



# Manitoba Reading Association

**To:** Literacy Leaders

**Subject: Nominations for: Manitoba Reading Association's Executive - Vice President Position**

Dear Colleagues:

The Manitoba Reading Association is seeking nomination of literacy leaders for the Vice-President's position on its executive.

The Manitoba Reading Association is a provincial council of the International Reading Association. MRA includes over 500 teachers, parents, students and others committed to the promotion of literacy and to the improvement of reading and writing instruction throughout Manitoba.

The Manitoba Reading Association:

- Provides In-Service opportunities for educators, parents, students, etc.
- Networks with other literacy organizations throughout the province.
- Evaluates current and future instructional practices in the areas of literacy.
- Holds one position on the selection committee for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy.
- Supports the International Reading Association (IRA) by publicizing its worldwide literacy activities and by promoting its extensive selection of publications and brochures.
- Sponsors an international literacy project annually.

The vice-president serves as a member of the Executive Committee and of the Board, acts as the chairperson of the Awards Committee, and takes a lead role in organizing the Manitoba Reading Association's annual Literacy Leaders' Luncheon.

Candidates will be selected by the Manitoba Reading Association's Nominations Committee using the following criteria:

- current membership to the International Reading Association
- experience and expertise in literacy learning
- leadership experience in the area of literacy
- collaboration and networking experiences

As well, the following information pertinent to the Manitoba Reading Association's selection criteria will be considered: representation in terms of Aboriginal perspectives, multicultural perspectives, gender, region, and role in literacy communities.

Literacy stakeholders are invited to fill out the attached nomination form, which should be returned no later than May 8, 2009 to:

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The successful candidate will be selected by June 6, 2009.

Thank you for your interest in engaging in the important volunteer work of the Manitoba Reading Association. Your time and co-operation in nominating yourself or other quality candidates for this work are greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Shelley Warkentin  
Past President and Nomination Committee Chair for the Manitoba Reading Association  
Enclosure