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Request for Proposals

The Michigan Reading Journal (MRJ) is seeking an editorial staff for the period of September 1995 through June 1998. In keeping with the MRA Board's nondiscrimination policies, all members are invited to apply for the position of editor. This is a volunteer position that includes responsibility for publishing a quarterly journal and for attending approximately five MRA Board meetings each year. The editor is charged with maintaining accurate budget records and seeing that contributors are treated fairly. The proposals to administer the MRJ should be written in two sections.

Section One — In 10 or fewer pages, describe your editorial philosophy and what goals your editorial team will seek over the next three years. Particularly, what strands or topics would you encourage submitters to address? What logistical arrangements do you propose to use? How would you go about appealing to and benefitting a range of readers? How would you encourage writers to contribute? And what kinds of support could your team provide for writers?

Section One should not identify the applicant. All proposals will be distributed to reviewers for blind evaluation.

Section Two — In this section, describe the editor's qualifications (e.g., vitae) and support systems (e.g., access to computers, a fax, etc.). Pay particular attention to MRA contributions — such as conference presentations, journal or newsletter articles — as well as to general contributions to the field of literacy — such as teaching, writing, speaking, awards. Also include any personal characteristics that would indicate ability to lead and encourage others. Especially include experiences with production of newsletters, yearbooks or other publications. This section of your proposal will be separated from Section 1 and will be used by the MRA Executive Board as they consider the blind evaluations of the reviewers. The Executive Board will make the final determination of the most appropriate proposal.

In writing your proposal, please be advised that the Board policy requires maintaining a review system in which peers evaluate the journal submissions. Additionally, the Board wants the journal, like other MRA publications, to appeal to and benefit a range of educators who hold a variety of philosophies about literacy and are stationed at preschool through adult levels.

The deadline is **August 30, 1995**. Applicants will be notified of the Executive Board's decision by September 30, 1995. Mail proposals to:

"MRJ Proposal"
5241 Plainfield NE
Suite 1, Box 10
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Call Robert L. Smith at (616) 983-7932 with questions. Thank you for your interest.