



## Area 1 Council Leaders Newsletter



### Area 1 Council Presidents

Karla Stroman, Tehama (*at left*)

Nancy Rogers-Zegarra, Marin (*center*)

Anne Seil, Gateway (*at right*)

Joanne O'Neill, Lake – Mendocino  
(not pictured)

Thanks for your dedicated service!

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### Recognize and Celebrate Members and Volunteers

Check the CRA website for the many awards offered through CRA to members and councils. Consider holding a special awards celebration to honor members and non-members for their service and achievements.

*Check out the CRA website for information, resources and news. Get current winners list and resources for the California Young Reader Medal (CYRM) and Eureka! Nonfiction Children's Book Award. Go to [www.californiareads.org](http://www.californiareads.org).*



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**2018 CRA Professional Development Institute  
October 26 & 27, 2018 ❖ Riverside Convention Center**

Council Officers: Keep your memberships in CRA and ILA current. Renew when your membership expires. Please go to [www.californiareads.org](http://www.californiareads.org) (CRA) or [www.literacyworldwide.org](http://www.literacyworldwide.org) (ILA) to renew memberships.

## ILA Transformation

At Leadership (PDI 2017), the discussion of the ILA transformation took place. A slideshow was presented to members. The slideshow is an attachment with this newsletter, and slides of importance are given in parenthesis.



(Photo at left: Leadership at PDI)

## Why the transformation? (See slides 16, 17, and 18)

It was explained that IRA currently has many state, province, local councils, special committees and groups, all with their own EINs. This makes it very difficult to manage records and make sure all groups with EINs file tax information as required by law. The International Reading Association (IRA) will become International Literacy Association (ILA) legally in September 2018.

## From IRA to ILA... What does it mean to CRA and local councils?

1. CRA will continue be an affiliate of ILA. Local councils of CRA will no longer be affiliated with ILA. (The relationship between CRA and local councils will not change.)
2. Local councils can participate in ILA programs, such as the Honor Council, for a fee.
3. Currently, all local council officers are required to be members of ILA. This will not be a requirement after September 2018.

## Local Council Finances (See slides 22 and 25)

With the transformation, local councils will need to decide to either be under CRA's EIN, or will need to get a new EIN. Options:

1. If councils want their own EIN, they will need to apply to IRS. Those councils would also need to apply and be granted 501(c)(3) non-profit status, or would be required to pay taxes on all income. CRA will be on the council's checking account, but will not be involved in daily operations. Filing of 990-N will continue to be required.
2. For councils who choose to be under CRA's EIN, CRA will take care of council finances. Councils will not have checking accounts. CRA will make deposits and write checks at the direction of the council, and the council will continue to make all financial decisions. A financial report will be provided to councils at regular intervals or at council request. Filing of 990-N will not be necessary, since councils will not have EINs. Checking accounts will need to be closed by June 30, 2018, and individual council's funds will be sent to CRA to be held for their use only.

Note: ALL COUNCIL CHEKING ACCOUNTS WILL NEED TO BE CLOSED AS OF JUNE 30, 2018, WITH MONIES SENT TO CRA OR NEW ACCOUNTS OPENED USING NEW EIN. EINs WILL NO LONGER BE VALID AS OF SEPTEMBER 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone, (707) 823-5850, or by email, [carla5850@aol.com](mailto:carla5850@aol.com).