IFRT Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
11:30am - 1:00pm AKT; 12:30-2:00pm PT; 1:30-3:00pm MT; 2:30-4:00pm CT; 3:30-5:00pm ET  

MINUTES

Members Present:
Kristin Anderson, Steph Barnaby, Michael Blackwell, Johana Orellana Cabrera, Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Viviana Cois, Peter Coyl, Skip Dye, Rhonda Evans, Johanna Genett, Kristin Green, Wanda Huffaker, Ray James, Michael Kirby, Rebecca Moorman, Angela Ocaña, Kristin Pekoll, Russel Peterson, Lisa Pritchard, Cyndi Robinson, Stephanie Singleton, Jennifer Steele, Amanda Vazquez, Senaida Velazquez.

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:
Evans called the meeting to order at 2:32pm CST. A quorum was established. She noted that we will try to move through our meeting quickly, so members can attend the TAG Task Force meeting this afternoon. She encouraged members to post their reports in chat, to be recorded below.

II. INTRODUCTIONS
Members introduced themselves using the Zoom chat feature.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Moorman noted that Jeremy Brett won’t be here, so the Reading in prisons discussion is tabled again. Coyl moved to approve the amended agenda. Anderson seconded. The motion carried, and was passed with no objections.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
IFRT Executive Committee Minutes - December 8, 2021. Pekoll noted an error with the adjournment time; we met for more than 14 minutes. Moorman will revise. Vazquez moved to approve the amended minutes. Huffaker seconded. The motion carried, and was passed with no objections.

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
A. Chair: Rhonda Evans
   i. Our Emerging Leader project was accepted, and the Emerging Leaders will begin working on that during LibLearnX.
ii. Evans has started being contacted by ALA presidential candidates, so we will probably have visitors at the next couple meetings. She will let us know in advance so we can develop questions to ask them.

B. Chair-Elect: Angela Ocaña
   i. Nothing to report.

C. Treasurer: Jennifer Steele
   i. Nothing to report.

D. Director at Large: Kristin Anderson
   i. Nothing to report.

E. Director at Large: Amanda Vazquez
   i. Nothing to report.

F. Director at Large: Johana Orellana Cabrera
   i. Nothing to report.

G. Secretary: Rebecca Moorman
   i. Nothing to report.

VI. REPORT FROM COUNCILOR: Peter Coyl

   A. We’re getting a couple of resolutions in advance of the LibLearnX meeting. One is from a bunch of school librarians on intellectual freedom, and Coyl plans on voting for that resolution. He’s waiting for drafts of other resolutions.

VII. REPORT FROM OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM: Kristin Pekoll

   A. The Freedom to Read Foundation is seeking nominations for their Board of Trustees. Contact Joyce McIntosh or Karen Downing with questions or to express interest in serving on the FTRF Board of Trustees. The deadline for nominations or self-nominations is Friday, February 18, 2022.

   B. Caldwell-Stone reported that the State Legislative Toolkit that came out of last fall’s legislative summit on state legislation has been completed and is available through the advocacy website. There are some resources in the toolkit that are limited to ALA members.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

   A. Bylaws Committee: Kristin Green
i. Committee met on January 10th and continued to perform our review of committee charges with intent to have them all updated and reviewed in anticipation of larger Round Table bylaws changes.

ii. With 10 standing committees
   I. Four committees are finished (Membership, Nominating, Oboler, Programs).
   II. One committee’s description will be voted on today (PubCom).
   III. Three committees will have new language ready for voting in February’s Executive Committee Meeting (Bylaws, Coalition Building, Merritt Fund).
   IV. One committee we have yet to hear from (Immrorth)
   V. We request that you all look at the Executive Committee charge description by 2/4/22 to share any suggestions or commentary you may have before Bylaws meets again.

iii. For the Publications and Communications Committee, there is a vote today on the agenda to change the language describing that committee’s charge. The new description was written by the PubCom Committee, with additional language suggestions made by the Bylaws Committee which more accurately describes what the committee does.

iv. James moved that we vote to change the PubCom charge, and Moorman seconded. The motion carried with no objections.

B. Coalition Building Committee: Ray James
   i. The committee had one excellent nominee for the Hodges Award, but would like to extend the deadline for submissions to February 1, in order to solicit additional nominations. Barnaby moved to extend the deadline; Vazquez seconded. The motion was approved without objection.

C. Immroth Committee: Johannah Genett
   i. The Immroth Committee had five nominations for the award. Each committee member has been assigned a nominee to review, with reports due by January 25. The team will meet after that to discuss the nominees and make a decision.

D. Merritt Fund Support Committee: Cyndi Robinson
   i. We are working on some talking points and promotional materials for the fund, and we had a big push at the end of the year so I’m hopeful that we brought in some donations. Robinson shared the donation link in case any of us want to make a donation or share the link.

E. Nominating Committee: Wanda Huffaker
i. Nothing to report.

F. Oboler Memorial Award Committee: Michael Blackwell
   i. We received 9 submissions, two of which are books and will be considered next year. We have had one session to evaluate them and are moving towards a consensus on the winner. When all committee members have commented, we will reply to all the entrants and do a press release.

G. Programming and Events Committee: Steph Barnaby
   i. We have an event coming up on January 28, a webinar called Police in Libraries: Asset not Arrest.

H. Publications and Communications Committee: Michael Kirby
   i. Want to quickly thank Rhonda for contributing to the newsletter, and thanks to Kristin for throwing it all together. The newsletter is out if you haven’t seen it already.

IX. Liaison Updates
   A. Rhonda Evans: Joint Professional Values Programming Subgroup
      This group has coordinated a lot of good programming at LibLearnX, so keep an eye out for those programs.
   B. Rebecca Moorman: IFC Privacy Subcommittee Liaison
      The Privacy Field Guides are completed, and the interactive website will be up in February. If anyone in this group is interested in print copies of the guides, you can order them through a link I shared. Please do not share more widely before the website is up.

X. Upcoming Meetings & Events
   A. LibLearnX - January 21-24
   C. Next Executive Committee Meeting is February 16, 2:30-4:00pm CST.
   D. At 3:00pm CST today the Transforming ALA Governance Task Force reimagining ALA governance will be having a Q&A session. Their recommendations will affect how round tables fit into the association and function, so some in this group may be interested in attending.

XI. Adjournment
   A. Barnaby moved that we end the meeting, and Blackwell seconded. Evans adjourned the meeting at 2:59pm CST.