

IFRT Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

11am-12pm AKST; 12pm-1pm PST; 1pm-2pm MST; 2pm-3pm CST; 3pm-4pm EST

MINUTES

Members Present:

Kristin Anderson, Audrey Barbakoff, Stephanie Barnaby, Jeremy Brett, Martin Garnar, Johannah Genett, Sarah Hartman-Caverly, Wanda Huffaker, Trish Hull, Rebecca Moorman, Angela Ocaña, Kristin Pekoll, Shane Roopnarine, Amanda Vazquez.

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Huffaker called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm CST. A quorum was established.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

We greeted each other and talked about opening plans for our libraries.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Barnaby moved to approve the agenda. Hull seconded. The motion carried and the committee voted to approve the agenda.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moorman moved to approve the [meeting minutes from May 27, 2020](#). Garnar seconded. The motion carried, and the committee voted to approve the minutes.

V. REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. Chair: Wanda Huffaker

- i. Emphasized that we need to use Connect to communicate, not just email. She wants to meet with each IFRT Committee, and use Connect for more discussion on Intellectual Freedom issues. Perhaps we can

inspire and initiate conversations on current topics. It's good if we disagree.

- ii. We had a discussion about intellectual freedom and the TikTok platform, which is the type of conversation Huffaker encourages us to engage in on Connect.
- iii. Since we didn't have an in-person conference this year, we didn't give any awards in person. Huffaker suggests we combine 2020, 2021, and FTRF Roll of Honor awards into one award ceremony in January 2021, in person at Midwinter plus an online event showcasing the award winners. We agreed to move forward with planning.

VI. REPORT FROM COUNCILOR: Martin Garnar

- A. This was the first time Council met virtually, so that took a while to get started. Garnar's [detailed updates from ALA Council](#) are posted on Connect.
- B. Several resolutions were discussed, but one was passed: a [Resolution on Developing Library Security Policies in keeping with ALA Policy](#).
- C. There was a lot of discussion on [Forward Together](#), the plan and timeline for restructuring ALA, and a lot of discussion about ALA's finances, and efforts to increase transparency. There will be a [Virtual Council meeting](#) in September, which is an open meeting so all may attend.

VII. REPORT FROM OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM: Kristin Pekoll

- A. [IFRT Reports](#) were sent out. Huge shout out to Kristin Anderson, outgoing chair of the Publications Committee.
- B. Please set Connect notifications to real-time, as members of the Executive Committee, to see and respond to member concerns.
- C. Please send updated head shots and bios to Kristin for the website.
- D. Cyndi Robinson's volunteer survey had about a 30% response rate. Results will be [posted in Connect](#).
- E. Kristin will be sending out letters to all committee chairs, about how to move forward. Ellie Diaz works more closely with IFC, but they back each other up in their support roles.
- F. As committee chairs, be sure to share the activities of the Executive Committee with your groups, and encourage them to participate in meetings.

All minutes and agendas are being posted to the IFRT Members Community in Connect.

- G. The next issue of the Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy will be released soon. It will include an advertisement for the IFRT. All IFRT members get a 50% discount on subscriptions.
- H. Wanda is working with the Roundtable Coordinating Assembly, which is deciding where roundtables will fit in the new ALA structure.
- I. Both IFRT programs at ALA Virtual were big successes. [More Than Just Banned Books: Recent Research on Intellectual Freedom](#) got lots of great feedback, and is being developed into a webinar to continue the conversation, with speakers Emily Knox and Shannon Oltmann. OIF will work with Sarah Hartman-Caverly of the Education Committee on this webinar.
- J. Stephanie Barnaby is your IFC Rep, so if you want any information about the work of the Intellectual Freedom Committee and its Privacy Subcommittee, you can ask her. As a bonus, Martin Garnar is chair of the committee this year, so he is another great source of information.
- K. Banned Books Week is coming up soon (9/27-10/3), so the OIF is busy with those preparations. Please share communications from the office to help promote activities.
- L. Working from home is challenging, especially connecting with ALA's membership database. Kristin isn't able to make changes and update information as frequently as she would like, so some board updates are still pending. ALA staff is tentatively moving into the new building September 8, on a part time rotational schedule. More information to come later.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Hull moved that we adjourn, Moorman seconded. Huffaker adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Moorman, IFRT Secretary