
- Sending out the Kaleidoscope information to encourage our K-12 schools to

participate.

Blue Water Reading Council

- Hosted reading conference with Gloria Whelan.
- Hosting reading conference with Ruth Barshaw on March 24, 2011 at the Lake Huron

Retreat Center.

- Applied for Honor Council.
- Establishing innovative ways to increase membership.

J. Region 8.....R. Shahid

Wayne County Reading Council

- Attended the MRA Leadership Conference in Okemos, MI on June 23-24, 2010
- Uploaded new literacy projects to website
- Established consistent meeting times for council members (third Friday of every month)
- Elected officers
- Promoted membership through buy one get one free promotion
- Invited WCRC members to free workshop featuring Alan Sitomer “Reaching Real Kids: Engaging Young Readers and Writers to Achieve Results on October 21, 2010
- Attended MRA Board Retreat August 2010
- Attended the MRA Board Meeting in Okemos, October, 2010
- Continued to update website
- Note members attended monthly meetings
- MRA President Kathy Operhall visited monthly meetings
- Promoted membership through buy one get one free promotion
- Held General Session for WCRC members and non members featuring Barry Lane
- Promoted MRA annual conference during general session
- Increased WCRC membership by 50 %
- Submitted candidate for Educator Award
- Applied for General Council Grant and Parent Involvement Grant

- Received funds for General Council Grant
- Continued to work on the following literacy initiatives:
 - Masculiteracy – this project encourages community members to learn then teach their children literacy strategies. The purpose of the project is to provide students with positive male role models and to ensure that parents understand literacy strategies that can be used at home with children. Projected start date November 2010.
 - Student Teacher Conference- this project will provide student teachers with an opportunity to gain insight from educators in the field. Ten presenters and a keynote speaker have agreed to present in early April at Henry Ford Community College.
- Attended January 2011 Board meeting
- Attained Honor Council status for 2010

K. Region 9..... R. Grier

Copper Country Reading Council (CCRC)

- Elected President: Evelyn Johnson, Vice President: Veronica Horning, Secretary: Rosemary Grier, Treasurer: Linda Rulison, Membership: Corinne Hauring and Historian: Lois Jambekar
- Attended May and June CCRC board meetings
- Attended a summer CCRC board retreat at the President’s residence to assemble book/gift baskets for used book sale fundraiser. Discussed programming for the coming year
- Participated in the CCRC used book sale/gift basket fundraiser at the Strawberry Festival in Chassell
- Attended the MRA Board Retreat meeting at the Huron Retreat Center, Aug. 25-26th near Port Huron
- Attended a CCRC Board Meeting to plan for the fall GMM and future programs for the coming school year
- Attended October MRA Board Meeting at the Okemos Conference Center
- Attended the CCRC Membership Reception Program at the MTU Alumni Lounge featuring Laura Smyth, Graphic Designer-Director of Thimbleberry Press presenting ideas with unique classroom materials for all ages and two local teachers who shared creative writing classroom techniques for all grade levels.
- CCRC received a Parent Involvement Grant
- Attended an executive board meeting for strategic planning
- CCRC held Holiday “Bring Your Own Book” to share for members at a local brewery
- Copper Country Reading Council received Honor council status
- Attended MRA/IRA Region Representative Meeting Jan. 21, 2011 in Dearborn, MI

- Attended MRA Board meeting and conference committee meeting in Dearborn on Jan. 22, 2011
- Participated in a CCRC/Portage Library community family event called the "Mitten Hunt," based on children's classic mitten stories on February 2, 2011
- Attended a February CCRC board meeting
- Communicated with Author/Illustrator Breakfast committee members about the upcoming MRA Reading Conference in March
- Communicated with Election Committee

