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IFRT REPORT No. 9, January 1976

From the Chairperson, David W. Brunton

1976 Midwinter Meeting

The 1976 Midwinter Meeting of the ALA will be held in Chicago, January 18-24, at the Palmer House. We've compiled a schedule of the meetings of units concerned with intellectual freedom to make your scheduling easier. All of the meetings are open to visitors.

Freedom to Read Foundation, Board of Trustees

Saturday, January 17	9:00-12:00 Noon	Crystal Room
	2:00- 6:00 p.m.	Crystal Room

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Sunday, January 18	9:00-12:00 Noon	Private Dining Room 7
Monday, January 19	2:00- 6:00 p.m.	Private Dining Room 5
Wednesday, January 21	8:00-12:00 Noon	Room 731
Thursday, January 22	8:00-12:00 Noon	Private Dining Room 8

ALTA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Sunday, January 18	2:00- 4:00 p.m.	Room 768
Monday, January 19	8:00- 9:30 a.m.	Private Dining Room 11

CSD Intellectual Freedom Committee

Sunday, January 18	4:30- 6:00 p.m.	Room 741
	8:30-10:30 p.m.	Room 741

AASL School Library Bill of Rights Committee

Sunday, January 18	2:00- 4:00 p.m.	Private Dining Room 1
	4:30- 6:00 p.m.	Private Dining Room 1

IFRT Executive Committee

Sunday, January 18	4:30- 6:00 p.m.	Private Dining Room 11
Thursday, January 22	4:30- 6:00 p.m.	Parlor E

AASL Intellectual Freedom Representation and Information Committee

Tuesday, January 20	8:00- 9:30 a.m.	Room 739-40
Thursday, January 21	2:00- 4:00 p.m.	Room 768

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Zoia Horn
Susan Kamm
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Paul B. Cors, Ch. (1976)
Pat Rom (1976)
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Merritt Fund Promotion Committee (special)

Joslyn N. Williams, Ch.
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Representatives

John Phillip Immroth - IFC
Jean-Anne South - FTRF

*Executive Committee members

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 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611. Payment must accompany all orders.

Volunteers Needed!

At the 1975 Annual Conference in San Francisco, at the urging of Russ Benedict, founder of the Collectors' Network, the IFRT membership voted to ask IFRT members not to destroy alternative literature and ephemera which they do not wish to collect, but to donate such materials to collecting libraries. The members also authorized the appointment of IFRT members to organize regional clearinghouses for libraries wishing to donate, collect, and exchange alternative literature.

The IFRT Executive Committee wants to compile a list of IFRT volunteers willing to serve as regional nuclei for the organization of the clearinghouses.

If you want to volunteer, send your name and address--along with any bright ideas and comments--to: IFRT Staff Liaison, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

IF Manual in Paper

The ALA INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM MANUAL, compiled in 1974 by the Office for Intellectual Freedom, is now available in paper for $5.00. Send your order to the ALA Order Department at 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

From the OIF MEMO

The following items have been excerpted from the OIF MEMORANDUM, which the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom sends monthly to members of the intellectual freedom committees of the fifty state library associations.

FTRF Enters Iowa Case

In order to protect libraries and librarians who use the mails in Iowa, the Executive Committee of the Freedom to Read Foundation voted in October to support the appeal in the case of Jerry Lee Smith, convicted in U.S. District Court on seven counts of using the U.S. mails to send allegedly obscene materials. In addition, the Foundation will finance an amicus brief to be filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals in the name of the Iowa Library Association.

Both the Foundation and the Iowa Library Association (whose Executive Board unanimously authorized the amicus brief on recommendation of the Iowa IFC, chaired by Beverly Trost) were alarmed by the federal prosecutor's use of federal law to annul the decision of the Iowa legislature (adopted without dissent in 1974) to allow adults in Iowa to read whatever they please.

Despite the fact that the elected representatives of Iowa citizens had determined that community standards in Iowa will not permit censorship for adults, a federal jury declared that their standards, or the standards of Iowa as they saw them, will permit it.

