

Welcome From The SIG Chair of Balanced Reading Instruction

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Welcome to a new edition of Balanced Reading Instruction. Our goal as a SIG is to share our experiences and research about practice across membership, from the board to those in the field through our collegiality and participation in the SIG, the IRA Annual Meeting, and the

e-Journal of Balanced Reading Instruction.

Currently, our SIG has new officers on our board, and we look forward to getting to know each other at the 2013 IRA Annual Meeting to take place in San Antonio from April 19th through April 22nd. Please note the members of the board and consider sharing your name with us if you are interested in working on the board. We welcome ideas and suggestions that you may have to help build the professional level of our special interest group and publication.

We are excited to begin this issue of the e-Journal of Balanced a revamped approach in place that you will see with this issue as well as new editors. We would like to welcome Drs. Kenneth Fasching-Varner and Estanislado S. Barrera IV, both from Louisiana State University, as the new Chief Editors. To reflect the current state of technology and the editors desire to have more open access to the content of the journal, Kenny and Stan have moved the journal to being an open access e-journal. Each issue of the journal, as always, will contain articles related to balanced reading and create connections to other aspects of instruction. In their editorial introduction, the editors outline some of the changes you can expect to see in the journal moving forward. The journal continues to be a refereed resource for its members, and will be published bi-annual as opposed to annually as it has been published in the passed.

If you want to share your work with colleagues, please feel free to submit to the journal using the directions found on the newly designed website. Remember our focus is to strengthen the teaching and learning of literacy for all

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learners, including learners for whom English is not a native language. Our goal is to make accessible to the professional community information that will help to inform our decisions about instruction in the classroom.

Please feel free to share information about the Balanced Literacy Special Interest Group with your colleagues. We look forward to building our group and sharing with all members of the professional community. We not only look forward to the Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas but are beginning to focus on the 2014 convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sincerely,

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www.balancedreadinginstruction.com