L. Region 10.....H. Jenson
Clare Gladwin Reading Council

- Attended 2010 MRA conference in Detroit with several members of the Reading Council
- Elected new officers in April. Andrea Andera (President), Kelly Pieprzyk (Vice President), Jennifer Pettersch (Treasurer), Lisa Kreider (Secretary), and Donna Venglar (Membership)
- Wrapped up our year and book clubs in April with a Spa night. A night of pampering and our quilt raffle ended the year on a positive note.
- Attended Leadership in June in Okemos. Andrea Andera and learned new tools to use with our council. Updated our website and added material onto the Michigan Reading Association's home page.
- Meet in August to plan for the council year. New meeting format was developed to better meet the needs of our members. Highlighted professional books at each meeting, rather than doing a book study. Discussed journal articles at each meeting as well as had make-and-take opportunities.
- Created a membership incentive. Each member received a \$5 coupon to use towards any of the books highlighted during the council year. The council will order the books and take care of shipping and handling.
- Held a membership drive in September. Promoted Great Lakes Great Books and the benefits of becoming a member of MRA and IRA. Highlighted The Book Whisperer by Donalynn Miller.
- Held October meeting at Mid-Michigan Community College. Highlighted Constructing Meaning by Nancy Boyles.
- Held fifth annual community project night in December. Members had a nice dinner at a local restaurant and created "Read to Me More than Onesie" bundles. Board books were wrapped in a onesie and tied up with a bow and donated to local doctor offices and community agencies for new parents in Clare and Gladwin counties.
- Held meeting on January 20, 2011. Highlighted Deeper Reading by Kelly Gallagher. Members also made magnetic poetry to use in classrooms.
- Held annual election in January 2011. New board members include: Kelly Pieprzyk (President), Lisa Kreider (Vice President), Bridget Rise (Treasurer), Missy Woods (Secretary), and Donna Venglar (Membership).
- Co-sponsored a Parent night with Hillside Elementary in Harrison. Author Denise Brennan-Nelson shared an evening with parents and children. Chartwells provided dinner. Denise's books were raffled off to those who attended the event.
- Attending MRA conference in March with several members of the Clare Gladwin Reading Council

- Wrapping up the year in April with a relaxing evening together highlighting Teaching with Intention by Debbie Miller.
- Surveying the members to evaluate the year and get ideas for the coming year.

Board Appointments

- A. Historians.....C. Clingman/L. Guzman
 - Continued to gather minutes, reports and publications and file in the archives
 - Updated Past President picture board.
- B. MDE/MRA Liaison.....XXXXXXXX
- C. Michigan Reading Journal.....L. Rose/T. Jetton
 - Edited articles for publication in *Michigan Reading Journal* issues
 - Published an issue of the *MRJ* in Spring 2010 with a balance of research and classroom practice, teachers as writers, conference highlights and literature reviews.
 - Published an issue of the *MRJ* in Summer/Fall 2010 with a balance of research and classroom practice articles with elementary and secondary foci, teachers as writers, conference and literature reviews.
 - Published an issue of the *MRJ* in Spring 2011 before the Annual Conference with the balance of research and classroom practice articles with feature articles, teachers as writers, and literature reviews.
- D. News & Views.....V. Les
 - Completed and published all of the issues
- E. Parliamentarian.....L. Rose
 - Served in an advisory role related to parliamentary procedures at the Annual Meeting in March 2010.
 - Served in an advisory role related to parliamentary procedure at Board of Director's Meetings in August 2010, October 2010 and January 2011
 - Served in an advisory role to the MRA President on issues related to parliamentary procedure between MRA Board meetings.

Standing Committee Chairs

- A. Adolescent/Adult Literacy.....A. Brunett
 - Confirmed committee volunteer responsibilities for the 2011 Adolescent/Adult literacy luncheon
 - Confirmed speaker check in volunteer times
 - Confirmed speaker introduction volunteer times
- B. Assessment.....T. Christ
 - Solicited committee members
 - Met with committee members to set goals
 - Sent goals to K. Operhall
 - Compiled list of all Michigan ISD addresses as first step toward Goal 1
 - Solicited 5-10 proposals for MRA Conference Assessment Strand
 - Communicated with solicited presenters about registration policy
 - Reviewed recruited Assessment Strand proposals
 - Reviewed description of strand for conference-at-a-glance
 - Attended October 2010 Board Meeting
 - Created Assessment Strand Promo for MRA Website
 - Created one page of “highlights” for conference program
 - Created Survey of Assessment Practices to be sent to ISDs across Michigan to complete Goal 1.
 - Sent surveys to ISDs across Michigan as first step toward Goal 2.

