The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) is pleased to announce Martha "Marty" Hougen, Ph.D., as the Margaret Byrd Rawson Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. IDA will present this award at the 2023 Annual Reading, Literacy, and Literature Conference in October.

Dr. Hougen is a national consultant collaborating with state leadership and institutions of higher education to improve educator preparation in the implementation of the science of reading and instruction. As a teacher, school administrator, and pre-service and in-service professional development provider, she advocated for effective literacy instruction for all students. She led the Higher Education Collaborative at the Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk, The University of Texas at Austin, and supported educator preparation programs with the CEEDAR Center at the University of Florida. Currently she works with organizations promoting the Science of Reading and serves on the board of the Center for Effective Reading Instruction (CERI). In addition to numerous publications, Dr. Hougen has authored three textbooks: The Fundamentals of Literacy Assessment & Instruction, Pre-K-6, 1st and 2nd editions (Hougen & Smartt, 2012, 2020) and The Fundamentals of Literacy Assessment & Instruction, 6-12 (Hougen, 2014).