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Dear Member of the Intellectual Freedom Roundtable:

It is a real pleasure to send this first Chairperson's report to you; particularly as very often in the planning of the Roundtable I had serious doubts if there ever would be such a Roundtable. But we are now a legal bona fide ALA Roundtable. You will find enclosed with this letter the following items: (1) a list of all of the members of the Roundtable to date; (2) a receipt for dues received; (3) a copy of the revised Bylaws; (4) brief minutes of the Las Vegas meeting; (5) a list of current officers and committee members; and (6) the July OIF MEMORANDUM to State Intellectual Freedom Committee chairmen. I hope this material will be useful to you.

I have already received suggestions and ideas from some members of the Roundtable and urge those of you with further ideas to write to me as soon as possible. I hope to have established certain committees prior to the Midwinter Meeting so that we can be actively functioning at that time.

On the advance ALA membership renewal form you will notice that we are listed in a computer printed line at the bottom of the form. I have been informed that, on the regular renewal forms, we will be listed as other Roundtables are. The ALA Membership Records Department is quite concerned about having a dual dues structure listed on the form. If this can be resolved, the form will read: $5.00 for basic dues or $9.00 to include the NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM. If this cannot be worked out on the membership form, we will prepare separate forms for NIF, as it is mandated by our Bylaws.

I am sure many of you are aware of the intellectual freedom activities that have occurred since Las Vegas. Although you will be receiving the MEMORANDUM from the Office for Intellectual Freedom, I'll point out to you briefly that the ALA petition for a rehearing of the cases decided June 21 has been filed with the Supreme Court, and that Mrs. Krug appeared on the Today Show July 18. Also of interest is the fact that we now have over 100 members of the IFRT.

Sincerely,

John Phillip Immroth
Chairperson
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CALL TO ORDER

The organizational meeting of the IFRT was called to order at 8:45 P.M. by the chairperson pro tem, John Phillip Immroth.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

After a brief discussion of the purposes of the round table and several details of the proposed bylaws, including the terms of office for the various officers, Mary Ann Malkin moved and Grace Slocum seconded

THAT the proposed bylaws be adopted.

The following amendments were moved and passed:

THAT the section providing for ex officio members of the Executive Committee (Article VI, Section IV of the proposed bylaws) be deleted and Section V of Article VI be accordingly numbered Section IV.

THAT Article VII, Section IV be changed to state that members of standing committees (other than the nominating committee) shall serve two years, with their terms overlapping so that no more than one-half of the members shall be retired in any one year.

THAT Article X, Section I (on amendments to the bylaws) be changed to specify that the bylaws may be amended by a majority of those voting at any annual meeting or by mail ballot et seq.

It was then

VOTED, THAT the bylaws be adopted as amended.

ENROLLMENT OF CHARTER MEMBERS

By unanimous consent dues for the period 7-73 through 12-73 were set at $2.00. Members were then enrolled.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After adoption of the bylaws and enrollment of members, elections were
held in accordance with Article IV, Section VIII. The following officers were elected:

Chairperson: John Phillip Immroth
Vice-chairperson, chairperson-elect: Jean-Anne South
Secretary: John Carter (1974)
Treasurer: Mrs. Florence McMullin (1975)
Directors: Patricia Finley (1975)
           John Forsman (1974)
           Jane Robbins (1975)
Nominating committee: Edmund Arnold
                   Tyron Emerick
                   Mrs. Carolyn Forsman
                   Peter Neenan
                   Walter Smith

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chairperson at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Funk
Acting Staff Liaison