



# 2018 Elections



March 12-April 4

Dear Intellectual Freedom Round Table Members;

You should receive an email today (if you haven't already) that will provide instructions on voting in the ALA elections. Last year, of the 1096 IFRT members eligible to vote, only 345 members cast a ballot. **Only 31%.**

Let us aim for a higher response. Please take a moment before April 4th to engage in the process.



## Call for Volunteers for 2018-2019 Committee Appointments

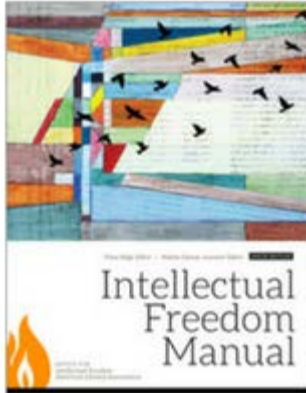
Do you want to get more involved with the Intellectual Freedom Round Table? Do you want to put your skills to work on behalf of IFRT? Now is your chance! **Volunteer to serve on an IFRT committee.** We will soon be making appointments to committees that begin after the 2018 Annual Conference and will run for 1-2 years. We are currently seeking members and chairpersons for all **IFRT committees.**

Committee service does not require attendance at conference. This is a great chance to "meet" other like-minded IFRT members, shape the direction and work of the round table, and build your leadership skills. Everyone who would like to be on a committee, whether new or seeking reappointment, **should fill out the ALA volunteer form.**

Two new ad-hoc committees for 2018-2019: Education Advisory Special Committee and Strategic Planning Special

Committee.

If you have questions about appointments, volunteering, or a particular committee, please contact IFRT Chair-Elect John "Mack" Freeman at [johnmackfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:johnmackfreeman@gmail.com).



## Seeking Intellectual Freedom Fighters

The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee is seeking volunteers for a new working group, tasked with reviewing ALA statements and interpretations that will be included in the new edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual. The goal is to determine whether each document need to be updated. The working group has a conference call once every two weeks and will work primarily through Google Docs.

Interested? Contact Ellie Diaz at [ediaz@ala.org](mailto:ediaz@ala.org).



## 2018 IFRT Election

Cyndi Robinson, chair of the IFRT Nominating Committee, submits a slate of candidates for the 2018 IFRT Election. The election opens on March 12 and closes on April 11.

### **Vice-chair/Chair-elect**

Audrey Barbakoff, King County Library System  
Ashley Brown, Auburn Public Library

### **Secretary**

Isabel Klein, Hudson Library & Historical Society

### **Director-at-large** (2 positions)

Kristin Joy Anderson, Lewis University  
Michael Furlong, University of Central Florida  
Wanda Huffaker, Salt Lake County Library  
Eric Johnson, Miami University

### **Councilor**

Martin Garnar, University of Colorado Colorado Springs  
Julia Warga, Kenyon College

Read more about the candidates

## Congratulations Lindsey

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Lindsey Whittington

## Whittington

Whittington, a media specialist in Dixie County, Florida, publicly defended the First Amendment rights of her students. Mike Thomas, the superintendent of Dixie County issued a directive that forbids the purchase of printed materials containing profanity or inappropriate subject matter.

While defending the rights of her students, Whittington was eloquent in stating, "I am very proud of the books that are currently in the library and in the curriculum for the high school. I stand behind the reading and the English teachers and their rationale for teaching texts of their choosing in order to impart to students the valuable lessons that can be learned from these esteemed novels. Isn't the point of education to teach students how to think, not what to think?"

Whittington is the 2018 recipient of the [John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award](#) which honors significant contributions defending intellectual freedom. Read the entire [press release](#).



## Congratulations Nebraska Library Association

The 2017 recipient of the Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award is the Nebraska Library Association Round Table for Intellectual Freedom. NLA [Round Table for Intellectual Freedom](#) published a new Intellectual Freedom Manual in 2016. Throughout 2017, they traveled the state giving numerous presentations. Their work led to increased awareness of the importance of intellectual freedom in the state and spurred much discussion regarding specific issues such as computer access policies, use of meeting rooms, and labeling collections.

The [Hodges Award](#) recognizes an organization that has developed a strong multi-year, ongoing program or a single, one year project that exemplifies support for intellectual freedom, patron confidentiality, and anti-censorship efforts.

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