

**American Library Association
Intellectual Freedom Round Table
Executive Committee Agenda
2018 Annual Conference Meeting
New Orleans, LA
Sunday, June 24, 2018**

Business Meeting - 3:00-5:00 pm, Morial Convention Center, Room 338-339

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS: Charles Kratz, Chair

Chairperson Kratz called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. CDT. He asked for introductions around the room.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ray James moved the agenda be approved. Wanda Huffaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the agenda was approved.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2018 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES – May 30, 2018: Charles Kratz - **Action Item**

a. Reconfirmation of any Virtual Meeting votes.

Kratz asked to reconfirm the vote of the approval of the Midwinter meeting minutes as well as to approve the minutes from the May 30 virtual meeting. Mack Freeman moved that the minutes be approved. Cyndi Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the minutes were approved.

Minutes available here: <http://www.ala.org/rt/ifrt/meeting-minutes>

III. REPORT FROM OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

James LaRue reported for the Office of Intellectual Freedom. The 10th edition of the IF Manual is in process. This will include a comprehensive review of everything we stand for and mean. It will include new content, and the process will take about two years.

There has been a shift in types of challenges libraries are receiving. There have been more challenges to speakers and displays. Thirteen Reasons Why was the number 1 challenged book in 2017. A lot of the challenges were in school libraries, and school librarians have been able to restore the books on several occasions. There has been a focus on LGBT challenges, and a shift from receiving challenges from parents and the public to several instances of unilateral action to remove books by administrators such as superintendents and principals.

Banned Books Week is coming up, and it is the single most popular event that ALA offers, especially after 2017 saw an increase in reported challenges.

Choose Privacy Week is rebranding to Choose Privacy Every Day. www.chooseprivacyeveryday.org. With privacy as a larger concern in the digital age, more resources need to be allocated to privacy. A proposal for an article to the Library Bill of Rights regarding privacy is in the works.

ALA Advocacy Boot Camps are available at travel cost only.

Several court cases may create new legal principles around intellectual freedom, privacy, and transparency. Robinson vs. Hunt County, Texas- Hunt County, Texas blocked a poster on a social media platform. The Freedom to Read Foundation has signed an amicus brief.

V. IFRT FINANCIAL AND BUDGET REVIEW: Steve Norman, Treasurer - Action Item

a. Review of/changes to/approval of 2018/2019 IFRT draft budget

Treasurer report- Steve Norman reported that IFRT is in excellent financial condition with a carryover of \$97,000.00. In the proposed budget for next year, providing free webinars to all IFRT members. Norman suggested that this much carryover is “a mission foregone.”

Round tables pay into ALA for staffing purposes.

OIF Staff Pekoll will follow-up with finance regarding contributions to be sure of details before proceeding.

Mack Freeman made a motion to approve the budget. Sarah Houghton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve Norman proposed donating \$2,500.00 to the Hodges Fund for the purpose of endowing the fund. This would be a donation to the fund by IFRT as the Hodges Fund is managed by OIF.

Steven Norman made a motion to donate \$2,500.00 to the Hodges Fund. Wanda Huffaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and a donation of \$2,500.00 to the Hodges Fund was approved by the IFRT Board.

****There is a suggestion to add a budget line for the Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy during the next budget cycle. No vote on this item for the future board to consider.**

VI. ESTABLISHMENT OF IFRT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - Action Item

After discussion at the meeting, IFRT Fundraising Task Force will stand for another year. No formal committee formed, no action taken on this item. Item to be reviewed at the end of the Task Force term.

VII. COORDINATION/RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING IFRT SOCIAL EVENTS - Action Item

There was discussion about who would be coordinating and planning social events. It was suggested that the Membership chair work with the Awards Chairs to coordinate social events. Several suggestions were made about possible future social events such a New Members Dinner that is pay as you go. No vote was taken. This was not formally decided at the meeting.

VIII. IFRT STRATEGIC PLANNING: Mack Freeman

a. Strategic Planning Special Committee

Mack Freeman requested members express interest in a Strategic Planning group, but also indicated that these would be formal appointments.

IX. ROLES FOR IFRT DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

To align with the Bylaws, Directors-at-Large should serve on 2 committees. Director-at-Large Houghton expressed interest in more concrete direction. Directors-at-Large could also divide and cover meetings such as IF Committee.

