IFRT REPORT

No. 4, August 1974

From the Chairperson, Jean-Anne South

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--Minutes of the IFRT Executive Committee meetings at the 1974 Annual Conference
--Minutes of the IFRT membership meeting
--A report submitted to the membership by 1973-74 Chairperson John Phillip Immoth
--A recap of intellectual freedom program meetings (proceedings will appear in the September 1974 Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom)
--Plus reports on the meetings of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Freedom to Read Foundation

With this issue...

--The 1974 IFRT membership directory
--A copy of Kenneth P. Norwick's Lobbying for Freedom

Notice

All members of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table receive as a perquisite of membership the IFRT Report, which is issued irregularly. All members are also entitled to order the bimonthly ALA Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom at the reduced rate ($4.00) authorized by the IFRT Executive Committee.

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This is the fourth IFRT Report. Previous issues sent to members were dated August 1973, January 1974, and May 1974.
Lobbying for Freedom

Kenneth P. Norwick's *Lobbying for Freedom*, mailed with this issue (if received in time from the publisher, otherwise to follow shortly), is a superb, straightforward account of how to present one's point of view to a legislator and to make that presentation effective.

Since Norwick's "citizen's guide to state legislatures and how to make them respond on vital issues" uses as its example censorship laws, it should prove doubly useful to all librarians who wish to oppose laws that restrict their right to disseminate materials on all subjects of interest to their patrons.

Information on ordering additional copies will appear in an IFRT REPORT as soon as it becomes available.

IFRT Membership Directory

In the 1974 IFRT Membership Directory names appear in zip code sequence. The decision to print them in zip sequence was based on two factors.

First, it was hoped that IFRT members would use the directory to locate other persons in their region or state - persons who can be called upon for support in planning a program, organizing an intellectual freedom network, etc., etc., etc.

Second, the directory will be mailed to the chairpersons of the intellectual freedom committees of the fifty state library associations, who will want to contact persons in their states. IFRT can support them in planning state or regional workshops, programs at state association conferences, etc., etc.

Forthcoming Meetings

1975 Midwinter Meeting
January 19 - 25
Chicago, Palmer House Hotel

1975 Annual Conference
June 29 - July 5
San Francisco
From the OIF MEMO:

New York Conference Program Highlights

One of the hits of the Conference week was "Reality and Reason: Intellectual Freedom and Youth," cosponsored by IFRT, the Intellectual Freedom Committee, the Children's Services Division, the Young Adult Services Division, and the American Association of School Librarians.

"Reality and Reason" explored the librarian's role in providing realistic materials for young people. Those of you who were there know what an effective advocate each speaker was.

Dr. Richard Escott spoke from the standpoint of the school administrator; the veteran of a recent censorship incident involving Slaughterhouse-Five, Escott knows all too well that such frays are by no means characterized by reason.

Elaine Simpson considered the evaluation and selection of young adult reading and, in the end, called for reason to be the guide in selection.

Patricia Finley described the traditional role of the children's librarian as protector, and suggested that librarians could better serve children by becoming advocates of their rights; she urged librarians to help children develop their critical sense through reading.

Norma Klein (author of Mom, The Wolfman and Me and Confessions of an Only Child) discussed both her interests in writing and her hopes for a more realistic future for children's literature.

The finale was a series of remarks by three high school students from Baltimore. These students are at present involved in litigation, funded by the ACLU, regarding the distribution of a student newspaper on the high school campus. The students' comments on their present legal entanglements and on the First Amendment and the rights of minors was a convincing conclusion.

If you weren't able to attend the program (and even if you were) you'll be pleased to know that tape cassettes of the formal addresses will be available after October 1 from: Developmental Digest, P. O. Box 49938, Los Angeles, CA 90040.

In addition, the speeches will be featured in the September Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom. Single issues of the Newsletter will be available for $1.00.

The IFC's second program was an address by noted conservative social thinker Ernest van den Haag, on the topic of "Freedom and Censorship."
In a nutshell, Dr. van den Haag argued that if there is indeed any problem with freedom of expression it is that we have too much of it! He further stated that materials that are sexually explicit are a threat to our well-ordered society and its future. In regard to the library, he advised that librarians have no business selecting materials. Rather, the library board, as representatives of the community, should select library materials. If you weren't able to hear Dr. van den Haag first-hand, the full text of his speech will be run in the September Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom.

One Sour Note: No-Show of Woodward and Bernstein

For many persons at the Conference the biggest disappointment of the week was the no-show of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, who were scheduled to speak at the IFRT program meeting.

It seems that the forces of the universe conspired against us that night. As you may know, Woodward and Bernstein were assigned to the House Judiciary Committee hearings on impeachment. With the committee in session on Wednesday, July 10, they couldn't leave Washington until the committee recessed. Thereupon, they rushed to National Airport to catch the shuttle to LaGuardia. Simultaneously, Newark Airport was hit with a massive power failure, so all Newark-bound airplanes were routed to LaGuardia. This additional air traffic, along with the fact that all runways except one closed at LaGuardia at 5:00 P.M., resulted in a two-hour stack-up. At this point, air control authorities asked that all Washington-New York airplanes be held in Washington until the congestion over New York was cleared. Those of you who were at Annual Conference know the rest of the story. In the end, given the circumstances, the IFRT decided it was best to cancel the program.

