**IFRT Executive Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 22, 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, Michael Blackwell, Johanna Orellana Cabrera, Peter Coyl, Rita Ennen, Rhonda Evans, Karen Gianni, Sarah Hartman-Caverly, Johanna Genett, Wanda Huffaker, Ray James, Michael Kirby, Rebecca Moorman, Steve Norman, Angela Ocana, Kristin Pekoll, Deb Sica, Jennifer Steele, Amanda Vazquez

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

Ocana called the meeting to order at 1:30pm CDT. A quorum was established.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves and noted their positions in Zoom chat.

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

Agenda amended to move the Nominating Committee Update before the Report of Officers. Barnaby moved to approve the agenda as amended. Blackwell seconded.

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Coyl moved to approve the minutes as presented. Steele seconded.

1. **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

One of the nominees for director at large was mistakenly left off the ballot. Evans reached out to the nominee to apologize and to ALA for advice. There would be significant challenges in adding a nominee to the ballot after it has already gone out. The candidate could be offered the opportunity to chair a committee and to run for office next year.

Vazquez moved that the ballot as distributed should stand and that the nominee should be prioritized for committee assignment in the next year. Huffaker seconded. Motion carried.

1. **REPORT OF OFFICERS**
   1. Chair: Angela Ocana
      1. Working on planning for the fiftieth anniversary celebration at annual. Running into challenges finding a date and venue. Discussion of possibly partnering with UABB or the Rainbow RoundTable. UABB’s event is Thursday and the Rainbow RoundTable 50th is Saturday.
      2. The baseball game fundraiser will be Friday.
      3. Awards will be handed out at the UABB event.
   2. Chair-Elect: Amanda Vazquez
      1. Met with our emerging leaders. They are working on a survey to help clarify what kinds of data are collected and how the data is collected regarding book challenges.
   3. Treasurer: Jennifer Steele
      1. Shared year-end financial report. Lots of discussion about the meaning of different numbers in the report and timing. We seem to be receiving financial reports late and no membership reports from ALA. Gianni will follow up regarding membership report and Steele will follow up on budget reports. Pekoll reminds the board that total revenues minus total expenditures balance goes back to ALA at the end of the year. Coyl shared that there is an operating agreement working group within the General Council looking at the situation regarding funds and Round Tables.
   4. Director at Large:
      1. Rebecca Moorman
         1. Set up the baseball game fundraiser for the Merritt Fund. Ticket site is live. $7.60 of each ticket will go to the Merritt Fund. We will also get a scoreboard shout out.
   5. Secretary: Rita Ennen
      1. Thanks again to Rebecca Moorman for taking the minutes of last month’s meeting.
2. **REPORT FROM COUNCILOR:** Peter Coyl
   1. Elections are currently open.
   2. Working on a draft resolution for IFRT anniversary. It should be ready to be presented at the annual conference in June.
3. **REPORT FROM OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**  Karen Gianni
   1. Position is posted and resumes are being received.
   2. Assistant director positions have been filled.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**
   1. Bylaws Committee: Steve Norman
      1. There were no bylaws changes on this year’s ballot.
   2. Coalition Building Committee: Ray James
      1. Four nominations were received for the Hodges Award. One is not qualified.
   3. Immroth Committee: Wanda Huffaker
      1. Reviewing applications and will be meeting next week to make a decision.
   4. Oboler Memorial Award Committee: Steph Barnaby
      1. There were six nominations. Committee met and selected Foundations of Intellectual Freedom by Emily Knox.
      2. Nominees could be good choices for IFRT Reads or similar programs.
   5. Programming and Events Committee: Johannah Genett
      1. Written report read by Ocana.
      2. March 1st program was attended by 36 people.
   6. Publications and Communications Committee: Sarah Hartman-Caverly
      1. The deadline for content submissions for newsletter is April 4th with target newsletter distribution date of April 18th.
      2. Plans for promoting all of the award winners on social media.
      3. Making transition plans for maternity absence during annual report season.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**
   1. Ocana adjourned the meeting at 3:48 pm CDT.