

Dear SCBWI Inland Northwest Members,

SCBWI Inland Northwest's Illustrator Coordinator will be stepping down soon. If you're interested in applying for the IC position, please write to me by August 26 to request an application form. A brief job description can be found below. You will have two weeks from the date you receive the application to complete it.

This is a volunteer (unpaid) position. ICs receive free membership in SCBWI while serving in that position, and after they retire, an IC who serves at least two years but less than five years receives two years free membership, and one who serves five or more years receives three years free membership.

ICs also receive free or reduced tuition at the Summer Conference in Los Angeles and the Winter Conference in New York, as well as at most regional events everywhere in the world. They are eligible for travel grants to the Summer and Winter Conferences, and for professional development grants that are available only to RTs (Regional Team members = RAs, ARAs [Assistant Regional Advisors], and ICs [Illustrator Coordinators]).

ICs also have increased access to important people—editors, agents, publicists, etc.—in the industry.

The most important perks, though, are knowing you are making a difference to writers and illustrators, and especially to young readers; and belonging to the supportive, enthusiastic, creative RT community.

Historically, SCBWI's leadership and membership have not fully reflected the diverse population of children's book writers to include religious and cultural minorities, BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, nationality, socioeconomic differences, disability, language, neuroatypicality, etc. While we value those leaders and members who reflect/have reflected underrepresented groups, we recognize that we can and must do better at the SCBWI. We want *all* our members to be represented and to feel heard. If you are a member of an underrepresented group, we encourage you to apply.

Previous experience volunteering with the region is a plus.

Questions? Write to me at inlandnw-ra@scbwi.org.

Rachel Hamby

SCBWI Inland Northwest Illustrator Coordinator

For this volunteer position, we are looking for an individual that can...

- Plan, organize, and host one Illustrator focused event per year.
- Plan, organize and manage Illustrator activities that are part of SCBWI INW region-wide events (e.g., portfolio showcase, illustrator slideshow, sketch crawl., etc.).
- Design and manage the documents, visual images, and signage for region wide SCBWI INW events.
- Organize and lead a small team of volunteers to create an annual Promotion Plan for our INW Illustrators. (e.g., social media campaign, art show, community outreach, etc.).
- Create and/or work with other illustrators to create event promo images for the SCBWI INW website.
- Participate in all Regional Team & Volunteer Team meetings on Zoom (approx. 4 per year) to ensure illustrators are represented and considered in regional programming decisions.
- Support SCBWI's Equity and Inclusion initiatives, participate HQ's E&I trainings, and join the INW E&I team.
- Communicate regularly and promptly with Regional Team and other members using the IC at scbwi.org Gmail account.
- Stay informed and up to date on SCBWI HQ news through the SCBWI RT Listservs & monthly newsletters.
- Attend one National SCBWI conference per year in either NY or LA. (SCBWI covers most RT Member expenses for the LA Conference and some expenses for the NY conference.)
- Hold an INW RT position for a minimum of 3 years.
- Contribute personal talents, ideas, and enthusiasm to improve the many ways our Regional Team supports SCBWI members in the Inland Northwest.

If you are interested in requesting an application or if wish to ask questions about this Regional Team role, please send an email to Rachel Hamby at inlandnw-ra@scbwi.org. We look forward to hearing from you!