

PRA PRESIDENTS

1936 – 1937	Minnie McAlister
1937 – 1938	Grace Speer Flickinger
1939 – 1941	Florence Jai Humphries
1941 – 1942	Stella Payne Crowe
1942 – 1943	Edith Sutton Peay
1943 – 1944	Jo Van Dalsem Wells
1944 – 1945	Norma Olsen Holcomb
1945 – 1946	Olive Hering Nelson
1946 – 1948	Marie Erwin Ward
1948 – 1949	Neva McMillan Upton
1949 – 1950	Edith Shannon
1950 – 1951	Marjorie Ahrens Levine
1951 – 1952	Kathryn S. Stone
1952 – 1953	Max Levine
1953 – 1954	Edith Grames Schay
1954 – 1955	Gladys Powell
1955 – 1956	Ercil F. Brown
1956 – 1957	Betty Fraser
1957 – 1958	Marie Erwin Ward
1958 – 1960	Alma K. Dougherty
1960 – 1963	Ellis Doyle Herron
1963 – 1964	Constance R. Rouse
1964 – 1965	Ellis Doyle Herron
1965 – 1967	Peggy Caudle Vining
1967 – 1969	Iris O'Neal Bowen
1969 – 1970	Anna Nash Yarbrough
1970 – 1971	Louise Wagner
1971 – 1972	Roberta E. Allen
1972 – 1973	Edith J.S. Fletcher
1973 – 1974	Valeria Browne Thornton
1974 – 1975	Ruth Arnold Leveck
1975 – 1976	Johnye Elizabeth Mathews
1976 – 1977	Lucille T. Babcock
1977 – 1979	Verna Lee Hinegardner
1979 – 1980	Opal Jane O'Neal
1980 – 1981	Helene Stallcup
1981 – 1983	Peggy Caudle Vining
1983 – 1984	Bonnie Lee Reynolds
1984 – 1985	Ida Crane Walker
1985 – 1987	Norris J. Sparks
1987 – 1989	Akers Pence Johnson
1989 – 1991	Mary Harper Sowell
1991 – 1993	Helene Stallcup
1993 – 1994	Bruce Alan McPherson

1994 – 1996	Patricia Laster
1996 – 1998	Don Crowson
1998 – 2001	Johnye Strickland
2001 – 2003	Peggy Caudle Vining
2003 – 2005	Patricia Laster
2005 – 2007	Howard Nobles
2007 – 2009	Barbara Longstreth Mulkey
2009 – 2011	Betty Heidelberger
2011 – 2015	Cathy Moran
2015 - 2019	Dennis Patton
2019 - 2021	Frieda Patton
2021 -	John McPherson

POETS LAUREATE OF ARKANSAS

Charles L. Davis, Sr.	1923 – 1945
Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni	1953 – 1970
Ercil Francis Brown (Interim).....	1970 – 1971
Dr. Lily Peter	1971 – 1991
Verna Lee Hinegardner	1991 – 2003
Peggy Caudle Vining	2003 – 2017
Jo McDougall	2018 - present