From the OIF MEMO:

Report on the Intellectual Freedom Committee

This may be one for Ripley's Believe it or Not, but for the first time in recent history, the Intellectual Freedom Committee actually met for less than its scheduled 14 hours of meeting time! That doesn't imply, however, that the Committee had a slimmer agenda, as the following recap proves:

Resolution in Honor of Earl Warren

During Conference week, the death of former Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren was announced. As IFC Chairman Kathleen Molz stated in her report to Council, "when a small twig is snapped, little change occurs in the forest, but when the oak is felled the loss is felt for generations."
In tribute to the memory of Warren, the Committee drafted a memorial resolution for Council approval. It was unanimously approved.

International Concerns

After the 1974 Midwinter Meeting, a joint subcommittee of the IFC and International Relations Committee was appointed to prepare a policy statement regarding those international problems which have intellectual freedom implications. A draft statement was prepared, approved by both committees, and subsequently approved by the ALA Council. This statement will guide the committees in dealing with incidents involving foreign librarians, scholars, etc. In essence the Association endorsed Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

Re the Abridgment of Free Expression

Last spring, the Committee was asked to act on the denial of the rights of a number of academicians to discuss publicly on university campuses the results of their research in the areas of race and intelligence. The American Association of University Professors had already responded to these incidents of suppression and issued a powerful statement defending the right of scholars to pursue research and discuss the findings. Because the Library Bill of Rights urges all librarians to cooperate with other groups resisting censorship, the Committee drafted a resolution endorsing the AAUP's stand and stating the Association's concern in this matter. This resolution was approved by Council.

National Interlibrary Loan Code

The IFC was asked to consider provisions in the Interlibrary Loan Code which appear to discriminate against college and university undergraduates and, in particular, to identify any possible conflicts with the Library Bill of Rights. Representatives of the Reference and Adult Services Division met with the Committee to discuss particulars of the Code. After lengthy debate the Committee agreed that the Code is not in fact or spirit contrary to the Library Bill of Rights.

CBS Suit Against Vanderbilt University

The Committee also discussed the legal struggle between CBS and Vanderbilt University over the university's taping of the network's evening news broadcasts. The Committee recommended to the ALA Executive Board the appointment of an interorganizational committee to discuss the disposition of news broadcasts and documentaries. It was suggested that this committee be comprised of representatives from the ALA, the Association of American Archivists, the U. S. National Archives, the National Association of Broadcasters and other concerned organizations.
From the OIF MEMO:

**Freedom to Read Foundation Recap**

Officers of the FTRF met for two days before the opening of the 1974 Annual Conference. No major surprises popped up, but it was definitely business as usual.

**California Suit - One Step At a Time**

Legal counsel reported on the current status of the California suit challenging the state's Harmful Matter Statute. Last spring suit was filed in California Superior Court in Los Angeles. And, on June 12, 1974 California Attorney General Evelle Younger responded with a demurrer. The Foundation's response was filed on July 31 and oral arguments were held on August 7. Superior Court Judge Harry L. Hupp overruled the demurrer and ordered Younger to respond to the Foundation's complaint.

**Student Membership Okayed**

In an effort to broaden membership, the Trustees voted to authorize a special $5.00 student membership. With this new membership category, it was hoped that students in library science programs will commit themselves early in their careers to the principles of intellectual freedom.

**FTRF Officers**

With the conclusion of the meeting of the 1973-74 Board, the 1974-75 Board was seated. The first matter of business for the new Trustees was the election of officers.

Foundation officers for 1974-75 are:

- Richard L. Darling, President
- Florence McMullin, Vice-President
- Jean-Anne South, Treasurer

**Division Reps**

In addition to the regular Foundation officers and Board members, a number of ALA divisions have designated observers. These representatives enjoy all the privileges of elected Trustees except the right to vote. For 1974-75 the observers are:

- Patricia Finley - CSD
- John E. Smith - ACRL
- Janet Bowman - YASD
- Margaret Thrasher - PLA
- Billie Salter - RTSD
- Virginia Parker - RASD
- Morris Gelfand - LED
- Phyllis Land - AASL
- Fred Blum - ISAD
Money Talk

The Foundation's treasury is better padded now than it was before July 1, thanks to several very generous contributions which were made to the Foundation during Conference week. First, as we reported last month, the Foundation was the recipient of the $500.00 John R. Rowe Memorial Award presented by the Exhibits Round Table. In addition, the Intellectual Freedom Round Table donated $100.00 to the Foundation's coffers. And most impressive, the Maryland Library Association gifted $1,000.00 to the FTRF; the MLA specified that this amount represents one dollar for each MLA member.

LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund

The Merritt Trustees agreed to make two major changes in the nature of the Fund. First, they voted to expand the scope of the Fund to include discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual preference, race, religion and place of national origin, and violations of employment rights, as well as matters of intellectual freedom.

Second, the Trustees have asked legal counsel to prepare a new trust agreement that will allow contributors to the Fund to elect the Trustees. Through democratization, it is hoped that they will be able to achieve greater membership support.

Reading Worth Noting


In addition to presenting a sensitive treatment of one man's struggle to bring order to his family's life after losing his teaching position for wearing a black armband to express his opposition to the Vietnam war, Harris gives a superlative capsule history of the U. S. Supreme Court's interpretations of the meaning and limits of freedom of speech.

Your Comments?

Comments and contributions to the IFRT Report should be sent to: IFRT Report, Intellectual Freedom Round Table, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.
The American Library Association is moving toward development of an official reaction to the report of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

1. All units and members are invited to react to any facet of the Second Draft Proposal now circulating. Copies of a synopsis were distributed at the ALA Annual Conference and copies of the full draft may be obtained by request from the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, 1717 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

2. Opinions, questions and suggestions will be most helpful if submitted to the ALA Legislation Committee for its use in developing a recommendation for an official ALA response.

3. It is not necessary to produce a definitive analysis of the current report in order to make suggestions. The ALA Legislation Committee welcomes and encourages piecemeal contributions and is especially interested in identification of missing elements.

4. This is not the time to discuss the draft plan with Members of Congress, who will prefer a final product and suggested legislation they can work on.

5. A tentative time schedule is:

   Prior to Midwinter 1975: ALA members and units submit recommendations and comments to the ALA Legislation Committee

   . At Midwinter 1975: Preliminary report by the ALA Legislation Committee – discussion by membership

   . At Annual Conference 1975: Council action on a draft document expressing ALA’s viewpoint

6. When ALA has settled on its position on the Commission’s recommendations in final form, ALA will offer an action program in support of its conclusions.

The Legislation Committee would appreciate having as many reactions as possible by November 1.

Order Now


--Dr. Richard H. Escott: "Everybody's Talking at Me"
--Elaine Simpson: "Reason, Not Emotion"
--Patricia Finley: "Advocating Children's Rights"
--Norma Klein: "More Realism for Children"

Also appearing in the September Newsletter is Dr. Ernest van den Haag's "Free Speech and Censorship," remarks on the limits of freedom of speech and the press.

Copies are available for $1.00 each. Use the order form on the reverse.

For IFRT Members Only

Members of IFRT can subscribe to the ALA Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom at the reduced rate of $4.00 per year (regular rate: $5.00; after January 1, $6.00). Use the form on the reverse side to subscribe. Today!

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CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table was called to order on Monday, July 8, 1974, at 2:00 P.M. by John Phillip Immroth, Chairperson.

PRESENT: John Carter Patricia Finley Dean Galloway Florence McMullin Joan Marshall Jean-Anne South John Phillip Immroth, Chairperson

ABSENT: Carolyn Forsman John Forsman Jane Robbins Laura Smith

GUESTS: Jeanne Bagby David Brunton James Deyer Marilyn Gell Evelyn Geller Clara Jackson Evert Volkersz Edward Whittaker

Mr. Immroth announced the results of the 1974 election:

Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect: David Brunton
Secretary: Edward Whittaker
Directors: Evelyn Geller Clara Jackson

Mr. Immroth then introduced the new members of the Executive Committee and the other guests present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a call for approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee's 1974 Midwinter Meeting, Mrs. McMullin asked that the word "unanimously"
on page 3, line 3, be struck because she did not vote for the motion in question. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (See Minutes of 1974 Membership Meeting, Exhibit I)

Mr. Immroth outlined a report under preparation for distribution at the IFRT Membership Meeting on Tuesday, July 9. The matters to be mentioned in the report included a brief history of the formation of the round table, the appointment of committees, and planning for programs at the 1974 Annual Conference.

Mr. Immroth also noted that as of June 30, 1974, IFRT was the largest ALA round table with a membership of 1,150.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Exhibit II)

The statement of income and expenses for the period September 1, 1973-May 31, 1974 was approved.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Paul Cors, chairperson of the Bylaws Committee, Mr. Immroth called attention to the proposed Bylaws changes to be voted on at the 1974 membership meeting. Mr. Immroth noted that the proposed changes had been distributed as a part of the May 1974 IFRT REPORT, and that this action satisfied the requirement of notice as set forth in the Bylaws.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

In view of the fact that the Program Committee was first established at the 1974 Midwinter Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee decided at that time to assume responsibility for programs at the 1974 Annual Conference; Jean-Anne South was appointed coordinator of program planning.

Ms. South reported that three students from Woodlawn Senior High School in Baltimore County, Md. - Messrs. Rodney Jackson, Sam Nitzberg and Richard Smith - had at the invitation of IFRT participated in the July 8 program, "Reality and Reason: Intellectual Freedom and Youth," jointly sponsored by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, the Children's Services Division, the Young Adult Services Division, the American Association of School Librarians, and the Intellectual Freedom Round Table.

