**IFRT Executive Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 26, 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, Sam Jack, 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 1:40pm CDT. A quorum was established.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves and noted their positions in Zoom chat.

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

Blackwell moved to approve the agenda. Sica seconded.

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moorman moved to approve the minutes as presented. Huffaker seconded.

1. **MEMBERSHIP REPORTS DISCUSSION**

Gianni sent the report. Current membership is 1607, which Pekoll notes is an increase.

1. **EMERGING LEADERS PROJECT**

Vazquez reported on the emerging leaders. We have four assigned to IFRT. A survey was created and sent to every state to gather information to assess whether our current statistics for challenges are accurate. The survey was sent through SifNet. A number of states have not responded. Email reminders have been sent.

1. **REPORT OF OFFICERS**
   1. Chair: Angela Ocana
      1. Have not been able to secure a venue for the 50th anniversary.
      2. Schedule for annual conference is pretty settled. Awards will be presented at the UABB party on Thursday. Friday will be the Merritt Fund baseball game fundraiser. Hopefully the 50th anniversary party will be on Saturday and our Executive Committee board meeting will be on Sunday. Emerging Leaders presentation is yet to be scheduled but is usually on Saturday.
   2. Chair-Elect: Amanda Rene Vazquez
      1. Beginning to work on transitions for next year.
      2. $1000 is requested to be earmarked to support the emerging leaders’ project next year. After discussion, Blackwell moved to earmark $1000 to support the emerging leaders project next year. Moorman seconded. Vote was taken in chat. Motion carried.
   3. Treasurer: Jennifer Steele
      1. [IFRT FY22 3rd Qtr Financial Report](https://connect.ala.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=3847ea8e-9007-67be-2634-b806ec472698&forceDialog=1)
      2. [IFRT FY22 4th Qtr Financial Report](https://connect.ala.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=f381915a-05d1-3839-fc6c-e637f7e0b1b2&forceDialog=1)
      3. [IFRT FY23 1st Qtr Financial Report](https://connect.ala.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=64a2d752-3e1c-b9b4-0526-147122713e34&forceDialog=1)
      4. [IFRT FY23 2nd Qtr Financial Report](https://connect.ala.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=468ab6d2-6b3a-cbaa-52ff-3433e94ed879&forceDialog=1)
      5. All of last year’s quarterly reports are correct and have been posted.
      6. Reviewed the most recent report which is the 23 2nd quarter report which is current through the end of January. Discussion around net revenue and expenses and what we actually have available. $6500.
      7. $2000 will be needed for awards. If $1000 is allocated for emerging leaders, then there would be $3500 left for the party and other conference expenses.
2. **REPORT FROM COUNCILOR:** Peter Coyl
   1. The revised Bylaws passed and went into effect immediately.
   2. At LibLearnX, Council voted to give an honorary membership to Dolly Parton. A new Dolly Parton read poster is also available.
3. **REPORT FROM OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**  Karen Gianni
   1. Karen Gianni will be returning to her position as program coordinator for the Freedom to Read Foundation.
   2. Betsy Gomez will be the new staff liaison. She and Eric Stroshane will become permanent staff rather than contractors.
   3. Deputy Director position has been posted and review of applicants will begin soon.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**
   1. Immroth Committee: Wanda Huffaker
      1. The winner of the Immroth Award is Amanda Jones, a school librarian from Louisiana.
   2. Merritt Fund Support Committee: Deb Sica
      1. A possible readathon fundraiser for Merritt Fund at annual conference is in planning.
   3. Oboler Memorial Award Committee: Steph Barnaby
      1. There were six nominations. Committee met and selected Foundations of Intellectual Freedom by Emily Knox.
   4. Programming and Events Committee: Johannah Genett
      1. 67 attendees at the second spring program, Campuses Don’t Have a Wokeness Problem.
   5. Publications and Communications Committee: Sarah Hartman-Caverly
      1. Sam Jack is taking over the chair position a little early.
      2. Annual Report work is underway. Content deadline for committee annual report submissions is May 29. Hope to distribute the Annual Report on June 12.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**
   1. Blackwell moved to adjourn the meeting. Steele seconded. Ocana adjourned the meeting at 3:49 pm CDT.