

West Virginia Reading Association

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TO: WVRA State Officers/Committee Chairs
Local and Special Interest Council Presidents 2022-2023

FROM: Kathy Chapman, WVRA Liaison

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From June 17-18, 2022, newly elected officers and committee chairs, as well as local and special interest council presidents, will have the chance to learn and share information at the WVRA 42ⁿ Annual Leadership Conference at the Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV.

On behalf of outgoing President Connie Mundy and incoming WVRA President Shelley Ratliff, I wish to extend an invitation for you to join us in Bridgeport, WV. Our conference will start with registration on Friday, June 17th, from 9:00-10:00 AM. We will conclude after our ACC (Association of Councils and Committees) Board Meeting and lunch on Saturday, June 18th around 2:00 PM.

The West Virginia Reading Association's leadership will design a program to provide training on Strategic Planning, Governance, and Parliamentary Procedure.

Following tradition, the leadership theme reflects the theme of our WVRA Annual Conference, "Literacy: A Joyful Transformation". Angela Curfman, WVRA First Vice President and conference coordinator, along with state officers, and the hospitality committee are organizing quite a celebration as we prepare to celebrate our 54th Anniversary!

WVRA will pay lodging (double occupancy) and meals for 2022-2023 state officers and committee chairs as well as the newly elected president of each local/special interest council. Detailed agenda and information will be sent after your registration is received.

If you receive this invitation and will not be the president for next year, please let me know, and I will forward this information to the new leader.

Dress for the conference will be "professional casual," except for the banquet which will be Friday evening which will be more formal. Unfortunately, due to limited time, we will not be able to have Sharon Diaz host an evening of "*Leadership Games*." However, we do want to present a fun and inviting atmosphere, Therefore, we asking for councils, state officers and committee chairs to bring themed baskets which will be used as special door prizes to be given away during and after Saturday's Executive Board meeting. Throughout, the day of leadership presentations, attendees will be given the opportunity to earn tickets and/or "money" to purchase additional tickets which they can enter into basket drawings. So, the more you participate, the better your chance of winning! You may start by getting your completed registration form in early. **Newly elected WVRA officers will be installed on Friday, June 17th, at a reception at the Microtel prior to going to dinner.**

Please plan to join us and complete the attached Registration Form for use in our WVRA Directory.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO ME ASAP and NO LATER THAN May 30th!!

RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 30th!!