

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Charges

1. To collaborate with IRA to monitor national proposals and action in Congress and the U.S. Department of Education
2. To develop collaborative relationships with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and other professional organizations to enhance reading instruction
3. To develop position papers, submit them to the KSRA Board of Directors for approval, and forward copies to the appropriate governmental agency
4. To report to the membership through board meetings, the Keystone Reader and action alerts
5. To represent KSRA by letter or in person as approved by the KSRA Board or, in emergencies by the president, to legislators and governmental officials
6. To network with other professional organizations (e.g., CEC, PASCD, PAC-TE, PAESSP, PAFPC, PLA, PSEA, PSLA, PSPC)
7. To encourage active involvement of local council governmental relations chairs through training, support, and dissemination of information
8. To be an active participant in the IRA Governmental Relations Committee

Duties of the Chair

1. To seek individuals interested in serving on the Governmental Relations subcommittees (State Board, Curriculum and Instruction, Federal Programs, Special Education, Certification/Higher Education)
2. To implement charges outlined above
3. To identify and establish a relationship with key people in the Pennsylvania Legislature, State Board of Education, and Pennsylvania Department of Education
4. To coordinate activities of subcommittees
5. To prepare an annual report and submit a copy for file with the secretary (Bylaws Article VI, Section 12) and more frequently if requested by the president