**IFRT Executive Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 24, 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, Chaz Carey, Peter Coyl, Rita Ennen, Sarah Hartman-Caverly, Wanda Huffaker, Ray James, Michael Kirby, Rebecca Moorman, Steve Norman, Deb Sica, Jennifer Steele, Amanda Vazquez, Senaida Velazquez

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

Vazquez called the meeting to order at 2:30pm CDT. A quorum was established.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves and noted their positions in Zoom chat.

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

IFRT Executive Committee Minutes – [July 27, 2022](https://connect.ala.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=3a0c3d7d-0bf2-afed-938d-69adc0a0d460). Moorman moved to accept the minutes. Huffaker seconded. The motion carried and was approved with no objections.

1. **REPORT OF OFFICERS**
   1. Chair-Elect: Amanda Vazquez
      1. Nothing to report.
   2. Treasurer: Jennifer Steele
      1. Nothing to report.
   3. Directors at Large: Michael Kirby
      1. Proposal was submitted and accepted for LibLearnX.
   4. Secretary: Rita Ennen
      1. Nothing to report.
2. **REPORT FROM COUNCILOR:** Peter Coyle
   1. Coyle is working on a written report regarding ALA Council meetings at ALA Annual Conference. Will include a report on the special Council meeting called for August 26th.
   2. ALA is working on the process to rescind the current constitution. The first of two votes will take place at the August 26th meeting. A committee is working on a proposal for a new constitution. When processes are complete, the membership will be asked to vote to rescind the old constitution followed by a vote to accept the new constitution. The plan in the end is to have one document that replaces both the current constitution and bylaws documents.
3. **REPORT FROM OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:**  **Joyce Hagen-Mackintosh**
   1. No report.
   2. We are currently without a blog coordinator for the Intellectual Freedom blog. Anyone interested should let Deborah Caldwell or Joyce know.
   3. Job description for Kristen Pekoll’s position is prepared and under consideration at ALA HR.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. Bylaws Committee: Steve Norman
      1. Committee met on August 24th to a plan for working to ensure IFRT’s bylaws conform to the template of the ALA Roundtable Coordinating Assembly.
   2. Imroth Committee: Wanda Huffaker
      1. Handbook located and timelines for awards consulted. Site for the [IFRT handbook](https://sites.google.com/view/ifrthandbook/home) noted.
   3. Membership Promotion Committee: Chaz Carey
      1. We currently have 137 members. Will be hosting our first member meet-up in October.
   4. Merritt Fund Support Committee: Deb Sica
      1. Working to promote visibility across ALA listservs and channels. Sica has a speaking engagement with Joyce Hagen-Mackintosh in Seattle.
   5. Oboler Memorial Award Committee: Steph Barnaby
      1. Committee’s first meeting with be September 2nd. Discussion about adding and finding events in Connect. Discussion about rules for attending, participation, and membership on IFRT committees.
   6. Publications and Communications Committee: Sarah Hartman-Caverly
      1. Committee met August 17th. Will continue to use the [Events Promotion checklist](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FLvfwL9dRyOgtz2mGd030ehCev8zC23K8DO1YPAj-HQ/copy). Please use this to share content with the committee so they can coordinate communication across all social media outlets.
      2. Deadline for content submissions for the October newsletter is October 3rd. Planned publication date is October 17th.
5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE ROUND TABLE**
   1. Adding a Committee for the IFRT 50th Birthday. – Tabled.
   2. Liaison for the Rainbow Roundtable. – Tabled.
   3. Statement on attack on Salman Rushdie.
      1. Coyl shared that in the past roundtables were not allowed to issue statements. We can ask ALA to make a statement and ask to contribute. After discussion, by a show of hands the consensus was for Vazquez to reach out to Deborah Caldwell and encourage ALA to make a statement.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Blackwell moved to adjourn the meeting. Vazquez adjourned the meeting at 3:21pm CDT.