**IFRT Executive Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

11:30pm-1pm AKT; 12:30pm-2pm PST; 1:30pm-3pm MST; 2:30pm-4pm CST; 3:30pm-5pm EST

Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Steph Barnaby, Deborah Caldwell Stone, Peter Coyl, Rita Ennen, Betsy Gomez, Jennifer Griswold, Wanda Huffaker, Sam Jack, Michael Kirby, Rebecca Moorman, Steve Norman, Edward Remus, Jennifer Steele, Amanda Sand, Aimee Strittmatter, Matthew Sylvain

1. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:**

Vazquez called the meeting to order at 2:35pm CDT. A quorum was established.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves and noted their positions in Chat.

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA,**

Barnaby moved to approve the agenda. Coyl seconded. Motion passed.

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jack moved to approve the minutes. Steele seconded. Motion passed.

1. **REPORT OF OFFICERS**
   1. Chair: Amanda Sand
      1. Met with Aimee, Jennifer, and Angela regarding nominations.
      2. Still waiting to hear regarding the emerging leaders proposal.
      3. We will need to conduct an email vote concerning the slate of nominations when it is ready.
   2. Chair-Elect: Jennifer Griswold
      1. Reached out to a couple of individuals to begin planning the awards reception for ALA Annual.
   3. Michael Kirby
      1. Submitted a proposal for a program on the Merritt Fund at LibLearnX. Would be interested in hearing from people interested in co-presenting.
2. **REPORT FROM OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**  Deborah Caldwell Stone, Betsy Gomez
   1. Received a grant to revive Lawyers for Libraries.
   2. Our staff will be working with the chapter Relations Office and PPA on preparing state chapters for the coming legislative session, starting in January 2023, and working on advocacy plans and responses to adverse legislation as well**.**
   3. Had a great Banned Books Week. Levar Burton was a great Honorary Chair for Banned Books Week. He was profiled and/or interviewed by a number of outlets and was really on point with all talking points. First Banned Books Week day of action was held October 7th. Response was overwhelmingly positive.
   4. Work on Banned Books Week theme for 2024 has begun.
   5. Office would like to be able to lean on IFRT to help support additional programming and training.
3. **REPORT FROM COUNCILOR:** Peter Coyl
   1. Tracy Hall has resigned as executive director of ALA.
   2. Registration for both LibLearnX and PLA are now open.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. Bylaws Committee: Steve Norman
      1. Will be working on proposed Bylaws revisions to present to board at December meeting.
   2. Coalition Building Committee: Matt Sylvain
      1. Committee met on September 20 and drafted a call for proposals to submit to ALA news.
      2. Looked at the pdf and online versions of the nominations form and updated the pdf to be consistent with the online version.
   3. Immroth Committee: Wanda Huffaker
      1. Verified that press releases and public announcements should be sent to both Betsy and Aimee for review.
   4. Membership Promotion Committee: Jennifer Steele
      1. Committee met October 11. Discussed email templates for welcoming new members and reaching out to members who have lapsed. Also discussed hosting a virtual event for new members of the roundtable.
   5. Oboler Memorial Award Committee: Steph Barnaby
      1. Committee met October 2nd. Drafted a press release and made plans for promotion.
   6. Programming and Events Committee: Edward Remus
      1. We are reviving 2 sets of events. First, we are reviving IFRT Reads.

We will begin by reading a chapter about the Library Bill of Rights from Andrea Jamison's recent book, Decentering Whiteness in Libraries. The plan would be to have one event that was member discussion and a follow up with the author.

* + 1. In the spring, IFRT Reads would then have a set of events around the Oboler Award winner.
    2. Inviting United for Libraries to help design this year’s Chairs Program at ALA around training for library trustees.
  1. Publications and Communications Committee: Sam Jack
     1. Newsletter is ready to go.
     2. Regular presence on social media is in place.
     3. Please share content suggestions for the next newsletter to go out in February.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Virtual Votes and Nominations Slate
      1. Because of publishing deadlines, the nominations committee will be bringing the slate of nominees forward for a virtual vote when ready.
   2. Deadlines for Awards
      1. Barnaby proposes that the award deadlines be staggered. Deadline for the Oboler Award January 2nd. Hodges award February 1st. Immroth Award March 1st. After discussion, Coyl moved that we endorse the proposed timelines and authorize the committees to make adjustments as necessary to meet the needs of the work. Norman seconded. Further discussion revolved around ensuring the proposal would allow enough time for the Office of Intellectual Freedom to complete their work before ALA. Motion carried.
   3. Budget Requests
      1. Reminder to get budget requests submitted.
2. **LIAIASON UPDATES**
   1. Huffaker posted the privacy subcommittee update in chat. The Privacy Subcommittee is working on some toolkits and checklists, trying to finish up what they started last year.
3. **ADJOURNMENT**
   1. Vazquez adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm CDT.