

**American Library Association  
Intellectual Freedom Round Table  
Executive Committee Agenda  
2005 Annual Conference  
Chicago, Illinois**

HIL–Chicago Hilton and Towers / MCP–McCormick Place

**Nanette Perez**

**Schedule**

**Friday, June 24**

Business Meeting I  
2:00 – 5:30 p.m, HIL-Northwest 2

**Saturday, June 25**

IFRT Awards Reception  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m., MCP N426b

IFRT Program  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m., MCP N427  
“Religion and Intellectual Freedom: Divine Revelation in the Marketplace of Ideas”

**Sunday, June 26**

Joint Meeting with ALA IFC and Division IFCs  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., HIL-Northwest 2

IFRT/YALSA Program  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m., MCP-S403  
“We’ve Got Your Back: Librarians and Teens Speak Out on Intellectual Freedom”

**Monday, June 27**

Business Meeting II  
8:00 – 10:00 a.m., HIL-Northwest 2

- I. CALL TO ORDER—Barbara Jones**
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- III. REVIEW OF THE 2005 MIDWINTER MEETING MINUTES (EXHIBIT I, distributed via e-mail earlier. Please bring your copy with you. Extra copies will be available.)**

**IV. IFRT FINAL BUDGET—Laura Koltutsky**

The 2006 IFRT budget will be discussed. The 2006 budget was approved in principle at the 2005 Midwinter Meeting. A final IFRT budget must be approved at this conference. The final budget (Exhibit II) will be distributed at the meeting.

**V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: 2005 IFRT ELECTION RESULTS—Melora Ranney Norman**

Chair-elect: Rosanne Cordell (2005-2006)

Treasurer: Julia Glynn (2005-2007)

Directors: Jim Kuhn, Robert P. Holley (2005-2007)

**VI. JOINT MEETING WITH IFC AND DIVISION IFCs**

The joint meeting of IFC, IFRT, and Division IFCs will be held on Sunday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m., HIL-Northwest 2. The agenda will be distributed at the meeting.

**VII. AWARD RECEPTION AND PROGRAM UPDATE—Melora Ranney Norman**

Award Reception

John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award Winner—Hays Public Library Board of Trustees, Hays, Kansas, Saturday, June 25, 12:00 to 1:15 p.m., McCormick Place, N426b.

Program

Religion and Intellectual Freedom: Divine Revelation in the Marketplace of Ideas  
ALA-IFRT, Saturday, June 25, 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m., McCormick Place, N427.

How can libraries serve both the religious and the secular demands made by members of their communities? Does demonstrating respect for religious life conflict with the separation of church and state? Come and explore these questions with our distinguished panelists.

Speakers: Martin Marty, professor emeritus, University of Chicago; Susan Jacoby, author, *Freethinkers: A History of American Secularism*; Mike Wessells, librarian, Timberland Regional Library; Doug Archer, librarian, University of Notre Dame.

**VIII. SELECTED ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM PROGRAMS (EXHIBIT III)**

**IX. 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANNING—Pam Klipsch**

The Call for Proposal Form must be turned in no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2005, during Annual Conference in Chicago.

**X. PROPOSED JOINT PROGRAM WITH IRRT: “CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM” (EXHIBIT IV)—Pam Klipsch and Julia Glynn**

## **XI. RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. RESOLUTION ON WORKPLACE SPEECH (EXHIBITS V-Va)**

At the 2005 Midwinter Meeting, Council referred SRRT's "Resolution on Workplace Speech" to the IFC. During its 2005 spring meeting, the IFC reviewed the resolution and determined that it does not comport with current case law regarding workplace speech. The Supreme Court has laid out very specific rules regarding workplace speech and the free speech rights of public employees. Employees do not have the same free speech rights that ordinary citizens enjoy. ALA cannot give its members advice and information that is contrary to current case law.

Exhibit II is a compilation of reactions to IFC's comments, posted to the Council's e-list from May 2 to May 5.

### **B. RESOLUTION ON THREATS TO LIBRARY MATERIALS RELATED TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

The resolution (Exhibit VI) will be distributed at conference. Exhibits VIa-VIc provide background material.

### **C. OTHER**

## **XII. INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE'S SPRING MEETING—Barbara Jones**

## **XIII. ROUND TABLE COORDINATING ASSEMBLY**

## **XIV. SEVENTH EDITION OF THE INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM MANUAL**

The projected publication date of the seventh edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual is the 2006 Midwinter Meeting.

Exhibit VII is a list of the status of all reviewed policies and guidelines.