Ms. South also reported that executives of Simon and Schuster had approached ALA to request program time at the 1974 Annual Conference for an appearance of Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, authors of ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN, and that they had been invited to appear at the July 10 program meeting of IFRT.

Dean Galloway, Chairperson of the Program Committee, announced that his committee would report at the July 11 meeting of the Executive Committee.
MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Laura Smith, chairperson of the Membership Promotion Committee, discussion of membership promotion was tabled until the July 11 session.

MATERIALS TO MEMBERS

After the formation of the Round Table at the 1973 Annual Conference, the OIF monthly MEMORANDUM was mailed to the approximately 100 IFRT charter members throughout the remainder of 1973. At the 1974 Midwinter Meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the continuation of this practice. After considering costs, the Executive Committee authorized a statement of projected costs in the IFRT REPORT and requested implementation of a poll of membership preferences. Mr. Funk announced the results of the poll: twenty-six were in favor of mailing the OIF MEMORANDUM to all members; twenty-three were against.

Mr. Funk announced that some members returned suggestions with their votes: lowering costs by reducing pages 50%; mailing the MEMORANDUM only to those who indicate they want it; raising dues by $2.50 to cover costs. Two members said they would prefer to see the NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM made a perquisite of membership.

After a discussion of problems, including the proliferation of periodicals on matters of intellectual freedom, and possible alternatives, it was decided, following a suggestion by Ms. South, that the IFRT REPORT would be mailed to members on a bi-monthly basis until the 1975 Midwinter Meeting. Miss South said that she would, as the chairperson did before her, act as editor.

NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM: SPECIAL IFRT RATE

Mr. Funk announced that approximately forty IFRT members had subscribed to the ALA NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM at the special $4.00 rate authorized by IFRT. In order to reimburse the NEWSLETTER for the difference between the special and regular rates, Mr. Carter moved, Mrs. McMullin seconded, and the Executive Committee VOTED, That the IFRT Staff Liaison be authorized on a continuing basis to order payment to the NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM of amounts due based on the difference between the regular subscription rate and the special rate authorized by IFRT.

DONATION TO ALA

At the 1974 Midwinter Meeting of the Executive Committee, action concerning contribution of ten percent of IFRT income to ALA was postponed.
until the 1974 Annual Conference meeting. In bringing the matter before the Executive Committee, Mr. Immroth expressed his view that any action taken by the Executive Committee should go to the membership as a recommendation from the Executive Committee.

A number of problems were discussed, including establishment of a precedent of donating ten percent in the absence of any realistic estimate of overhead expenses assumed by ALA. In view of the staff services provided by the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, Ms. Marshall moved, Mr. Galloway seconded, and the Executive Committee VOTED, That it be recommended to the membership that a $500.00 donation be given to the Office for Intellectual Freedom for services rendered to IFRT.

ALA PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Immroth reminded the committee that at the 1974 Midwinter Meeting he had asked them to send him any comments they might have on the report of the ALA Committee on Planning. He stated that he had received no criticisms or suggestions from Committee members. At the suggestion of the chair further consideration of the Planning Committee's report was tabled.

1975 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (Exhibit III)

Mr. Funk called the Executive Committee's attention to the tentative schedule of IFRT program and business meetings at the 1975 Annual Conference in San Francisco. Mr. Galloway suggested that the staff liaison attempt to avoid any conflict in program meetings with the Social Responsibilities Round Table.

IFRT HOTEL SUITE AT 1975 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mr. Immroth asked if the Executive Committee wished to consider renting a hotel suite during the 1975 Annual Conference. After discussion of the need for planning, particularly to assure that the suite would be effectively utilized, it was agreed that the question could best be resolved in light of activities planned by the Program and Membership Promotion Committees.

The Executive Committee referred the question of rental of a suite to the Program and Membership Promotion Committees. They were asked to report at the 1975 Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.

AGENDA FOR THE 1974 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mr. Immroth announced that agenda items for the Membership Meeting would include approval of the Minutes of the 1973 organizational meeting, approval of the proposed changes in the Bylaws, election of a nominating
committee (required by the Bylaws), as well as any items referred to the membership by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Immroth observed that in view of the brevity of the formal agenda and the possibility that as much as an hour would remain at the Membership Meeting after completion of the agenda, perhaps one hour of the Membership Meeting could be devoted to an open forum on matters of intellectual freedom.

**CONTRIBUTION TO THE FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION**

Discussion of a possible report on the Freedom to Read Foundation's activities at the Membership Meeting gave rise to a suggestion that IFRT contribute to the Foundation. Ms. South moved, Mrs. McMullin seconded, and the Executive Committee

VOTED, That it be recommended to the membership that IFRT donate $100.00 to the Freedom to Read Foundation.

