



Promoting literacy through research, education, and advocacy.™

Consider Volunteering for the Iowa Branch of the International Dyslexia Association

The International Dyslexia Association—Iowa is a non-profit, **volunteer** organization dedicated to the following mission:

One vision, one mission, one goal... Until everyone can read.

Who are we?

The IDA-IA Board of Directors needs passionate individuals throughout the state of Iowa who want to be actively involved in enhancing and building upon IA-IDA's current goals. With the help of IA-IDA volunteers, the Board of Directors believes IA-IDA will be able to do more and do it better than ever! Together we can demystify reading difficulties, spread knowledge through the awareness of dyslexia, and encourage change.

How can you help?

If you would like to be a volunteer for IA-IDA, please contact us at info@iowaida.org or (765) 507-9432.

What can you contribute?

You can contribute by sharing your ideas, skills, and/or time in any of the following committees (or suggest other ways you want to be involved):

1) Information and Support

IA-IDA gets calls and emails from individuals across the state of Iowa.

- Anyone can help us compile a comprehensive IA-IDA Resource Reference Book by letting us know about resources he/she has found in Iowa. We also need researchers to help us find other hidden gems throughout the state. How can we help individuals who live far from Iowa?
- We need a bank of experts and some good listening ears. Offer to answer questions from callers by speaking directly to callers or by being a resource for the Outreach Coordinator. Simply tell us about yourself, and we can match caller questions with your area of expertise.
- Assist with compiling data and updating forms and lists.

2) Educator Training

Continue education for in-service teachers about dyslexia.

Provide scholarships for annual conferences for pre-service teachers and in-service teachers.

3) Revenue Generation—(such as Team Quest)

TeamQuest--National fundraising campaign in which participants train for a rewarding and exciting endurance event at one of the great destination events worldwide while raising money to help children and adults with dyslexia and other reading difficulties.

<http://teamqquestdyslexia.org/>

- Help recruit participants--runners and walkers.
- Support a run by being a virtual or in-person participant

4) Nominating Committee (see form for committee sign up)

5) Website & Social Media: info@iowaida.org

- Are you website and Social Media savvy? Send us your suggestions!
- Find IA-IDA on Social Media and hit “like,” make comments, etc.
- Do you have an eagle-eye for typos and inconsistencies in format? Help us proofread pages on the website.

6. IA-IDA Communications

- Provide information that can be used on the website.
- Submit a “perspectives” article based on your experience as a person with dyslexia or your experience as a person who is in some other way “connected” with dyslexia.*
- IA-IDA will periodically ask for specific types of submissions. When you find out about these opportunities to be published, please spread the word.*

**Note: The IA-IDA Board will review all submissions and will contact individuals if their submission has been chosen for publication on the website.*

7) Outreach Meetings

The meetings are free and open to the public. Meeting topics and locations will vary and will be geared to different audiences.

- Help find different venues/hosts for meetings.
- Be a greeter/in charge of sign-in.
- Offer to be facilitator for open forum/ support group type meetings.
- Suggest topics and/or speakers.
- If you have an area of expertise, offer to be a speaker.
- Offer to bring refreshments.

8) Annual Dimensions of Dyslexia Conference

Parents, professionals, and individuals with dyslexia attend this annual conference.

- Attend and share what you learned. Submit “highlights” for the e-newsletter.
- Spread the word. Forward the e-blast announcements.
- Suggest speakers/topics.
- Submit a proposal to be a speaker.
- Volunteer to work the day of the event.

Other Suggestions WELCOME!

Thank you for your support of the Iowa International Dyslexia Association!