In the view of the FTRF Executive Committee, at least two important issues are raised by the conviction of Mr. Smith: community standards (as mentioned above) and prior restraint.

With regard to prior restraint, according to the official record in the case, the materials sent by Mr. Smith--from his firm, Intrigue--were all mailed to fictitious names and addresses in Iowa used by postmasters to obtain the materials for the sole purpose of suppressing their dissemination. (From OIF MEMO, November 1975.)

Legislative Monitoring

In June, we promised to deliver some hints on watchdogging state legislation which affects intellectual freedom. After discussing the process of watchdogging with several experts, it has become apparent that it is not really as complicated a procedure as it might at first seem.

As we stated in the June MEMO, it is essential that one person take responsibility for keeping track of intellectual freedom-related bills and keeping your IFC and the OIF informed of their status. Because monitoring legislation often requires close personal contact with local legislators who are friendly to your cause, it is much more efficient to have one person establish lines of communication with the capital than for several committee members to become involved.

Several state library associations have legislative representatives. If your state is among them, your association's representative should be able to provide your committee with information on pending obscenity legislation. Those of you without state legislative representatives will have to become experts in your own right.

Before you can even start to monitor legislation, you must be aware of the peculiarities of the legislative procedure in your state. THE BOOK OF THE STATES 1974-75 (The Council of State Governments, Lexington, Kentucky), published biennially, includes comprehensive tables which give a state by state run-down of legislative procedures, such as time limits on bill filing, number of required readings, and the date the legislature convenes. In addition, almost all - if not all - state governments have a public education division that distributes pamphlets on "How a bill becomes law in (your state)." They provide a step-by-step account of the life of a typical bill.

When legislation is introduced on the floor of the house or senate, it is assigned a number which identifies it throughout its duration as a live bill. The number has no relation to the content of the bill, so subject access to newly introduced bills is essential. With the bill number in hand, it is relatively easy to find out the committee assignments.

Most state library agencies maintain files on active legislation with subject access. Whether it is a machine-readable form as, for example, in Illinois or a simple card file, these records are your best resource. The files are generally prepared and maintained by the legislative documents staff of the state library. Find out who the reference librarian is and try to limit your communication to this one individual. Then you will know someone very close to the information you require who is also aware of your particular interests. In almost all cases, one phone call (Missouri has a toll-free hotline) to the state library will provide you with a list of bills on intellectual freedom-related topics and their status. Be sure to check frequently during the period when bills are introduced in your state.

When you have discovered that a piece of relevant legislation has been, in fact, introduced, you can begin the task of monitoring it as it progresses through committee. Vigilance is the keyword at this stage. Often a bill will appear to be dead, then suddenly move very quickly at the end of session.

The best way of ascertaining the expected progress of any bill is to learn as much as you can about the committee to which it was assigned. Find out who the members are, particularly the chairperson, and make contact with them. You can always check the status of the bill by calling the chairperson's office. But, be sure that the staff person you talk to is fully aware of your opposition to the bill, if you oppose it. Otherwise, the chairperson may take your frequent calls to mean you are in favor of its passage, and try to move it along more quickly. Depending on the chairperson's staff and your rapport with them, someone in the office may even be willing to notify you when the bill does move and when hearings will be held. Your own legislator often can be an excellent source for information regarding the status of a bill and the general feeling about it among other legislators. (From OIF MEMO, September 1975.)

Legislative Monitoring - Revisited

In preparing the report on legislative monitoring for the September MEMO, we came across a great source of information on state legislative practices. In 1974, the Citizens Conference on State Legislatures (CCSL) published LEGISLATIVE OPENNESS: A REPORT ON PRESS AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES OF STATE LEGISLATURES. The book opens with four essays on legislative openness (by a management consultant, a vice-president of the League of Women Voters, a newspaper reporter, and a businessman), followed by research papers presenting an overview of the fifty state legislatures' regulations regarding openness. Perhaps the most outstanding aspect of the report is the abundance of useful charts detailing each state's procedures for providing access to the legislative process.