**REPRESENTATION ON FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

During the discussion of the need for regular communications between IFRT and the Freedom to Read Foundation, it was pointed out that the Junior Members Round Table and the Social Responsibilities Round Table are represented on the Freedom to Read Foundation Board of Trustees. Ms. South addressed herself briefly to the historical circumstances surrounding JMRT and SRRT's representation on the Foundation Board. She also pointed out that the question of IFRT representation was not now pressing in view of the fact that she was in 1974 elected to a two-year term on the Foundation Board. She added, however, that she thought it would be appropriate for the Executive Committee to request representation.

The Executive Committee agreed without objection that the Freedom to Read Foundation Board of Trustees should be asked to approve the seating of an IFRT representative on the FTRF Board.

**REPRESENTATION ON THE ALA INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE**

Mrs. McMullin mentioned a similar problem of communications between IFRT and the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee. Ms. Marshall suggested and the Committee agreed by consensus that IFRT should ask the ALA Committee on Committees to consider appointing a member of the IFRT Executive Committee to the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting of the 1973-74 IFRT Executive Committee was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Funk
Staff Liaison
American Library Association
Intellectual Freedom Round Table
Financial Statement - May 31, 1974

Income

Balance - September 1, 1973
Dues

Total Available

Expense

Clerical Supplies
Postage and telephone
Printing and Duplicating
Data Processing

Total Expense

Cash balance -
May 31, 1974

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\text{Clerical Supplies} & : \$\ 24.50 \\
\text{Postage and telephone} & : \$\ 25.55 \\
\text{Printing and Duplicating} & : \$\ 571.81 \\
\text{Data Processing} & : \$\ 400.84 \\
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1975 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 29 – July 5, 1975
San Francisco, Calif.

IFRT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, June 30, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. (not a meal)
Thursday, July 3, 4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

IFRT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, July 1, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

IFRT PROGRAM MEETING

Thursday, July 3, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
CALL TO ORDER

The 1974-75 Executive Committee of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table was called to order on Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 P.M. by Jean-Anne South, Chairperson.

PRESENT: David Brunton
          John Carter
          Patricia Finley
          Dean Galloway
          Evelyn Geller
          Clara Jackson
          Jane Robbins
          Laura Smith
          Edward Whittaker
          Jean-Anne South, Chairperson
          Roger L. Funk, Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Florence McMullin

GUESTS: Carolyn Forsman
        John Phillip Immroth
        Walter Smith

CHANGES IN BYLAWS

Ms. South called the attention of the Committee to the lack of any provision in the Bylaws regarding affiliate groups. After a brief discussion, Ms. Jackson moved, Mr. Galloway seconded, and the Executive Committee

VOTED, That the question of a provision in the Bylaws for affiliate groups be referred to the Bylaws Committee, and that this Committee be asked to report to the Executive Committee at the 1975 Midwinter Meeting.

Mr. Galloway asked whether the Bylaws provision limiting the Executive Committee, i.e., the Executive Committee is "subject to the orders of the Round Table and none of its acts shall be in conflict with actions taken by the Round Table" (Article VI, Section II) is sufficiently
precise and unambiguous to indicate that it is ultimately the membership, and not the Executive Committee, that governs the Round Table. It was agreed that this question should be referred to the Bylaws Committee.

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Laura Smith, chairperson of the Membership Promotion Committee, reported that the Committee held two meetings at the 1974 Annual Conference.

The first item the Committee considered was the immediate need for a brochure to promote IFRT and to explain its purposes. Ms. Smith said it was the opinion of the Committee that immediate steps should be taken to produce a simple brochure and that production of an elaborate brochure should be postponed until after the 1975 Midwinter Meeting. After brief discussion, Ms. Robbins moved, Mr. Brunton seconded, and the Executive Committee voted that the Membership Promotion Committee be authorized to proceed with production of a "stop gap" brochure to promote IFRT.

Ms. Smith reported that the Membership Promotion Committee had considered sponsoring a contest for design of a logo to be used on stamps, etc., to be sold by IFRT in fund-raising activities (see 1974 Midwinter Meeting Minutes, pp. 6-7). Factors to be considered in implementing a design contest, including prizes for the winning logo, were discussed at some length. Possible uses of an intellectual freedom logo, as well as the question of employment of such a logo as the IFRT logo, were also discussed.

After further deliberations the Executive Committee requested the Membership Promotion Committee to formalize its proposal with regard to the matter under discussion, and asked the Committee to report back to the Executive Committee at the 1975 Midwinter Meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Dean Galloway, chairperson of the Program Committee, said that the Committee had decided to invite Justice William O. Douglas to speak at the IFRT program meeting at the 1975 Annual Conference. He also stated that the Committee would continue to review alternative programs in view of the distinct possibility that Mr. Justice Douglas would be unable to speak at the San Francisco meeting.

PROMOTION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE LeROY C. MERRITT HUMANITARIAN FUND

Ms. South reported that Joslyn Williams had asked for formal IFRT support in encouraging contributions to the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund, and the membership had directed the Executive Committee to cooperate with the trustees of the Fund. The executive Committee authorized Ms. South to appoint an ad hoc committee of IFRT members to cooperate with the Merritt Fund trustees and other appropriate persons in promoting the Merritt Fund.
During the brief discussion that ensued, concerning use of the IFRT membership list in promotion of other organizations, etc., it was agreed that the IFRT membership list should not be distributed to other organizations without appropriate authorization. However, it was also agreed that it would be appropriate for the IFRT Executive Committee to send information to all IFRT members concerning, for example, the Merritt Fund.

