

American Library Association
Intellectual Freedom Round Table
Conference Call April 12, 2016

President Laura Koltutsky called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. EDT. Members attending: Laura Koltutsky, Martin Garnar, Cynthia Robinson, Julia Warga, Scott Bonner, Audrey Barbakoff, Barbara Pickell, Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Kristin Pekoll, Pamela Sieving; Shumeca Pickett, staff liaison

Agenda: The purpose of the conference call was to discuss financial issues relating to the IFRT program at the 2016 Conference: supporting travel expenses of one speaker, and remote broadcast of the presentation by another speaker who will be unable to attend the conference.

We discussed budgetary realities, ALA policy and practice, and implications of the various options. Providing a Skype connection is prohibitively expensive; a recorded presentation is preferable, and the speaker will be asked to prepare one for the program. Policy and practice allow the round table to pay travel expenses for the other speaker, who is neither a librarian nor an ALA member. Executive Committee members participating in the conference call voted unanimously to support those travel expenses.

Because of the coincidence of the second speaker also being the co-recipient of the Oboler Award, the Board noted that award winners' expenses to attend the award ceremony are never paid, and the coincidence does not change that policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela C. Sieving, Secretary