## **XV. FESTSCHRIFT TO HONOR GORDON CONABLE**

At the 2005 ALA Midwinter Meeting, Barbara Jones, Intellectual Freedom Round Table chair, said IFRT discussed the possibility of working with the IFC on a Festschrift to honor Gordon Conable. The IFC agreed this was a worthwhile project, and Forman and Gardner volunteered to work with the IFRT. FTRF also wishes to be involved in this project. Krug suggested one topic could be the Universal Right to Free Expression.

Publishers have been contacted and permission granted from the Conable family. Barbara Jones (or Carrie Gardner) will report on further progress of the Festschrift, including when and how contributions will be solicited.

## **XVI. REPORT ON LEROY C. MERRITT HUMANITARIAN FUND—FRANCIS J. BUCKLEY**

## **XVII. GOOGLE AND LIBRARIES (EXHIBITS VIII-VIIIj)**

**What role, if any, should the IFRT undertake?**

- A. Google Is Adding Major Libraries to Its Database (Exhibit VIII)
- B. Google and God's Mind (Exhibit VIIIa)
- C. On Google's Monetization of Libraries (Exhibit VIIIb)
- D. Despite Google, We Still Need Good Libraries (Exhibit VIIIc)
- E. Some Are Leery of Google's Online Data Project (Exhibit VIIId)
- F. Beth Givens to Mitch Freedman et al. on Google Library Project and Daniel Brand (Exhibit VIIIe)
- G. Pam Dixon on Google and Libraries (Exhibit VIIIf)
- H. Google's Library Project: Questions, Questions, Questions (Exhibit VIIIg)
- I. France's Top Librarian Attacks Google Online Library (Exhibit VIIIh)
- J. Google's Projects Continue to Generate Shock Waves (Exhibit VIIIi)
- K. European Libraries Fight Google-ization (Exhibit VIIIj)

## **XVIII. ALA STRATEGIC PLAN: AHEAD TO 2010 (Exhibit IX)**

Over the last year, ALA gathered information from its members on the issues important to them, and the trends they see affecting the future of libraries and the association. A group of board, division, and round table representatives drafted this information into a series of goals and objectives for the next five years. At the 2005 Midwinter Meeting, Keith Michael Fiels, executive director of ALA, asked all committees to review the Ahead to 2010 draft goals and to share their feedback.

Exhibit VI is a final draft copy of the proposed ALA Ahead to 2010 strategic goals and objectives for the period 2006 to 2010. These were approved by the Executive Board on April 15, and will be submitted to the ALA Council for its consideration and approval at the 2005 Annual Conference in Chicago. If approved, the plan will be implemented beginning September 1, 2005.

## **XIX. INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ALERTS**

The following alert items are for information.

- A. Evolution, Again (Exhibit X)
- B. 10 Steps to More Democratic Media (Exhibit XI)
- C. With Bookstores, Who Needs Libraries? (Exhibit XII)
- D. U.S. Is Asked to Close Site on Sex Issues (Exhibit XIII)
- E. Real ID Act (Exhibit XIV)
- F. Board in Johnson County, KS, Excises ALA Bill of Rights Language (Exhibit XV)
- G. Deroy Murdock on the USA PATRIOT Act (Exhibit XVI)
- H. Library Fees, Again (Exhibit XVII)
- I. Keeping the Public in Public Library (Exhibit XVIII)
- J. Rep. Jones Takes Fight Over Gay Marriage to School Libraries (Exhibit XIX)

**XX. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- A. Chair: Barbara Jones
- B. Chair-Elect: Pam Klipsch
- C. Directors:
  - 1. Christine M. Allen
  - 2. J. Douglas Archer
  - 3. Lauren Christos
  - 4. Sylvia Turchyn
- D. Secretary: Carol Gulyas

**XXI. REPORT FROM COUNCILOR: Carolyn Caywood**

- A. Biometric Technology and Council (Exhibit XX)
- B. Inclusiveness and Mutual Respect Proposed Policy (Exhibit XXI)
- C. Other

**XXII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Bylaws and Organization Committee: Susan Brynteson
- B. Membership Promotion Committee: Martin Garnar
- C. John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award Committee: Laurence Miller
- D. Oboler Memorial Award Committee: Pamela Bonnell-Mihalís
- E. SIRS/ProQuest State and Regional Achievement Award Committee: Christopher Bowen
- F. Publications Committee: J. Douglas Archer

**XXIII. 2006 MIDWINTER MEETING (San Antonio, TX, January 14 – 19) Tentative Schedule (EXHIBIT XXII)**

**XXIV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

**XXV. ADJOURNMENT**