C. Awards (Literacy and Gwen Frostic).....M. Klemp

- Solicited nominations and secured the following awards for 2011:
 - Elementary Administrator Award
Alexander McNeece
Douglas Elementary 3-4 Campus
Garden City Public Schools
 - Secondary Administrator Award
Julia Houle
Lakeshore Middle School
Grand Haven Area Public Schools
 - Teacher Educator Award
Coordinator Graduate Reading Program
Marygrove College
 - Literacy Award
Victoria Hawley
Aspen Ridge School
Nice Community School district
 - Gwen Frostic Award
Margaret M. Willey
Grand Haven, Michigan

D. Budget.....J. Beal

- Met on an ongoing basis to create and stick to a balanced budget
- Met to approve budget items throughout the fiscal year
- Met with Therese, throughout the year, to engage in conversations about streamlining the office and conference work in fiscally responsible ways

E. Bylaws, Policies/Procedures, and Elections.....P. Gallant

- Communicated with President K. Operhall and Business Manager T. Pecht during transition to new presidency and provided support during presidency
- Attended and participated in
 - Summer Leadership in Okemos
 - August Board Retreat
 - Executive Committee meetings
 - August and January Board meetings
- Assisted at August Board meeting as Parliamentarian
- Participated on MDE Statewide Literacy Planning Team

Bylaws Committee

- Established committee membership for Bylaws Committee: J. Beal, C. Clingman, L. Guzman, L. Rose and produced Action Plan
- Established language for Conflict of Interest Policy and gained Board approval
- Revised current Policies and Procedures to include approved Conflict of Interest Policy and sent to MRA office for website and official records
- Sent current Bylaws and Policies to Board members for input about changes
- Examining IRA's Bylaws and other state councils' models for potential changes
- Preparing document of Bylaws and Policies revisions for June, 2011, Board meeting

Elections Committee

- Revised and updated current Nomination form for elections
- Sent Nomination Form to *News and Views* editor for publication in fall issue and to MRA office for posting on website
- Contacted local councils, Board members, and MRA members to solicit candidates

- Accepted nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Member at Large, Region 1 Representative and Region 7 Representative
 - Screened nominations for credentials related to leadership potential related to MRA's mission, and for local, state, and national council memberships
 - Contacted existing Elections Committee members (K. Routledge, C. Muessig, L. Spinelli-Partogian, I. Snyder) for input
 - Solicited two new committee members for three year terms (per bylaws): (B. Borglin, R. Grier). Approved at January 2011 meeting.
 - Organized committee for counting ballots on March 12, 2011
- F. Community Projects and Programs.....M. Jakubiak
- Attended August Board Meeting
 - Established Committee
 - Set committee goals and objectives
 - Researched and contacted different literacy based non-profit organizations
 - Attended October Board Meeting
 - Decided to sponsor Charlotte's Wings as '10-'11 community project
 - Decided on coin drive to raise money and to collect at annual conference
 - Attended January Board Meeting
 - Obtained change containers donated for annual conference
 - Designed posters for annual conference
 - Organized coin drive for annual conference
- G. Early Childhood/Family Literacy.....G. McMillon
- No report
- H. Ethics & Evaluations.....M. Howell
- Note no ethics charges were reported so there was no need to commence a committee
- I. Grants (Local/Special Interest and Professional Development.....N. Fairchild
- General Council Grants
- Awarded 10 grants for a total of \$3068
- Region 1
- Marquette-Alger Reading Council: *Book study* (Small Group Writing Conferences - How to Use Your Instructional Time More Efficiently)
 Total Cost \$643.75 Requested \$643.75 Grant Awarded \$550
 Estimated # of participants Approx 25
- Region 3
- Kent Reading Council: *Speaker Fee*
 Total Cost \$500 Requested \$300 Grant Awarded \$300
 Estimated # of participants Approx 100
 - Western Dunes Reading Council: *Membership give-away*
 Total Cost \$250 Requested \$250 Grant Awarded \$250
 Estimated # of participants Approx 75
- Region 4
- Flint Area Reading Council : *Book Study* The Book Whisperer
 Total Cost \$780 Requested \$680 Grant Awarded \$425
 Estimated # of participants Approx 40 (award for 25 participants)
 - Saginaw Area Reading Council: *Membership give-away*
 Total Cost \$300 Requested \$250 Grant Awarded \$250
 Estimated # of participants Approx 20-30
- Region 5
- Tri-County Reading Council: *Book study* (The Daily Five)
 Total Cost \$345.40 Request \$345.40 Grant Awarded \$345.40

