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From the Chairperson, John Phillip Immroth

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1974 Midwinter Meeting

The 1974 Midwinter Meeting of the ALA will be held in Chicago, January 20-26, at the Palmer House Hotel. For the many IFRTers who will be in the Windy City--trying to find their way through the maze of the schedule to locate meetings of units dealing with intellectual freedom--the following list of meeting times and places is meant to be both a handy guide and an invitation to stay informed of the problems confronting the Association and the profession in 1974.

Freedom to Read Foundation, Board of Trustees

Saturday, January 19	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Private Dining Room 6
	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Private Dining Room 6

ALTA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Sunday, January 20	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Private Dining Room 6
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ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Monday, January 21	8:00 a.m. - Noon	Parlor F
	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Parlor F
Tuesday, January 22	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Parlor B
Wednesday, January 23	8:00 a.m. - Noon	Parlor F
Thursday, January 24	8:00 a.m. - Noon	Private Dining Room 16

AASL Intellectual Freedom Representation and Information Committee

Monday, January 21	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Room 768
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IFRT Executive Committee

Tuesday, January 22	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (not a meal)	Private Dining Room 5
Thursday, January 24	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Room 704



In addition to the above, regularly scheduled sessions, a special meeting--dealing with intellectual freedom issues arising from the June 1973 decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court--will be held on Monday, January 21, 8:30 p.m. in the Adams Room. The meeting was called by an ad hoc group composed of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, the Legislation Committee, the Chapter Relations Committee, and the ALTA Board of Directors.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee's report to Council is tentatively scheduled for the Council's third session, Friday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.-Noon.

Agenda items. The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee is scheduled to discuss matters ranging from international concerns (e.g., book burnings in Chile, the Portuguese government's ban of Novas Cartas Portuguesas, the disappearance of J. Joura, chief librarian of the Fondo de Cultura Universitaria, Uruguay, and the Soviet government's treatment of Sakharov and Solzhenitsyn) to issues at home arising from the June 1973 obscenity decisions of the Supreme Court.

The Board of Trustees of the Freedom to Read Foundation will discuss planned litigation and related activities in an era of new, more restrictive obscenity laws. The Trustees will also review FTRF's brief filed in the appeal of the Georgia Supreme Court's ruling that Carnal Knowledge is unprotected expression. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed in December to hear the case (Jenkins v. Georgia).

The IFRT Executive Committee will consider both long-range planning and planning for the 1974 Annual Conference in New York City (July 7-13).

#### Legislative Watchdogging

A few states have already revised their obscenity statutes to conform with the latest constitutional standards as established by the U.S. Supreme Court. Virtually all of the states that have not yet reacted will be considering bills in forthcoming sessions. The following list of legislative sessions will serve as a reminder to keep an eye on developments in your state.

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom wants to know of any attempts to revise or amend state obscenity laws. Please send information, copies of bills, etc., to OIF, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. OIF will in turn inform appropriate parties, including officers of your state association.

<u>State</u>	<u>Regular Session in 1974</u>	<u>Date Convenes</u>	<u>Carried-over from 1973</u>	<u>Pre-filing permitted</u>
Alabama	No			
Alaska	Yes	1/21	Yes	Yes
Arizona	Yes	1/14	No	Yes
Arkansas	No (will convene 1/14/74 to adjourn 1973 session)			



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California	Yes	1/7	Yes S.39	No
Colorado	Yes	1/2	No	No
Connecticut	Yes	1/9	No	No
Delaware	Yes	1/8	Yes	No
Florida	Yes	4/2	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes	1/14	Yes	No
Hawaii	Yes	1/25	Yes	No
Idaho	Yes	1/14	No	No
Illinois	Yes	Mid-April	Yes	Yes
Indiana	Yes	1/15	No	No
Iowa	Yes	1/14	Yes	No
Kansas	Yes	1/8	Yes	No
Kentucky	Yes	1/8	No	No
Louisiana	Yes	5/13	No	Yes
Maine	No (Special session expected in January)			
Maryland	Yes	1/9	No	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	1/2	No	Yes
Michigan	Yes	1/9	Yes	Yes
Minnesota	Yes	1/15	Yes S389(H526) S1152(H939)	No
Mississippi	Yes	1/8	No	No
Missouri	Yes	1/9	Yes	Yes
Montana	Yes	1/2	Yes	No
Nebraska	Yes	1/8	Yes LB8;329	No
Nevada	No	--	--	--
New Hampshire	No (Special session 2/19 - capital budget - food stamps)			
New Jersey	Yes	1/8	No	Yes
New Mexico	Yes	1/15	Yes	No
New York	Yes	1/9	Yes A.2875	Yes
North Carolina	Yes	1/16	Yes	Yes

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North Dakota	No	--	--	--
Ohio	Yes	1/7	Yes	No
Oklahoma	Yes	1/8	Yes S.146	Yes
Oregon	No (Special session expected in Jan., Feb. or March)			
Pennsylvania	Yes	1/8	Yes	No
Rhode Island	Yes	1/8	Yes	No
South Carolina	Yes	1/8	Yes	No
South Dakota	Yes	1/8	No	No
Tennessee	Yes	1/8	Yes	Yes
Texas	No (Constitutional Convention Session - Jan.)			
Utah	Yes	1/14	No	Yes
Vermont	Yes	1/2	Yes	No
Virginia	Yes	1/9	No	No
Washington	Yes	1/14	Yes S.2051	No
West Virginia	Yes	1/9	No	Yes
Wisconsin	Yes	1/15	Yes	Yes
Wyoming	Yes	1/22	No	No

IFRT Bylaws

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