X. IFRT OFFICERS UPDATES (INFORMATION/ITEMS SINCE VIRTUAL MEETING)

A. Chair: Charles Kratz a. Review of IFRT Breakfast and Raffle

IFRT Breakfast and Raffle a success. John Pope's talk was well received, and the award winners were honored.

B. Chair-Elect: John Mack Freeman a. Reconfirmation of email vote on co-sponsorship (in name only) of Library Confidentiality: Your Privacy is Our Business being proposed by Kate Ross as a 2019 Jury Program.

A reconfirmation vote was taken on co-sponsoring Library Confidentiality: Your Privacy is Our Business being proposed by Kate Ross as a 2019 Jury Program. Mack Freeman moved to co-sponsor. Cyndi Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Directors: Kristin Joy Anderson, Sheila Bonnard, Sarah Lynn Houghton, Eldon Ray James- no reports given.

D. Secretary: Ashley Janet Brown – no report given.

XI. REPORT FROM IFRT COUNCILOR: Martin Garnar

A. Reconfirmation of email vote to support Council resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation

This resolution already passed at time of meeting. No need to reconfirm vote.

B. Other resolutions affecting intellectual freedom that may be presented to the ALA Council from other units or individual members. If so, IFRT will need to review them.

Proposed draft of resolution to require conference center observe ALA Policy on access to gender neutral bathrooms and expanding it to conference hotels. Asking that all restrooms be made gender neutral.

Proposed resolution on family separation could come forward at Council 3.

XII. IFRT STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES (INFORMATION/ITEMS SINCE VIRTUAL MEETING)

A. 2018 Program Committee: William Marden

Big Data: Friend or Foe was a great success. 139 people attended in a room that held 50 people. 30 people turned away at the door.

B. 2018 Nominating Committee: Cyndi Robinson & 2019 Nominating Committee: Charles Kratz
Cyndi Robinson thanked everyone who stood for election. Charles Kratz is looking for interested people to run.

C. Bylaws and Organization Committee: Cyndi Robinson – **Action Item**

Cyndi Robinson proposed a motion to change the language of Article 6 Section 1 of the Bylaws. Currently, only select committee chairs are allowed to vote via membership of the Executive Board. The proposed change would make all committee chairs members of the Executive Board of IFRT.

Current Article VI, Section 1:

The officers of the Round Table and the chairs of the Bylaws and Organization, Membership Promotion, Nominating, and Program Committees shall constitute the Executive Committee. Chairs of other standing committees and liaisons shall be non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

Proposed Revision (*changes in italic*):

The officers of the Round Table and the chairs of the Bylaws and Organization, *Coalition Building, John Philip Immroth Award, Membership Promotion, Merritt Fund Support, Nominating, Eli Oboler Award, Program, and Publications and Communication* Committees shall constitute the Executive Committee. ~~Chairs of other standing committees and~~ Liaisons shall be non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

Mack Freeman expressed concern that because committee chairs are appointed by the IFRT Chair and not elected, then that could create a block of votes from non-elected board members.

Robinson made a motion. Garnar seconded the motion. The motion carried with a majority. Freeman voting nay.

a. Approval of IFRT Handbook

Discussion of handbook and expressed gratitude in the work of the Bylaws Committee chair, Cyndi Robinson.

C. Membership Promotion Committee: Wanda Huffaker- membership up.

D. Publications & Communications Committee: Eric Johnson

-Social Media Update – Stephanie Barnaby and Keith Weimer- working on some cool stuff such as Banned Book Author Birthdays. Working through an email address- intellectualfreedomroundtalbe@gmail.com. Considering live streaming next year's Chair's program on social media.

E. Coalition Building Committee: Larissa Gordon

F. Merritt Fund Promotion Committee: James Teliha- great job.

G. John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award Committee: Michael Furlong- acknowledged the great applications that came in and expressed thanks.

H. Eli M. Oboler Award: Laura Kolutsky – expressed thanks to the committee. Great job.

XIII. IFRT LIAISONS REPORTS

XV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE ROUND TABLE

Cyndi Robinson asked that IFRT endorse changes to the Library Bill of Rights proposed by IFC. Cyndi Robinson moved that IFRT endorse in principle. Wanda Huffaker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT- Mack Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**