Estimated # of participants Approx 20

Region 7

- Oakland County Reading Council: *Membership give-away*
Total Cost \$148 Requested \$148 Grant Awarded \$148
Estimated # of participants Approx 100
- Blue Water Reading Council: *Image Brochure/membership card*
Total Cost \$600 Requested \$600 Grant Awarded \$300
Estimated # of participants Approx 500

Region 8

- Wayne County Reading Council: *Book Markers*
Total Cost \$750 Requested \$500 Grant Awarded \$200
Estimated # of participants Approx 200

Region 10

- Clare-Gladwin Reading Council: *Publish and distribute a newsletter and fliers.*
Total Cost \$400 Requested \$300 Grant Awarded \$300
Estimated # of participants Approx 300

Parent Involvement Grants

- 8 grants awarded for a total of \$2950 and 1 grant denied

Region 1

- Marquette Alger Reading Council: *Provide newborn babies and their parents with a board book, reading tips, and a printed 'onesie' to promote early literacy.*
Total cost \$1000 Requested \$500 Grant Awarded \$500
Estimated # of parents 100

Region 3

- Kent Reading Council: *Provide board books, bookmarks, and baby blankets to parents of infants at HELP Pregnancy in Grand Rapids.*
Total cost \$ 366.99 Requested \$250 Grant Awarded \$250
Estimated # of parents 96

Region 4

- Flint Area Reading Council: *Family Fun Reading Night based on A curious Glimpse of Michigan*
Total cost \$750 Requested \$450 Grant Awarded \$250
Estimated # of parents 30
- Saginaw Area Reading Council: *Provide board books to the Teen Parent Services. (Also provide a parent session at the Young Author's Conference)*
Total cost \$500 Requested \$400 Grant Awarded \$400
Estimated # of parents 50-100

Region 7

- Oakland County Reading Council: *Provide strand for parents during Young Authors' Conference*
Total cost \$480 Requested \$300 Grant Awarded \$250
Estimated # of parents 40
- Blue Water Reading Council: *Supply books for the St. Clair County Health Department Well-Baby Clinic Reception Area.*
Total cost \$800 Requested \$600 Grant Awarded \$500
Estimated # of parents 200

Region 9

- Copper Country Reading Council: *Family Literacy Events*
Total cost \$300 Requested \$300 Grant Awarded \$300

Estimated # of parents 75

Region 10

- Clare-Gladwin Reading Council: *“MRA for Parents” workshop including break-out sessions*

Total Cost \$700 Requested \$500 Grant Awarded \$500

Region 8

- Wayne County Reading Council: *MascuLiteracy - children and parents and male volunteers in the community will interact with one another through a literacy medium.*

Total cost \$1000 Requested \$1000 Application denied

(Aimed at a specific school building not available to entire council.

Not a specific parent activity - emphasis on children/volunteers not parents)

Young Authors Grants

- 7 grants awarded for a total of \$3300

Region 1

- Marquette-Alger Reading Council

Total cost \$700 Requested \$600 Grant Awarded \$500

Estimated # of participants 150

(This request was for a public library appearance for the featured author of the

Young Authors’ Conference was denied. That was not a Young Authors’ Conference activity. Instead \$500 was awarded to apply toward the actual Young Authors Conference. This conference has 3300 participants.)

Region 3

- Western Dunes Reading Council

Total cost \$1000 Requested \$300 Grant Awarded \$300

Estimated # of participants 30

Region 4

- Flint Area Reading Council

Total cost \$1200 Requested \$800 Grant Awarded \$600

Estimated # of participants 150

- Saginaw Area Reading Council

Total cost \$500 Requested \$400 Grant Awarded \$400

Estimated # of participants 125-200

Region 7

- Blue Water Reading Council

Total cost \$1100 Requested \$800 Grant Awarded \$600

Estimated # of participants 175

- Oakland County Reading Council

Total cost \$2000 Requested \$500 Grant Awarded \$400

Estimated # of participants 125

Region 10

- Clare Gladwin Reading Council

Total cost \$1000 Requested \$500 Grant Awarded \$500

Estimated # of participants 300

Summary

- General Council Grants 10 awards Total \$3068 (\$4000)
- Parent Involvement Grants 8 awards Total \$2950 (\$2000)
- Young Authors’ Conference 7 awards Total \$3300 (\$4000)

