**IFRT Executive Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday December 7, 2022**

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, Johana Orellana Cabrera, Peter Coyl, Rita Ennen, Rhonda Evans, Johannah Genett, Karen Gianni, Sarah Hartman-Caverly, Wanda Huffaker, Ray James, Joyce McIntosh, Rebecca Moorman, Steve Norman, Angela Ocana, Deb Sica, Jennifer Steele, Deborah Caldwell Stone, Eric Stroshane, 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**

Steele moved to approve the agenda. Sica seconded. The motion carried and was passed with no objections.

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

IFRT Executive Committee Minutes – [October 26, 2022](https://connect.ala.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=9bd8dcb6-35aa-ff0a-f029-7c72b9e0ddd4&forceDialog=1). Barnaby moved to accept the minutes. Moorman seconded. The motion carried and was approved with no objections.

1. **REPORT OF OFFICERS**
   1. Chair: Angela Ocana
      1. Maya Bergamasco will be our emerging leader. Ocana will invite her to our next meeting. Plans to be at LibLearnX to help her get started.
   2. Chair-Elect: Amanda Vazquez
      1. Has begun meetings to plan the anniversary celebration in Chicago. Please send any suggestions particularly regarding venue or sponsors.
   3. Treasurer: Jennifer Steele
      1. Shared [Third Quarter financial report](https://connect.ala.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=0a363149-83a1-1f85-bdcc-9a8aa39ef330&forceDialog=1). We are track relative to previous years. Expenses for annual conference are already accounted for.
   4. Director at Large: Michael Blackwell
      1. Enjoying tweeting for the Publications Committee.
   5. Secretary: Rita Ennen
      1. Nothing to report.
2. **REPORT FROM COUNCILOR:** Peter Coyl
   1. Attended meeting to discuss feedback on the constitution and bylaws revisions. Another version will be presented at ALA
3. **REPORT FROM OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**  **Deborah Caldwell Stone** 
   1. Introduction of Eric Stroshane, new Interim Program Officer for challenge support.
   2. The new section of the Journal of Intellectual Freedom on challenges has been made open access.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. Bylaws Committee: Steve Norman
      1. Met with ALA Parliamentarian regarding bylaws changes. He said the revised bylaws are fine.
   2. Coalition Building Committee: Ray James
      1. An abundance of solid applicants available for the committee to discuss.
   3. Imroth Committee: Wanda Huffaker
      1. Press release will be posted to extend the deadline for nominations for the Imroth Award. New deadline will be March 1st. Please send suggestions for encouraging nominations. Self-nominations are allowed.
   4. Membership Promotion Committee:
      1. Carey has resigned as chair. Ocana will reach out to the group soliciting a new chair.
   5. Merritt Fund Support Committee: Deb Sica
      1. Will be meeting with Joyce ad Karen about fundraising history and preparing Merritt fund slides for LibLearnX.
      2. Created a giving Tuesday video.
      3. Discussed possibility of monthly ask the experts forum. Asked for volunteers to be an expert regarding challenges.
      4. Discussed the Kirk Cameron story time fake news.
   6. Nominating Committee: Rhonda Evans
      1. Two director-at-large candidates dropped out. We need at least one more candidate.
   7. Oboler Memorial Award Committee: Steph Barnaby
      1. No eligible nominations. Will need to extend the deadline. It has to have been published in 2021 or 2022.
      2. Could reach out to publishers for nominees.
   8. Programming and Events Committee: Johannah Genett
      1. Planning two programs for this year.
         1. February program: Intellectual Freedom Challenges Lessons from the Front. Two speakers are lined up and looking for one more.
         2. Spring program: Is Viewpoint Diversity an Alternative to Neutrality?
      2. Will be meeting to arrange the IFRT candidates panel in March.
      3. Requesting support for gift cards for the program speakers. Requesting $100 each for 7 speakers. James moved to approve $100 for a gift card for each speakers. Blackwell seconded. Motion carried with no objections.
   9. Publications and Communications Committee: Sarah Hartman-Caverly
      1. Will work on continuing to promote awards.
      2. Working on the Jan/Feb newsletter. Deadline for submissions will be January 30.
5. **Liaison Updates**
   1. James has posted a report on the Privacy Subcommittee
   2. First draft of updated standards for library services for the incarcerated and detained has been completed. Second draft in process. Anticipate final draft to be published in June.
   3. Discussion of problems with the program title Banned Books Week.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**
   1. Ocana adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm CDT.