Reprints of some of the most useful charts are attached to this MEMO (Attachments I-IX). They cover access to committee meetings, requirements for record keeping, advance notice of committee meetings, bill status reporting systems, and public information resources.

A problem many of you have brought to our attention is the difficulty in verifying the dates, hours, and subject matter of committee hearings and meetings. Chart III (Advance Public Notice of Standing Committee Meetings) details each state's requirements for prior public notice of meetings, content of notice, and mode of dissemination. Even with this information in hand, it is a good idea to know the chairperson of the given committee. Often committee meetings are moved or canceled at the last minute. The chairperson's office will be aware of these changes and will be able to inform you as to what the latest plans are.

We would also like to draw your attention to chart X (Bill Status Reporting Systems). It describes the form in which status reports are issued, the frequency of updates of status, the availability of copies of the reports to the public, and the location of the report documents.

As you can see, LEGISLATIVE OPENNESS is a great reference tool and well worth the $3.00 price tag. If you would like your own copy, write to:

Order Department
The Citizens Conference on State Legislatures
7503 Marin Drive
Greenwood Plaza
Englewood, Colorado 80110

We have quickly learned that there is no "last word" on legislative monitoring, so we promise more next month, including an updated list of CCSL publications. (From OIF MEMO, November 1975.)

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MINUTES

1975 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, July 3, 1975 St. Francis Hotel
San Francisco, California

CALL TO ORDER

The 1975 Membership Meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table was called to order on Thursday, July 3, 1975, at 2:10 P.M. by the chairperson, Jean-Anne South. The presence of a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The MINUTES of the membership meeting held July 9, 1974 were approved as distributed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The assembled membership took official recognition of the special contribution of John Phillip Immroth to the establishment of the round table in 1973. The membership's gratitude was expressed to him.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Ms. South reported that the IFRT Executive Committee had (in the interim since the 1974 membership meeting):

- Sponsored a special discussion meeting on censorship of public school textbooks, held at the 1975 Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.
- Adopted a resolution on the editorial independence of AMERICAN LIBRARIES (Exhibit I). [This resolution, intended for the Council at the 1975 Midwinter Meeting, was not approved in time to meet the Council's 24-hour rule; it was added to the Council's agenda at the 1975 Annual Conference, but there was no action on it.]
- Formally asked the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Board of Trustees of the Freedom to Read Foundation to seat representatives of the IFRT.
- Authorized payment of $100.00 to help support the exhibit of the Office for Intellectual Freedom at the 1975 Annual Conference.
- Authorized payment of the travel expenses of the speakers at the IFRT's 1975 Annual Conference program meeting.
- Co-sponsored (with the IFC) an application for a grant under

the J. Morris Jones-World Book Encyclopedia-ALA Goals Award to support the appeal in Moore v. Younger (the Freedom to Read Foundation's suit against California's "harmful matter" law).

- Agreed to co-sponsor (for the 1976 Annual Conference) a program designed by the Children's Services Division's Intellectual Freedom Committee and National Planning of Special Collections Committee and authorized financial support up to $200.00.

In announcements pertaining to the above actions, Ms. South explained that the Board of Trustees of the Freedom to Read Foundation had invited the IFRT Executive Committee to send an official observer to its meetings. She explained that the Trustees took this course of action as an interim step during their study of the general question of the representation of ALA units on the Board of Trustees. (See infra, p. 3)

With regard to the request for a seat on the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Ms. South stated that it was the understanding of the IFC and the Committee on Committees that Committees of Council do not serve special constituencies and do not seat representatives of ALA units.