- Total Grants awarded \$9318 Budget \$10,000
- J. Intellectual Freedom.....G. Pappas
 - No report
- K. International Projects/Programs.....A. Salhi
 - Sent schools in Rwanda seventeen boxes of the following school supplies:
 - Sent 200 children’s books to schools in South America in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Dearborn.
- L. Legislative/Government Relations.....C.Clingman
 - Submitted News and Views articles and e-mailed legislative updates
 - Followed State legislation - SB 1284 (literacy intervention) and SB1509 (teacher evaluation) and reported to the board
 - Informed board of new state legislation regarding teacher/ worker rights (HB20460).
 - Responded to IRA Action alerts regarding federal cuts to literacy programs.
 - Obtained and shared information about **Striving Reader Grants**.
 - Attended the November IRA workshop in Washington DC and studied numerous advocacy topics, including local activism.
 - Planned two advocacy panel discussions for the annual conference.
 - Served on the IRA Government Relations board and chaired the IEA Advocacy Award subcommittee.
 - Submitted an IRA Advocacy Award application for Michigan; received the Advocacy Award for MRA.
- M. Office Personnel.....N. Fairchild
 - Continued looking for ways to improve and streamline the office.
 - Closed the office on Wednesdays
 - Completed yearly evaluation of Business Manager, T. Pecht
 - set office goals for Business Manager, T. Pecht
 - researched and implemented any and all office processes from the new website that increase productivity and streamlines staff work.
 - Pursued Federal grant money for accounting intern to start September and continue through academic year.
 - Reduced hard copy printing to only necessary documents
 - Completed yearly evaluation of Administrative Assistant, Lisa Charland.
 - Accepted resignation of Lisa Charland
 - Used employment agency to find administrative assistant.
 - Clarified wording in Office Personnel Handbook/Policies & Procedures with reference to inclement weather
- N. Professional Studies and Standards.....K.Feathers
 - No report
- O. Public Relations.....P. Graham
 - Implementation of “E-BLAST” to members, taking the place of “Constant Contact” email format used since October, 2009
 - Wrote testimonial article for *News and Views* to promote goals for membership
 - Created tri-fold brochure for corporate sponsorship opportunities, presented to MRA Board for additional review

- Created variety of publicity documents including one page flyers for full conference, one-day research institute, party events, membership drive (2-sided brochure, 1 sided handout, 2-sided handout, party flyer)
- Wrote materials for use on website – changing news updates and blurbs
- Included Twitter and Facebook icons on all publicity materials
- All created publicity materials were sent to office for use on website
- Wrote 3 versions of poems for 2011 conference use

P. Publications.....J. Orton/P. Gallant

- Identified committee members: Jeff Beal, Cindy Clingman, Rita Reibold, Danielle DeFauw, Pat Gallant (co-chair), and Jen Orton (co-chair).
- Updated Action Plan for 2010-2011
- Met as committee via e-mail communication throughout fall and winter. Planned face-to-face meeting for March 13, 2011.
- Moved new English Language Learners’ Flipbook through stages from Editorial Review to Print:
 - Received extensive feedback from expert ELL reviewer, Board members and Research Committee
 - Communicated reviewer feedback and publication updates with author, Barbara Senesac
 - Collaborated on final edits with author
 - Received print approval of ELL publication at August meeting, pending Publication Committees’ final review
 - Secured printing costs
 - Printed in January, 2011, for sale at MRA annual conference
- Approved sale of specific, surplus MRA publications at reduced price
- Gained Board concept approval for a publication related to the new Common Core Standards, planned collaboratively with MDE
- Received document from Danielle DeFauw and Pat Gallant outlining a series of three publications for parents to support their child’s literacy development through naturalistic home literacy activities (grades PreK-2, 3-5, 6-12). Timeline: first publication ready for print in fall, 2011.
- Gained Board’s concept approval of parent/family literacy document at January, 2011, meeting

Q. Research/Research Grants.....N. Duke/N. Martin

- Submitted research reviews columns to *Michigan Reading Journal* for publication