**CODE OF ETHICS AND STATEMENT ON SECURITY OF EMPLOYMENT**

Ms. South asked the Executive Committee to refer comments and questions on the proposed ALA Code of Ethics and ALA Statement on Security of Employment to her attention.

**ITEMS FOR LOCAL ACTION**

Ms. South asked if there were any suggestions concerning an agenda of items for action at the local level. In view of the hour, Ms. Robbins suggested that such an agenda be included in a forthcoming IFRT REPORT.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Funk
Staff Liaison
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MINUTES

1974 ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Tuesday, July 9, 1974

New York Hilton Hotel

New York, N. Y.

CALL TO ORDER

The 1974 membership meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table was called to order on Tuesday, July 9, 1974, at 2:15 P.M. by the Chairperson, John Phillip Immroth. The presence of a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Immroth announced that the Executive Committee had approved, at its 1974 Midwinter Meeting, the MINUTES of the organizational meeting held on June 28, 1973, at the 1973 Annual Conference in Las Vegas. There were no objections from the floor with regard to the published MINUTES of the organizational meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Exhibit I)

Mr. Immroth briefly reviewed the contents of his report to the membership, which was distributed at the outset of the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Exhibit II)

Mr. Immroth called the attention of the assembled members to the Treasurer's report distributed at the outset of the meeting. There were no comments or questions concerning this report of income and expenditures for the period September 1, 1973-May 31, 1974.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Jean-Anne South, Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect, reported on her activities as coordinator of planning for programs at the 1974 Annual Conference. She stated that the Executive Committee had assumed responsibility for planning the programs because the IFRT Program Committee was first established at the 1974 Midwinter Meeting.

Ms. South stated that IFRT had sponsored the participation of three students - Messrs. Rodney Jackson, Sam Nitzberg, and Richard Smith of Woodlawn Senior High School, Baltimore County - in the program: "Reality and Reason: Intellectual Freedom and Youth," jointly sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Committee, the Children's Services Division, the Young Adult Services Division, the American Association of School Librarians, and the Intellectual Freedom Round Table.
Ms. South also reported that through arrangements with executives of Simon and Schuster, Messrs. Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, WASHINGTON POST reporters and authors of ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN, were scheduled to appear at the July 10 program meeting of IFRT.

**AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

Mr. Immroth called attention to the report of the Bylaws Committee that was published in the May 1974 IFRT REPORT in accordance with the requirement of notice set forth in Bylaws Article X, Section I.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Immroth moved the following change in Article III, Section III:

> The dues of the Round Table shall be $5.00, payable annually; or $9.00, payable annually, which shall include a subscription to the ALA NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM, which shall entitle any member of the Round Table to subscribe to the ALA NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM at the reduced rate authorized by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Immroth explained that the change was proposed because the ALA Membership and Subscription Records Departments could not process both a $5.00 and a $9.00 annual rate for the Round Table. He added that the proposed new section would allow the Executive Committee to authorize reduced subscription rates for the NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM in accordance with changes in the regular subscription rates as authorized by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

The motion to change Article III, Section III was PASSED.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Immroth moved that Article IV, Section VI, be changed to stipulate that a member not nominated for office by the Nominating Committee may be nominated for any office by signed petition of fifteen members.

The motion was PASSED.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Immroth moved that Bylaws Article IV, Section VIII be deleted as an element now rendered irrelevant.

The motion was PASSED.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Immroth moved that the quorum for a meeting of the Round Table (Article V, Section III) be reduced from fifty to twenty-five members in good standing.

The motion was PASSED.
On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mr. Immroth moved the adoption of the following proposed Article X, Section I:

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of those voting at any Annual Meeting or by mail ballot provided the amendment has been proposed by the Executive Committee, a committee authorized by the Executive, or a personal member of the Round Table, and has been sent in writing to the secretary and mailed to each member at least thirty days before the Annual Meeting or the counting of the mail vote.

Mr. Immroth explained that the changes had been proposed in order to clarify certain of the article's provisions.

The motion was PASSED.

MATERIALS TO MEMBERS

Roger L. Funk, IFRT Staff Liaison, reviewed the results of the membership poll concerning the OIF MEMORANDUM and its being mailed regularly to all IFRT members. (Exhibit III).

Ms. South reported that in view of the poll it was the decision of the Executive Committee to send to all members a bi-monthly IFRT REPORT edited by the Chairperson. The REPORT will incorporate important items from the OIF MEMORANDUM. She added that this decision was scheduled for review at the 1975 Midwinter Meeting of the Executive Committee.