Ms. South announced that the IFRT's application for a grant under the J. Morris Jones-World Book Encyclopedia-ALA Goals Award had received $12,000 in funding.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Brunton reported that Mr. Robert Yamata had been appointed to represent the IFRT on the ALA Membership Committee, and that an IFRT member would be appointed to the 1976 Annual Conference Planning Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, Ms. South called the membership's attention to the interim statement of IFRT income and expenditures for the period September 1, 1974-May 31, 1975. (Exhibit II). There were no comments or questions concerning the report.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Galloway, chairperson of the Program Committee, introduced Evelyn Geller and Judith Serebnick, speakers at the IFRT's 1975 Annual Conference program.

In a report on preparations for the 1976 Annual Conference, Mr. Galloway announced that his committee planned to invite Pete Seeger to appear on the IFRT program.

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Kaye, chairperson of the Membership Promotion Committee, reported that the newly appointed members of the committee were at work on the committee's assigned responsibility to produce a membership promotion brochure. He also stated that his committee would discuss the question of IFRT activities which would attract ALA members interested in intellectual freedom.

FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION

Ms. South, who serves on the Board of Trustees of the Freedom to Read Foundation, reported briefly on actions taken by the Foundation Board of Trustees at their meeting held June 27, 1975.

Ms. South stated that attorneys for the Foundation filed in May a notice of the Foundation's intent to appeal the most recent decision in Moore v. Younger, handed down January 13, 1975 by California Superior Court Judge Robert P. Schifferman. The Superior Court ruling declared that public and school librarians are exempt from the provisions of the California "harmful matter" law. The Trustees voted to appeal the decision due to the limited jurisdiction of Judge Schifferman's court, and because his ruling did not touch upon the question of the constitutionality of the law.

Ms. South announced that in other litigation the Freedom to Read Foundation had joined with the Association of American Publishers and the American Booksellers Association in supporting Victor Marchetti and John Marks and their publisher, Knopf, in an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court requesting a review of the federal appellate court decision which upheld CIA censorship of THE CIA AND THE CULT OF INTELLIGENCE.

Ms. South announced that the Trustees had voted to restrict ex officio seats on the Foundation to persons representing ALA as a whole, (i.e., the ALA president, president-elect, executive director, and Intellectual Freedom Committee chairperson). This action, resulting in the abolition of seats occupied by representatives of the American Library Trustee Association, the Library Administration Division, the Junior Members Round Table, and the Social Responsibilities Round Table, implemented the recommendation of a committee appointed to study the problem of granting fair representation to the ALA in the deliberations of the Foundation while at the same time maintaining a Board of Trustees manageable in both structure and size.

Ms. South also revealed that the Freedom to Read Foundation planned to hold an information meeting at a forthcoming ALA annual conference.

LeROY C. MERRITT HUMANITARIAN FUND

Ms. South announced that the Executive Committee had established a special committee to promote the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund, and that the

committee would be chaired by Joslyn N. Williams.

Ms. South reported that Mr. Williams had recommended the following actions to the Executive Committee at its meeting held June 30, 1975: (1) provision of assistance to the Fund in membership promotion; (2) appointment of a liaison person to the Fund; (3) approval of a direct mailing to members of the IFRT; (4) approval of an appeal for support of the Fund at the IFRT program and membership meetings; and (5) regular mention of the Fund in the IFRT REPORT.

These recommendations were approved by the Executive Committee.

In response to a question from the floor concerning the Fund's purposes, Ms. South explained that the Fund offers assistance to librarians who are in the trustees' opinion: (1) discriminated against on the basis of sex, sexual preference, race, color, creed or place of national origin; (2) denied employment rights; or (3) threatened with loss of employment or discharged because of their stand for the cause of intellectual freedom.

Zoia Horn, a trustee of the Fund, announced from the floor that the newly elected trustees had held their first meeting and had discussed possible difficulties in the conditions of the trust agreement establishing the Fund.

In response to a query, Ms. Horn explained that the recently expanded purposes of the Fund were set forth in a trust agreement drawn up in January 1975 at the request of the trustees of the original Fund, which was devoted exclusively to purpose (3) above. The original Fund, established in 1970, was in the trustees' opinion too narrow in scope.

