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*You manage things,
but you lead people.*

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Special Interest Group



**Leadership Education &
Development
for
Educators in Reading**



The LEADER Special Interest Group provides opportunities and activities for Aspiring leaders as well as Experienced leaders.

The development of leadership has been a major thrust of IRA for over thirty years. Within the association, leadership activities have evolved systematically at state and regional levels.

The *aspiring or current leader* who seeks to be effective and who seeks professional advancement must break out of the pack and demonstrate that he/she is one of the most capable leaders and managers in the field. Effective leaders know that one course, one text, or one training workshop is not enough.

Beyond state and regional leadership workshops and convention sessions for council leaders - most IRA members have little if any opportunity to EXPAND their skills except through "more experience." The lack of continued training makes for REACTIVE leadership in an age where PROACTIVE leadership is essential.

Goals and Benefits

The goals of the LEADER Special Interest Group include:

- The practice and modeling of leadership skills applicable to the field of reading.
- The development of training programs in areas of leadership.
- The establishment of networks for sharing information.
- The investigation of current leadership materials and techniques used in other fields.

The benefits of the LEADER Special Interest Group include:

- Convention programs to expand leadership skills, ideas and strategies.
- Newsletters featuring articles on leadership strategies and materials from a variety of professions.
- An annual reception which is the first social function of the convention during which members have an opportunity to network.
- Opportunities to practice and model leadership skills within the committee and board structure of the SIG.
- Participation in an international project.
- Access to www.readingleaders.org

**For additional information -
Contact Membership Chairman,
Michele Paine at
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Membership Application

Name _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

FAX _____

Institution _____

Title or Position: _____

Check One: New Member Renewal

IRA Number _____

Committee Interests: [Circle all in which you might be interested.]

Program	Newsletter
Membership	Reception
Resources	Awards
Networking	Ambassadors
Promotion/Publicity	Outreach

DUES: \$15

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