CONTRIBUTION TO ALA

Mr. Immroth reported that the IFRT Executive Committee received a letter from Robert Wedgeworth, the ALA Executive Director, asking the Round Table to consider a donation of ten percent of its dues income to ALA to cover overhead costs, etc. Mr. Wedgeworth's request was prompted by a decision of the Junior Members Round Table to donate ten percent of its income to ALA.

Ms. South stated that it was the decision of the Executive Committee that, in the absence of any detailed information concerning ALA overhead costs, it would be appropriate to make a monetary contribution to the Office for Intellectual Freedom, which at present provides staff time and other services to IFRT.

On behalf of the Executive Committee Ms. South moved and the membership VOTED, That IFRT contribute $500.00 to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom for services rendered to IFRT.
REPORT ON FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION

Chairperson-elect Jean-Anne South, an elected member of the Freedom to Read Foundation Board of Trustees, reported briefly on the July 5 meeting of the FTRF trustees. She stated that observers from ALA divisions not represented on the Board had been officially welcomed at the meeting, and that the trustees had appointed a committee to study the principles of representation of ALA units on the Board.

Ms. South reviewed briefly the litigation and other activities supported by the Foundation. She stated that briefs had been filed with the U. S. Supreme Court in crucial First Amendment cases, including Kirkpatrick v. New York, Jenkins v. Georgia, and Hamling v. U. S. She also reviewed recent steps in the Foundation-funded suit (Moore v. Younger), challenging California's Harmful Matter Statute.

After her report, Ms. South moved on behalf of the Executive Committee and the membership

VOTED, That the Intellectual Freedom Round Table contribute $100.00 to the Freedom to Read Foundation.

REPORT ON MERRITT HUMANITARIAN FUND

Ms. South reported that the Trustees of the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund had, at their meeting on July 4, voted to expand the scope of the Fund to include, in addition to matters of intellectual freedom, discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual preference, race, religion, and place of national origin, and violations of employment rights. She said the trustees had taken this action because it was their belief that the Fund could better aid librarians if its concerns corresponded more closely to the realities of employment disputes.

Ms. South also reported that the trustees of the Merritt Fund had asked legal counsel to prepare a new trust agreement that will allow donors to the Fund to elect the trustees in accordance with democratic principles.

A brief discussion ensued in which members asked about the possibility of an IFRT donation to the Merritt Fund. It was pointed out that there might be some legal difficulty in donating funds of a unit of ALA, a 501(c)(3) organization under the tax code, to the Merritt Fund, which cannot enjoy similar tax-exempt status.

After speaking in support of activities to promote the Merritt Fund, Mr. Joslyn Williams moved, Mr. R. Dean Galloway seconded, and the membership

VOTED, That the IFRT Executive Committee be directed to cooperate with the Trustees of the LeRoy C. Merritt
Humanitarian Fund to the extent legally possible and, if possible, to join the Fund, and in any case to make the IFRT membership list available to the Trustees of the Merritt Fund.

**ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Bylaws Article IV, Section IV, five members were elected to the Nominating Committee:

John Carter, Chairperson  
Ronald Kaye  
George Linder  
Caroline S. Morris  
Pat Rom

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Roger L. Funk  
Staff Liaison
Chairperson's Report to the Membership

This report presents the activities of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table during my term of office as chairperson. Prior to my election as chairperson at the organizational meeting at Las Vegas in 1973, I had served as the primary organizer for the round table. In January of 1973 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting I proposed the idea of this round table to the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee. After thoughtful discussion of the advantages and disadvantages, the IFC unanimously endorsed the idea. My reason in seeking this endorsement was not to tie the round table to the committee, but rather to avoid the possibility of opposition to the round table from an established committee of Council.

Following the IFC's endorsement, I secured with the help of John Forsman the necessary 100 signatures on the required petition, which was duly transmitted to the Executive Director of ALA. During the interim, before the 1973 Annual Conference in Las Vegas, an appointment was made with the ALA Committee on Organization to seek their recommendation of the round table, as this is the normal procedure to follow for a new unit before being approved by Council. During the interim, I also prepared a set of draft bylaws and plans for an organizational meeting pending Council approval of the round table. A copy of the draft bylaws was sent to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, and the General Counsel of ALA, William D. North, was asked to peruse them.

The draft bylaws were based on the bylaws of existing ALA round tables and standard parliamentary form. I received Mr. North's suggestions and incorporated them in my draft. At the meeting with COO in Las Vegas, I asked the chairman of the IFC, Kathleen Molz, and the former coordinator of the SRRT Task Force on Intellectual Freedom, Jean-Anne South to appear with me as interested parties. After COO voted to recommend to Council the establishment of this round table, I requested that the chairperson of COO, Eric Moon, be prepared to report this section of the COO Report to Council on the following day, as the conference schedule could not allow an organizational meeting following the final Council meeting when COO was scheduled to present its full report.