CHANGES IN BYLAWS

The provisions of Bylaws Article XI (Exhibit III), the text of which was distributed to the membership in May 1975, were moved, seconded and ADOPTED by the assembled membership.

A proposed change in Bylaws Article VI, Section 6 (Exhibit III), the text of which was distributed to the membership in May 1975, was moved, seconded, and ADOPTED by the assembled membership.

IFRT PRIORITIES

Ms. South announced that the Executive Committee desired an expression of membership opinion concerning priorities in IFRT activities and in the expenditure of IFRT funds.

Several members suggested from the floor that the IFRT sponsor a program meeting at ALA annual conferences only when a superior program could be presented. Among the activities suggested from the floor were the following:

- Development of a high school social studies course in intellectual freedom.
- Sponsorship of research on censorship.
- Development and distribution of a videotape program on intellectual freedom.
- Special activities or programs to increase awareness among librarians concerning threats to intellectual freedom posed by, for example, Senate Bill 1.
- Production of intellectual freedom reports to be "piggybacked" on ALA division journals.

In order to conclude the discussion with regard to the 1976 program, a member moved from the floor that the IFRT forgo its program at the 1976 Annual Conference and develop instead an instructional-educational package to be approved by the Executive Committee. The motion was defeated.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The following contributions were approved by the assembled membership:

To the Freedom to Read Foundation: $500.00

To the Office for Intellectual Freedom for support services rendered: $500.00.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

In response to a question posed by the chair, the membership approved the production of a 1975 membership directory.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

Mr. Immroth, IFRT's representative to the Intellectual Freedom Committee, stated that the Intellectual Freedom Committee had referred to the International Relations Committee the question of the plight of Spanish librarian Maria Luz Fernandez Alvarez (see IFRT REPORT No. 7, May 1975, p. 7).

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following persons were elected to the IFRT Nominating Committee: Zoia Horn, Barbara Immroth, Sue Kamm, Jane Robbins, and Kathleen Wiederholt.

ALTERNATIVE LITERATURE/EPHEMERA

At the request of the chair, Mr. Russell Benedict, coordinator of the Collectors' Network, explained that his network served librarians who wished to collect and exchange alternative literature and ephemera,

and that he and his colleagues sought the assistance of IFRT due to the inability of the network to expand beyond the limits it had reached. The following motions were moved and seconded, and the membership

VOTED, That IFRT members be encouraged - through any means including the IFRT REPORT - not to destroy alternative literature and ephemera which they do not wish to collect, but to donate such materials to collecting libraries; and further

VOTED, That the IFRT Executive Committee be directed to establish an ad hoc committee to appoint IFRT members to organize regional clearinghouses for libraries wishing to donate and/or collect alternative literature or ephemera.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Funk
Staff Liaison

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1975 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Monday, June 30, 1975 — Sheraton-Palace Hotel

Thursday, July 3, 1975 — Hilton Hotel

San Francisco, California

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table was called to order at 6:15 P.M. on Monday, June 30, 1975 by Jean-Anne South, Chairperson. The following persons were present:

Executive Committee:
John M. Carter
Patricia Finley
R. Dean Galloway
Evelyn Geller
Ronald J. Kaye
Jane Robbins
Edward J. Whittaker
Jean-Anne South, Chairperson

Staff:
Roger L. Funk

Guests:
Richard Akeroyd, Collectors' Network
Russell Benedict, Collectors' Network
Paul B. Cors, Chairperson, Bylaws Committee
Zoia Horn
Barbara Immroth
John Phillip Immroth
Joslyn N. Williams, Chairperson, Merritt Fund Committee

The following persons were absent:

Executive Committee:
David W. Brunton
Clara Jackson
Florence McMullin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The MINUTES of the Executive Committee's 1975 Midwinter meeting were approved as distributed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

In her report to the Executive Committee, Ms. South announced that:

A meeting of round table chairpersons had been held April 29 at ALA Headquarters to discuss the proposed assessment of round tables; a task force composed of Anthony Miele (GODORT), James Harvey (JMRT), and Nancy Kellum-Rose (SRRT) was appointed to study the question of the role of round tables in the ALA.

