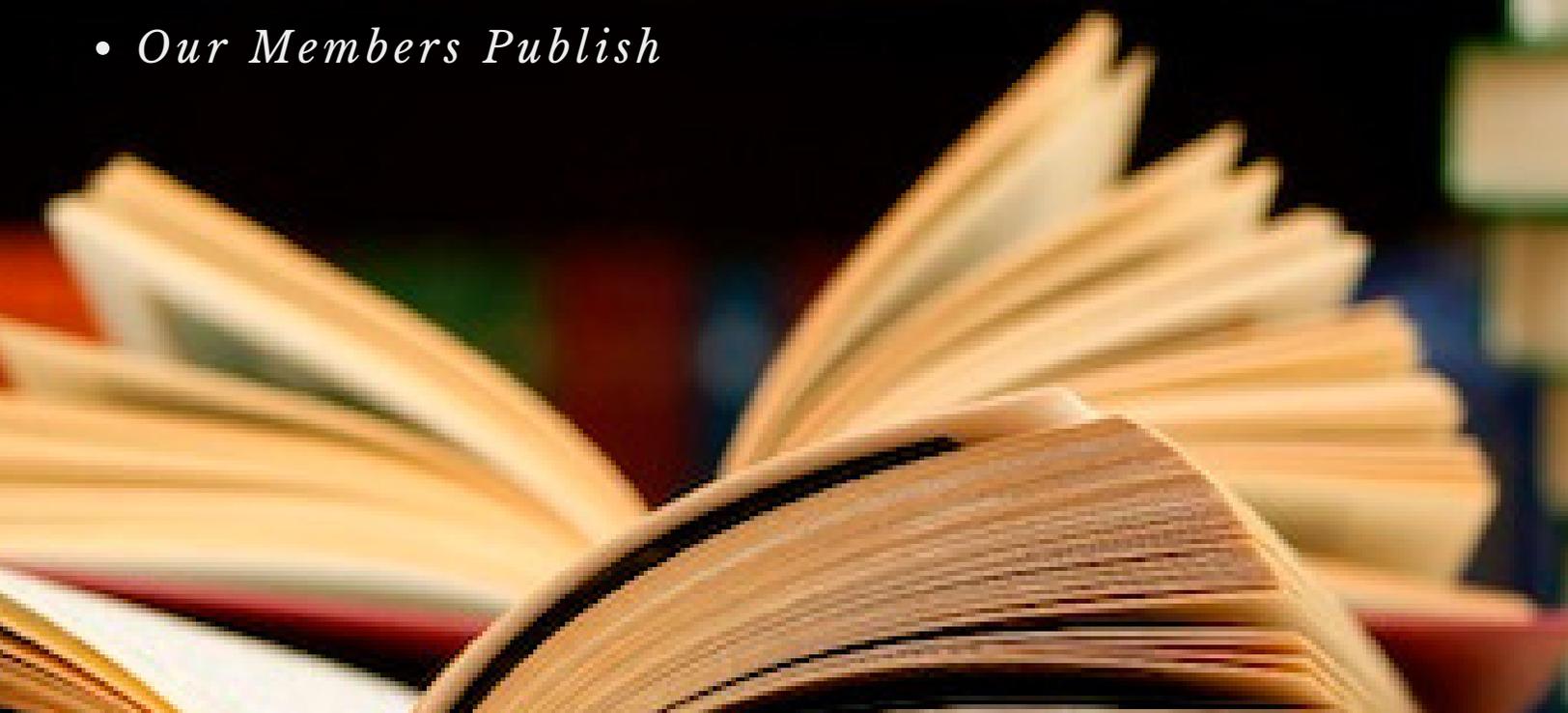


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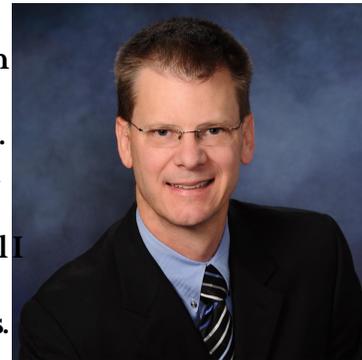
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SPECIALIZED LITERACY PROFESSIONALS

As the keynote speaker for the Specialized Literacy Professionals presentation at the International Literacy Association Annual Conference in Boston, MA, Doug Fisher's wealth of knowledge and expertise in the area attracted a full house of eager attendees who were equally impressed with their take away tips as they were by his perspectives on difficulty vs. complexity within reading. In his presentation entitled, "Disciplinary Literacy: Reading and Writing Across Content Areas," he challenged us to urge our students to consider three questions each day: 1) What am I learning today? 2) Why am I learning this? and 3) How will I know that I have learned it? We can all benefit from insightful and anticipatory students who push us to stay focused and demand as much from themselves in their literacy studies. For more information see, www.fisherandfrey.com. His presentation can also be accessed from www.literacyprofessional.org



Douglas Fisher



Vicki Risko was presented with the Laureate Award for her service as President of the SLP

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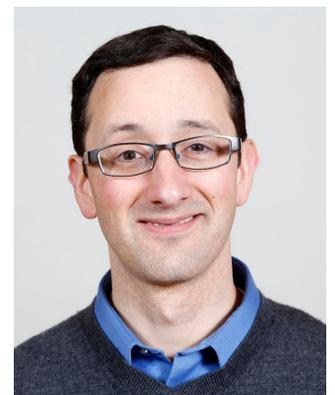


Laurie Sharp



Evan Ortlieb was installed as the new President of the SIG while Stephanie Grote-Garcia was elected President Elect.

Jacy Ippolito



Heather Kindall



Interview with

Diane Kern & Rita Bean



What are some of the larger changes made to the standards since 2010? (This could include content, format, focus)

The roles of reading and literacy specialists and coaches have changed in recent years. These roles were not previously delineated before 2010. As a result, a rigorous study of more than 2500 reading and literacy teachers from all 50 states ensued to provide clarity on their roles and responsibilities within schools and districts nationwide. Through statistical analysis, we could make evidence-based conclusions that there were three types of specialized literacy professionals: the reading/literacy specialist, the reading/literacy coach, and the literacy coordinator. A research brief is now available at the International Literacy Association website:

<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/where-we-stand/literacy-professionals-research-brief?sfvrsn=10>

What motivated ILA to create revised standards? Changing roles and responsibilities?

The revision process was needed so that literacy professionals could stay up to date with the latest research on topics ranging from digital literacies/technology to diversity and equity. The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) requires that standards be revised every seven years and so, it seemed only appropriate to start the two-year process in 2015.

How do you see these standards being used?

The standards have increased from six to seven with the addition of what is now referred to as practicum experiences, which is a departure from discourse on “clinical” models sometimes seen as deficit models of evaluation.

Can you provide an overview of the revision process?

Twenty-five members comprised the standards panel led by both Rita Bean and Diane Kern. Other members include International Literacy Association staff, researchers, state leaders, and a principal. Finalization of the standards will be completed within the next year.

Our SIG, Specialized Literacy Professionals holds the goals of supporting literacy professionals. How do you suggest we incorporate the new standards into our goals?

The Specialized Literacy Professionals in many ways led the charge to establish a strong research base from which to make informed decisions for updating the standards for literacy professionals. We encourage you to continue to lead these efforts by promoting/publicizing them via conference sessions, webinars, and in publications to ensure that students, teachers, researchers, professors, and other professionals at the local, state, and national level stay abreast of what is happening in our field. It is paramount to our success as specialized literacy professionals and all of those with whom we work.

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