- In the process of drafting a new research reviews column for the *Michigan Reading Journal*
 - Converted *News & Views* research columns to an article for the *Michigan Reading Journal*
 - Contributed to the planning and organization of the 2011 Research-to-Practice Institute
 - Provided a representative to the Research-to-Practice Institute Planning Committee
 - Provided feedback on the pre-publication version of the English Language Learners' Flipchart
 - Attended Board Retreat and participated in beginning-of-the-year planning activities
 - Recruited a new committee member
- R. Student Involvement.....E. Donovan/C. Martin
- No report
- S. Summer Literature Conference.....A. Andera/K. Pieprzyk
- Confirmed all speakers for Summer Lit Conference
 - Created flier and poster artwork for conference and registration forms
 - Set tentative schedule for conference breakouts
 - Contacting potential sponsors
 - Set date for Summer Lit. Conference: July 19 & 20, 2011; Lansing Radisson
 - Confirmed with Dr. Nancy Boyles “Constructing Meaning Through Kid-Friendly Comprehension Strategy Instruction” as general session speaker for July 19, 2011.
 - Contacted Michigan authors and illustrators. Confirmed with: Kevin Kammeraad, Cyd Moore, Shirley Neitzel, Linda McLean, Wendy Halperin Anderson, Ryan Hipp
 - Contacting other Michigan presenters to provide workshops on teaching strategies that can be applied in the classroom (per teacher requests on surveys)
 - Drafting conference schedule / “flow”
- T. Technology/Media.....T. Hicks/A.Smoker/S. Powell
- Continued work with MRA office and Quixotic computing to revise and update <http://michiganreading.org>
 - Offered support for MRA board members as they begin developing content for the website
 - Created an MRA Facebook Page and Twitter account
 - Will continue to promote use of the MRA website at the 2011 Annual Conference

Ad Hoc Committee Chairs and Appointments

- A. Higher Education Liaison.....S. Kottke
- Solicited members for committee to develop Higher Education Strand for MRA 2011 Annual Conference.
 - Solicited and reviewed session proposals for the Higher Education Strand for MRA 2011 Annual Conference.
 - Recruited undergraduate student volunteers to serve at MRA 2011 Annual Conference.
- B. Interventions.....R. Schwartz
- Formed committee for 2010-2011
 - Michal Taylor
 - Lisa Houk
 - Camella Gillette
 - Submitted 2010-2011 Committee Plan of Action
 - Worked to encourage proposals related to intervention, Title 1, Special Education, and ELL.

- Have set of proposals on intervention. Other aspects were more difficult to locate groups that could submit more than one proposal.
- Obtained speaker for Intervention luncheon and established topic for talk – Richard Allington
- Worked with Legislative Chair arrange a panel session with representatives of several interventions currently used in Michigan. Dick Allington will moderate the panel and pose questions for the participants.
- Attended Conference Planning session
- C. IRA Award of Excellence.....G. Velchansky
 - Gathered documentation for the Award of Excellence
 - Submitted documentation to IRA for the Award of Excellence
- D. IRA Exemplary Reading Program Award.....G. Velchansky
 - Submitted article to the fall News and Views requesting submissions for the Exemplary Reading Award and Kaleidoscope 2011
- E. Student Membership Director.....XXXXXX
- F. MRA Literacy Advocate.....C. Clingman
 - Represented MRA on Core Standards committee work, Adolescent Literacy team, and statewide RtI framework committee.
 - Contributed to the development of the statewide Literacy Plan.
 - Joined MDE Teaching and Learning project.
 - Formed partnerships with MAISA and MASCD.
 - Distributed memberships and conference information at a variety of state gatherings.
 - Displayed and promoted MRA resources at the MRA annual preconference.
- G. SB-CEUs.....R. Maddox
 - Provided onsite support for Wayne State University student volunteers at 2010 Conference
 - Maintained SB-CEU Information Desk at 2010 Conference for participants' questions and concerns
 - Checked and boxed all SB-CEU booklets at close of 2010 Conference
 - Requested MRA volunteers at November 2010 Board Meeting
 - Met with D. Halstead and T. Pecht to initiate SB-CEU application to MDE (due in January 2011) and planning for SB-CEU student volunteers for Conference
 - Communicated with K. Operhall and S. Sharma regarding planning and coordination SB-CEU process for Conference
 - Communicated with Dr. Liz Storey of Grand Valley State University regarding recruitment of student volunteers for SB-CEU assistance at conference (student list due January 21, 2011)
 - Communicated with Dr. Julia Reynolds of Aquinas College regarding recruitment of student volunteers for SB-CEU assistance at conference (student list due January 21, 2011)
 - Communicated with B. Jaszcz regarding coordination of MRA volunteers for speaker introductions and SB-CEU verification
 - Communicated with Dr. Nell Duke of Michigan State University regarding recruitment of student volunteers for SB-CEU assistance at pre-Conference.
 - Worked with B. Jaszcz to organize volunteer database for 2011 conference
 - Created schedule of assignments for 2011 Grand Valley State University student volunteers
 - Communicated with Grand Valley State University student volunteers regarding work assignments and responsibilities for 2011Conference