The IFRT/IFC proposal to support the appeal in Moore v. Younger had been awarded a $12,000.00 grant from the J. Morris Jones-World Book Encyclopedia-ALA Goals Award.

The Freedom to Read Foundation Board had voted at its meeting held June 27, 1975 to restrict ALA seats on the Board to those representing ALA as a whole (i.e., ALA president, president-elect, executive director, and Intellectual Freedom Committee chairperson) and to invite all ALA units - divisions and round tables - to send non-voting representatives to all meetings of the Board of Trustees.

STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT

Mr. Funk briefly reviewed an interim report of income and expenditures (Exhibit II) which was compiled on the basis of reports issued by the ALA Comptroller.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Galloway, Program Committee chairperson, reported that Evelyn Geller and Judith Serebnick would appear on the IFRT program at the 1975 Annual Conference, and that the Program Committee planned to invite Pete Seeger to appear at the 1976 Annual Conference in Chicago.

There ensued a discussion of IFRT priorities and the amount of IFRT income that should be expended on annual conference programs. During the discussion, the Executive Committee agreed informally that the membership should be asked at the forthcoming membership meeting to express their opinions with regard to the question of IFRT priorities.

MERRITT FUND COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Williams, chairperson of the Merritt Fund Promotion Committee, asked the Executive Committee to take the following steps: (1) extend a formal offer to assist the Merritt Fund Trustees in any way the Round Table can; (2) assign a liaison person to the Merritt Fund Trustees; (3) undertake a direct mailing to IFRT members asking their participation in the Merritt Fund; (4) issue invitations to join the Fund at the IFRT program and membership meetings; and (5) make the IFRT REPORT regularly available for promotion of the Merritt Fund.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Whittaker moved, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Executive Committee enthusiastically

VOTED, That Mr. Williams' recommendations be implemented.

REVISION OF BYLAWS

In the discussion of proposed revisions in the Bylaws (Exhibit III), Mr. Whittaker asked, with regard to proposed Article XI, Section 2, whether action should be authorized by "the Round Table membership" or "the Round Table", or "the Round Table Executive Committee."

Mr. Cors, chairperson of the Bylaws Committee, responded that in his view approval by the membership would carry much more weight.

EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE OF AMERICAN LIBRARIES

During the discussion of the Executive Committee's resolution on AMERICAN LIBRARIES, passed at the 1975 Midwinter Meeting (see Executive Committee MINUTES, January 23, 1975, pp. 5-6), Ms. South announced that she had attended the recent hearings on AMERICAN LIBRARIES held by the Committee on Organization and that the Committee on Organization planned to bring a resolution before the Council at the 1975 Annual Conference. [A resolution on AMERICAN LIBRARIES was approved July 4 by the Council.]

SPONSORSHIP OF CSD PROGRAM

Ms. Finley, speaking on behalf of the Children's Services Division's Intellectual Freedom Committee, invited the Executive Committee to co-sponsor and, if possible, in part fund a program for the 1976 Annual Conference designed by the CSD Intellectual Freedom Committee and the CSD National Planning of Special Collections Committee.
After discussion of the proposal, Mr. Whittaker moved, Mr. Galloway seconded, and the Executive Committee

VOTED, That the CSD program "Intellectual Freedom and Children: 1876-1976" be co-sponsored by the IFRT.

After a discussion concerning the amount of funding that the program would require, Mr. Whittaker moved, Mr. Carter seconded, and the Executive Committee

VOTED, That the IFRT support the CSD program "Intellectual Freedom and Children: 1876-1976" in an amount up to $200.00.

CONTRIBUTIONS

After noting that the IFRT voted at its 1974 membership meeting to donate $500.00 to the Office for Intellectual Freedom and $100.00 to the Freedom

to Read Foundation, Ms. South asked the Executive Committee if it wished to make any recommendations to the membership concerning contributions for the year 1975.

