

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE

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IFRT REPORT

From the Chairperson, Jean-Anne South



Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with IFRT Bylaws, Article IV, Section 6, the Nominating Committee presents the following as its slate of candidates for the 1975 IFRT election. Ballots will be mailed in May to all members paid for 1975.

Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect (one to be elected)

John M. Carter
George Linder

Treasurer (one to be elected, for two-year term)

William Snyder
Ella Gaines Yates

Directors (two to be elected, for two-year terms)

Marilyn Gell
Terry Hubbard
Charles Patterson
Gerald Shields

According to Article IV, Section 6, "a member not on the slate may be nominated for any office by a signed petition of fifteen (15) members."

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Kaye
George Linder
Caroline Morris
Patricia Rom
John Carter, Chairperson



Nominating by Petition

Any IFRT member eligible for office may be nominated by fifteen IFRT members in good standing. If you wish to nominate a member not on the Nominating Committee's slate, you may want to consult the 1974 IFRT membership directory to find members near you; the directory is organized in zip-code sequence.

If you wish to determine whether an ALA member is a member of IFRT, the ALA membership directory indicates round table memberships by code (IFRT = "L") and gives the city and state of residence.

Please remember the April 1 deadline for nominations by petition. Petitions should be in the hands of the IFRT Staff Liaison at ALA Headquarters on or before the deadline. If biographical data and a statement of concern (150 words) are to appear with the ballot, those should be sent to the Staff Liaison on or before April 1.

For your convenience, a petition form is attached to this IFRT REPORT.



Resolution on American Libraries

At the 1975 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago, the IFRT Executive Committee reviewed developments leading to the resignation of AMERICAN LIBRARIES Editor John Gordon Burke and Assistant Editors Jill S. Reddig and Mary C. Lux in June 1974. After considering present ALA policy on AMERICAN LIBRARIES, the IFRT Executive Committee endorsed a resolution to be submitted to the ALA Council by IFRT Chairperson and ALA Councilor Jean-Anne South. The resolution, below, was also endorsed by the SRRT Action Council. Unfortunately, the resolution could not be added to the Council's 1975 Midwinter agenda due to lack of time to meet the 24-hour rule for Council documents.

WHEREAS, The ALA prides itself on its support of intellectual freedom and the principles expounded by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, AMERICAN LIBRARIES is the official journal of the ALA; and

WHEREAS, Recent questions have arisen regarding the freedom of the editorial staff of AMERICAN LIBRARIES to gather and report news of major library issues; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the ALA Council directs the formulation of a clear and unequivocal editorial policy which guarantees to the editor of AMERICAN LIBRARIES independence in gathering and reporting news and opinions.

Following the Midwinter Meeting, the IFRT-SRRT resolution was sent to Mr. Joseph Treyz, chairperson of COO's subcommittee on policy for AMERICAN LIBRARIES.

The IFRT REPORT is issued irregularly to all members of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table of the American Library Association. All IFRT members are also entitled to order the bimonthly ALA NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM at the special reduced rate (\$4.00 per year) authorized by the IFRT Executive Committee. Orders for the NEWSLETTER ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM should be sent to: IFRT Staff Liaison, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Payment must accompany all orders.

Present ALA policy on AMERICAN LIBRARIES (ALA policy no. 215.5.3) was adopted by the ALA Executive Board in October 1971. In part it stipulates that:

Inasmuch as AMERICAN LIBRARIES is the official organ of the American Library Association, the Editor has a particular responsibility to convey to the membership and other readers full and accurate information about the activities, purposes, and goals of the Association. In order to carry out this responsibility the Editor may have access to privileged information. He must assume an obligation to represent the best interests of the Association and all of its units fairly and as fully as is possible within the scope of the journal, with due regard to the Editor's prerogatives in producing a balanced and readable publication. . . .

News and views should both have their place in AMERICAN LIBRARIES, and every opportunity must be assured for expression of diverse views when members believe such views run counter to their own, or when news is considered to be inaccurately or not fully reported. The AMERICAN LIBRARIES' columns must be kept scrupulously and faithfully open to expression of all viewpoints of interest and concern to the library profession.

For background concerning the resignations from AMERICAN LIBRARIES see: AMERICAN LIBRARIES, June 1974, p. 453; LJ, Sept. 15, 1974, p. 2133; WLB, Sept. 1974, pp. 62-63.



Report on Kanawha County

On the initiative of IFRT, an exciting round table discussion of the now famous West Virginia textbook feud was held in a packed room at the Chicago Midwinter Meeting. Major participants included OIF's Judith F. Krug, who was ALA's representative on a National Education Association inquiry panel (see AL, March 1975, p. 136), Craig Senft, President, Litton Educational Publishing, Inc., and Kenneth McCormick, Vice-President, Doubleday, Inc. and chairman of the Freedom to Read Committee of the Association of American Publishers.

The report of the NEA inquiry team, "A Textbook Study in Cultural Conflict" (87 pp.), is available from the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, which has a limited number of copies for distribution.



San Francisco Conference

Details of intellectual freedom programs at the San Francisco conference (June 29-July 5) will appear in the next issue of IFRT REPORT. In the meantime, if you have suggestions for discussion in the IFRT Forum (an open session on intellectual freedom held during the latter part of the IFRT membership meeting), please send your ideas to the IFRT Staff Liaison.



IFRT Nominating Petition

I support the nomination of Mr./Ms. _____
for the office of _____ of the Intellectual
Freedom Round Table of the American Library Association. I am a member in
good standing of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table.

Signed _____

Name (please print) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date _____

The completed form should be sent to: Staff Liaison
Intellectual Freedom Round Table
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Deadline: April 1, 1975

This petition must arrive at the office of the Staff Liaison on or before
April 1.

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