



IALE - NORTH AMERICA

Monthly Update: February 2025

Hello! from the President

I am honored to highlight our exciting progress to make the 2025 IALE-NA Annual Meeting available and foster the growth of emerging leaders in our discipline. I invite you to the meeting. Together, we can strengthen our community's impact and chart new paths for innovation and collaboration.

[Li An](#), President, IALE-North America | 2024-2026

Join us for the IALE-North America Annual Meeting! 13-17 April 2025

[Registration](#) is open for this year's meeting in [Raleigh, North Carolina](#)! The schedule will be posted in February. **Early registration deadline is 17 March.** Raleigh is easily accessible, with an average of more than 400 daily flights to Raleigh-Durham International Airport from 70 cities across the US and 11 other countries. Three Amtrak lines also stop in Raleigh. [Reservations](#) made at the Sheraton Raleigh **before 21 March** receive a reduced rate, with an added meeting registration discount for those who stay at the conference hotel.



Photo: Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau

Committee Updates and Calls for New Members and Nominations

The **Awards Committee** is reviewing nominations for this year's [Distinguished and Outstanding Paper awards](#), which will be announced at the Raleigh meeting banquet. At the meeting, we will evaluate presentations for the [Student Presentation Award](#). **Non-students:** please help judge student presentations by checking the box when you register for the meeting. Interested in joining the committee? Contact [Jen Costanza](#) to learn more!

The **Communication Committee** supports outreach content on social media posts and provides write-ups for award winners and their institutions to highlight individual accomplishments. We seek new members with innovative ideas to expand and improve our communication effort. Contact [Travis Heckford](#) to learn more!

The **Foreign Scholar Travel Award Committee** works to support the travel of outstanding scholars from around the world to our annual meeting. We review scholar applications, and coordinate the Silent Auction to raise funds for the awards. We seek new members, so [contact us](#) if you would like to join the committee!

Nominations are needed to fill out our upcoming ballot for these society officers:

- President-elect: this individual is President-elect for one year followed by a two-year term as President.
- Councillor-at-large: there are two positions to fill, each with a two-year term.

See the Governance tab of the [IALE-NA website](#) and bylaws for descriptions. Contact: [Stephen Matthews](#)

Membership Update: We are on our way to boosting our membership with 86 already joined along with the 370 abstracts submitted for the Raleigh meeting. Members receive a 15% discount on meeting [registration](#)!

Many of our committee members and chairs have been involved since completing their graduate degrees, are former recipients of student and professional awards, and now lead the society. This is a great opportunity for professional service and networking with members of the discipline. Committee descriptions are found [here](#).

Find out more! Visit <https://www.ialena.org/> for more information and social media links. Contact us [here](#).