Mr. Whittaker moved, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Executive Committee

> *VOTED, That it be recommended to the IFRT membership that $500.00 be donated to the Office for Intellectual Freedom for support services rendered.*

During the discussion concerning a donation to the Freedom to Read Foundation, several amounts were suggested, but finally it was agreed that the Executive Committee's decision to seek membership opinion on priorities made it unwise to recommend a given amount that could come into conflict with choices of the membership in assigning priorities.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

Mr. Immroth reported that the Intellectual Freedom Committee had failed to obtain a quorum at either of its first two sessions. During the discussion of the importance of the role of Committees of Council, Mr. Galloway moved, Ms. Robbins seconded, and the Executive Committee

> *VOTED, That the following policy be recommended to the Council: that any member of a Committee of Council who absents him or herself from two consecutive committee meetings without serious justification and prior notice be removed from membership on the committee and a replacement appointed as soon as possible.*

During a related discussion of possible conflicts of interest that might arise when ALA Executive Board members serve on Committees of Council, Ms. Robbins moved, Mr. Carter seconded, and the Executive Committee

> *VOTED, That the following policy be recommended to the Council: that no ALA Executive Board members serve on Committees of Council except where so provided for in the ALA Bylaws.*

COLLECTORS' NETWORK

Ms. South recognized Russell Benedict, coordinator of the Collectors' Network, who in turn introduced Richard Akeroyd. Messrs. Benedict and Akeroyd proposed that the IFRT undertake a program to establish regional clearinghouses for alternative literature and ephemera, and that the IFRT take steps to popularize the doctrine of the Collectors' Network - "Don't Throw It Away."

After brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Executive Committee that it would be proper to refer Mr. Benedict's proposals to the membership for consideration at the 1975 membership meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 9:30 P.M.

SECOND SESSION

RECALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table was recalled to order at 4:45 P.M. on Thursday, July 3, 1975 by Jean-Anne South, chairperson. The following persons were present:

Executive Committee:	David W. Brunton John M. Carter R. Dean Galloway Evelyn Geller Ronald J. Kaye Florence McMullin Jane Robbins Edward J. Whittaker Jean-Anne South, Chairperson
Staff:	Roger L. Funk
Guests:	Jeanne Bagby Barbara Immroth John Phillip Immroth, IFRT Representative to IFC Gerald R. Shields, Incoming IFRT Director

The following persons were absent:

Executive Committee:	Patricia Finley Clara Jackson

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

In his report on the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Mr. Immroth announced that the IFC would recommend that the ALA Council adopt two resolutions, one supporting public ownership of the papers of government officials, and a second regarding a revision of the ALA policy on the confidentiality of library records. [The resolutions were adopted July 4 by the Council.]

At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Immroth asked that representatives to the IFC, the Freedom to Read Foundation, and the Merritt Fund be given official status in the IFRT by an appropriate revision in the Bylaws.

After discussion of the request, Mr. Whittaker moved, Mr. Galloway seconded, and the Executive Committee

VOTED, That the Bylaws Committee be instructed to prepare appropriate revisions to include mention of the Freedom to Read Foundation, Intellectual Freedom Committee, and Merritt Fund liaison persons in the IFRT Bylaws, such persons to be appointed by the chairperson and to serve as ex officio (i.e., non-voting) members of the Executive Committee.

IFRT REPORT

Mr. Funk asked the Executive Committee whether it wished any changes in the kinds of contents appearing in the IFRT REPORT, from its inception based largely on the contents of the monthly OIF MEMORANDUM. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that no changes should be made in practices regarding the content of the IFRT REPORT.