At the Council meeting the following day, the Council agenda was amended to include a report on the positive recommendation of the round table from COO, and the round table was approved by Council at that meeting. At the first meeting I served as chairperson pro tem. The draft bylaws were adopted with amendments; charter members were enrolled; and officers and the nominating committee were elected. Roger Funk, assistant director of OIF, served as acting staff liaison.
It was agreed to send the monthly OIF MEMORANDUM to charter members during the remainder of 1973. By the close of the 1973 Annual Conference, the newest round table had over 100 members.

Prior to the 1974 Midwinter Meeting of the IFRT Executive Committee, Dr. Funk was appointed our staff liaison, IFRT Reports and five OIF MEMORANDUMS were sent to members. During this time the membership had grown to over 600.

The IFRT Executive Committee met twice at the 1974 Midwinter Meeting. The major portion of the first meeting dealt with amendments to the bylaws. The Executive Committee's decisions are before you for consideration today. Inasmuch as these proposals were included in the third IFRT Report, they may be legally acted on today. Other items discussed at that meeting, items which will also come before you today, include a suggestion from the ALA Executive Director that all round tables contribute ten percent of their income to ALA, and the problem of whether the mailing of the OIF MEMORANDUM be continued in light of the cost.

At the second meeting three committees and their charges were approved, as were the chairperson's recommendations for potential committee memberships. This procedure followed the bylaws. It was impossible at that time, due to our membership rolls, to secure volunteers. Your chairperson respectfully suggests that volunteers be sought for future committee appointments. The program committee and the membership promotion committee were created as standing committees, and the bylaws committee as a special committee until 1976.

As we did not have a program committee for the 1974 Annual Conference, the Executive Committee assumed responsibility for the program and the chairperson asked Jean-Anne South, the chairperson-elect, Carolyn Forsman, and Joan Marshall to serve as coordinators. The Executive Committee refused to co-sponsor with IFC, CSD, YASD, and AASL a 1974 program on young adults and intellectual freedom unless one or more young adults were part of the program. The IFRT forum program was ordered to be a young-adult oriented program.

Finally, the report of the nominating committee was accepted with gratitude.

Prior to the 1974 Annual Conference the Executive Committee agreed to changing the IFRT Forum Program meeting when we were advised that we could present Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, WASHINGTON POST Watergate reporters, to speak on "Freedom of the Press: Triumph at Watergate." Jean-Anne South also arranged to add three young adults to the joint program held July 8. All of our committee appointments were made and our election was successfully conducted by mail. The third IFRT Report was issued.
At the present time IFRT is the largest ALA round table, with a membership over 1150. This membership demonstrates your confidence in your present and future officers. Let me urge you to make this a model membership organization and actively participate.

Finally, I must thank our staff liaison, Roger Funk, for all of his assistance during the first year of IFRT.

Respectfully submitted,

John Phillip Immroth
IFRT Chairperson (1973-74)
American Library Association
Intellectual Freedom Round Table
Financial Statement - May 31, 1974

9/1/73 to 5/31/74

Balance - September 1, 1973  $ 769.30
Dues  5,082.30
Total Available  $5,851.60

Expense

Clerical Supplies  $ 24.50
Postage and telephone  25.55
Printing and Duplicating  571.81
Data Processing  400.84
Total Expense  52.50
Total Expense  $1,075.20

Cash balance -
May 31, 1974  4,776.40

$5,851.60
DISTRIBUTION OF OIF MEMORANDUM TO IFRT MEMBERS

The OIF MEMORANDUM is issued monthly by the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom. It is an informal information report addressed primarily to members of the state library associations' intellectual freedom committees. It carries, for example, news concerning intellectual freedom programs and workshops, tips on program planning, news of national and state legislation affecting intellectual freedom in libraries, and lists of recent publications of direct and immediate relevance.

Assuming an 8-page OIF MEMO (4 sheets duplicated on both sides) and IFRT membership of 1,000, costs would be approximately the following:

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Cost per member would be at least $2.50 per year; thus at least one-half of each member's dues would be required to defray the cost of the MEMO. The need for additional office help to affix labels, stuff envelopes, etc., could push the cost to $3.00.
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE

Executive Committee 1974-75

Chairperson
Jean-Anne South

Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect
David W. Brunton

Secretary
Edward L. Whittaker (1976)

Treasurer
Florence McMullin (1975)

Directors
Patricia Finley (1975)
Evelyn Geller (1976)
Clara O. Jackson (1976)
Jane Robbins (1975)

Standing Committee Chairpersons
Dean Galloway
Laura Smith
John Carter

Committees

Program Committee (Standing)
Dean Galloway, chairperson (1976)
James Dwyer (1976)
Marilyn Gell (1975)
George Linder (1975)
Evert Volkersz (1976)

Bylaws Committee (Special)
Paul Cors, chairperson (1976)
Pat Rom (1976)
Bruce Shuman (1976)

Nominating Committee (Standing)
John Carter, chairperson
Ronald Kaye
George Linder
Caroline S. Morris
Pat Rom

Membership Promotion Committee
Laura Smith, chairperson (1976)
Jeanne S. Bagby (1976)
Carolyn Forsman (1976)
Charles Patterson (1975)
Jody Pitsenberger (1975)