- Communicated with Michigan State University student volunteer regarding assignments and responsibilities of MSU student volunteers at 2011 Research Conference

H. Strategic Plan.....D. Graham

- Reviewed strategic planning process since August 2009
- Reached consensus on a Wildly Important Goal – Literacy Leadership in a Digital Age
- Reviewed flowchart for putting our goal into action
- Worked in committees to identify next steps
- Filed full report with goals and committee members responsible.
- Familiarized board members about updated website

- Worked with Technology committee to begin posting information to website

Other

A. Past Presidents’ Legacy Fund.....N. Seminoff

- Completing five years in March 2011 as the MRA Past Presidents’ Legacy Fund, having awarded a total of fifteen conference grants for a total cash amount of \$2,520 through 2010: twelve (12) grants to beginning teachers and three (3) grants to educators in a new role
- Awarded seven recipients the *MRA Past Presidents’ Legacy Fund Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant Sponsored by MEEMIC Insurance Company* (each grant included conference registration and a one-year MRA membership) to attend the 2010 MRA Annual Conference (all recipients were recognized during a General Session at the Annual Conference), and awarded one recipient conference registration for the 2010 MRA Summer Literature Conference;
- Awarded three recipients the *MRA Past Presidents’ Legacy Fund Professional Development Grant for an Educator in a New Professional Role Sponsored by Zaner-Bloser Company* (each grant provided \$200 to assist with conference expenses) to attend the 2010 MRA Annual Conference, (all recipients were recognized during a General Session at the Annual Conference);
- Provided an exhibit at the 2010 MRA Annual Conference, and at the Upper Peninsula Special Education Conference in February 2011 to disseminate information;
- Approved five recipients to receive the *MRA Past Presidents’ Legacy Fund Beginning Teacher Professional Development Grant Sponsored by MEEMIC Insurance Company*, and two recipients to receive the *MRA Past Presidents’ Legacy Fund Professional Development Grant for an Educator in a New Professional Role Sponsored by Zaner-Bloser Company* to attend the 2011 MRA Annual Conference;
- Continue to work closely with the MRA Board of Directors and Office Staff to disseminate information through the MRA website, New and Views, and at MRA Board meetings.

B. Writing.....L. Houk

- Recruited committee members
- Wrote up descriptions of writing strand for *News and Views*
- Met with committee members to brainstorm ideas for growing more of a “writing culture” within our organization, including
 - development of writing highlights on website for teaching writing and teachers as writers
 - providing resources and ideas on teaching academic writing
 - establishing a “web presence” for professional development
- Hosting a professional writing retreat this summer

C. Great Lakes Great Books.....L. Suckow

- Met with GLGB committee to select titles for the 2011/2012 ballot
- Counted votes to determine 2011 winning titles
- Contacted Perma-Bound with information for 2011/2012 posters
- Contacted publishers of winning titles
- Contacted publishers of titles on new ballot
- Updated information for MRA website
- Updated forms for new GLGB promotional packets
- Coordinated with MRA office for sale of GLGB titles at 2010 conference
- Prepared display of GLGB winners for MRA conference
- Prepared GLGB session for Classroom & After School Literacy
- Obtained commitments from committee members for 2011/2012
- Started new reading list for book nominations
- Sent articles to News & Views for year-round GLGB promotion
- Answered questions about the GLGB program by e-mail and post.