AFFILIATES

In view of the membership's adoption of Bylaws Article XI, Mr. Whittaker moved, Ms. McMullin seconded, and the Executive Committee

VOTED, That the Executive Committee actively encourage affiliates, and that the vice-chairperson serve as special liaison to and for affiliates.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Robbins, a member of the ALA Committee on Planning, announced that the Committee on Planning would ask each unit of ALA to prepare a report concerning its activities and the relation of these to the newly adopted statement of ALA's goals and objectives. She requested, and the Executive Committee granted, permission to list IFRT's activities in a sample report to be distributed among all ALA units.

IFRT PRIORITIES

The Executive Committee briefly reviewed the membership's discussion of IFRT priorities; Ms. Yates and Mr. Whittaker were appointed to prepare a report to the Executive Committee on IFRT priorities.

J. MORRIS JONES-WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA-ALA GOALS AWARD

Ms. South asked whether the Executive Committee wished to submit a proposal for the 1976 J. Morris Jones Award. Mr. Brunton suggested that the IFRT REPORT be used to solicit topics for proposals from the membership. At the request of the Executive Committee, Ms. South agreed to act as coordinator for the preparation of an IFRT for the 1976 J. Morris Jones Award.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Funk
Staff Liaison

Exhibit I

RESOLUTION ON POLICY FOR AMERICAN LIBRARIES

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.

--Moved by Jean-Anne South, Councilor at Large, on behalf of the IFRT Executive Committee, and

--Seconded by Zoia Horn, Councilor at Large, on behalf of the SRRT Action Council

IFRT
Income and Expenditures
9/1/74--5/31/75

BALANCE 9/1/74		$2,770.00	
Income			
Dues	$4,031.00	4,031.00	
		6,801.00	
Expenditures			
Temporary personnel	94.00		
Operating supplies	45.00		
Postage	522.00		
Telephone and telegraph	122.00		
Printing and duplicating	495.00		
Meetings	28.00		
OIF exhibit	100.00		
Data processing	85.00		
NIF	25.00		
		$1,516.00	
BALANCE 5/31/75			$5,285.00

Exhibit III

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM ROUND TABLE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: IFRT Members DATE: May 14, 1975

FROM: Roger L. Funk, IFRT Staff Liaison RLF

RE: Changes in Bylaws, to be considered at the IFRT membership meeting in San Francisco, Thursday, July 3, at 2:00 p.m.

In accordance with a request from the IFRT Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee (Pat Rom, Bruce Shuman, and Paul B. Cors, chairperson) submits to the membership the following new article providing for affiliates:

ARTICLE XI

AFFILIATES

Section I. Any persons concerned with intellectual freedom issues may form a regional, state or local group which is encouraged to associate with the Round Table as an Affiliate. Affiliate status shall entitle the group to receive the publications of the Round Table and to report its activities to the Round Table; it shall not entitle members of the group who are not personal members of the Round Table to vote or hold office in the Round Table. An Affiliate can ask for advice or support or other appropriate action from the Round Table. Affiliates shall not pay dues, but shall be urged to contribute voluntarily to the financial support of the Round Table.

Section II. Affiliates may be units of existing regional, state or local library associations if they so choose. Affiliates determine their own organization, financial structure, policies and programs, which are not subject to veto by the Round Table. Affiliates may act in the name of the Round Table only when authorized to do so by the Round Table membership, and shall not commit the Round Table by any declaration of policy.

Section III. A group requesting Affiliate status shall submit a short statement of its membership, purpose, goals, and duration of operation to the secretary of the Round Table. Affiliates shall report their ongoing activities to the secretary of the Round Table at least once a year. If an Affiliate disbands, it shall report this action to the secretary of the Round Table

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In order to bring the IFRT Bylaws into conformity with current ALA election practices, the IFRT Staff Liaison requests consideration of the following change in Bylaws Article IV, Section 6 [proposed deletion is indicated by --------; proposed addition is indicated by _____].

Nominations shall be closed on April 1; ballots shall be mailed to all members in good standing ~~on or before May 1 and must be returned on or before June 1.~~ at least six weeks prior to the ALA annual conference and must be returned on or before the date established for the return of the ALA Council ballot.

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