

IFRT Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, January 24, 2021

11:30am - 12:30pm AKST; 12:30-1:30pm PST; 1:30-2:30pm MST; 2:30-3:30pm CST; 3:30-4:30pm EST
2021 ALA Midwinter Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Members & Guests Present:

Stephanie Barnaby, Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Ellie Diaz, Rhonda Evans, Martin Garnar, Johanna Genett, Kyle Goedert, Sukrit Goswami, Kristin Green, Sarah Hartman-Caverly, Sam Helmick, Nann Hilyard, Wanda Huffaker, Trish Hull, Ray James, Ellen Kaye, Charles Kratz, TJ Lamanna, Sharon McCaslin, Rebecca Moorman, Steve Norman, Julie Oborny, Amy Olson, Laverne Page, Kristin Pekoll, Cyndi Robinson, Shane Roopnarine, Crystal Schimpf, Nicholas Schutz, Katie Spires, Jennifer Steele, Andy Sutthoff, Estella Terrazas, Kristi Torp, Amanda Vazquez, Jen Vetter, Rachel Muchin Young.

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Huffaker called the meeting to order at 2:32pm CST. A quorum was established.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

We introduced ourselves.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kratz moved to approve the [meeting minutes](#) from January 6, 2021. Helmick seconded. The motion carried, and the committee voted to approve the minutes.

V. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS Wanda Huffaker

- A. [Resolution in Opposition to Facial Recognition Software in Libraries](#)
- B. [Resolution on the Surveillance of Library Users Through Behavioral Tracking](#)
- C. [Resolution in Support of Broadband as a Human Right](#)

- D. [Resolution to Condemn White Supremacy and Fascism as Antithetical to Library Work](#)
- E. [Resolution to Embed Carbon Offset Fee in Registration Fees for all ALA and Division Event Attendance](#)
- F. [Resolution on replacing the Library of Congress Subject Heading "Illegal aliens" with "Undocumented immigrants"](#)
- G. [Resolution to Classify Library Workers as 1b Essential Workers to be Listed as a Priority Workforce in Receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Barnaby moved that we endorse resolutions A through C in principle. Hartman-Caverly seconded. The motion passed with one abstention and none opposed.

Discussion briefly moved to the two resolutions added to this list through email (F and G above), until Knox inquired whether we planned to discuss resolutions D and E. Barnaby moved that we open discussion on resolutions D and E. Hartman-Caverly seconded. A lengthy conversation ensued, with a lot of emphasis on the concept of neutrality, included in a “whereas” in the resolution. Taking a stance for intellectual freedom is not neutral.

Kratz moved that we endorse resolution D in principle. Roopnarine seconded. There was additional discussion until we decided to vote in the chat. The motion passed: 11 ayes, 2 abstentions, none opposed.

We did not move to endorse resolutions E through G.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE ROUND TABLE

We reached the end of our allotted time, and agreed to schedule an additional meeting before our next meeting on March 3. Kratz moved to extend the meeting ten more minutes. Norman seconded. The motion passed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Huffaker adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm CST.