

Proposed IFRT Bylaw Amendments for 2021 Ballot

Below are the proposed changes for Article VII, Section 4, of the IFRT Bylaws. The IFRT Executive Committee voted to include these on the ballot at their meetings on December 9, 2020 and January 6, 2021.

ITEM #1 BYLAW AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO REFLECT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES

ACTION: To amend Article VII, Section 4, of the IFRT Bylaws by replacing the title of “Program” Committee in the list of standing committees with “Programming & Events” Committee

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

The standing committees are: Bylaws and Organization, John Phillip Immroth Award, membership promotion, Nominating, Program, Eli Oboler Memorial Award, Coalition Building, Publications & Communications, and LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund Promotion Committee.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE (additions underlined, omissions in brackets):

The standing committees are: Bylaws and Organization, John Phillip Immroth Award, membership promotion, Nominating, [Program] Programming & Events, Eli Oboler Memorial Award, Coalition Building, Publications & Communications, and LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund Promotion Committee.

ITEM #2 BYLAW AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE CHARGES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

ACTION: To amend Article VII, Section 4, of the IFRT Bylaws to include a statement after the list of standing committees that allows and requires the Executive Committee to approve changes to the charges of the standing committees.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

There is no current language.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE (additions underlined, omissions in brackets):

Changes to the charges of standing committees must be approved by the Executive Committee.

ITEM #3 BYLAW AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE THE DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES OF THE 9 STANDING COMMITTEES, WITH THE INTENT TO LIST THEM IN THE IFRT HANDBOOK

ACTION: To amend Article VII, Section 4, by omitting the list of charges of the 9 standing committees.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

1. **Bylaws and Organization.** The Bylaws and Organization committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. The committee shall review the bylaws and guidelines of Round Table committees, and recommend changes as needed from time to time, except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws.
2. **John Phillip Immroth Award.** The John Phillip Immroth Award Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. It shall, under guidelines approved by the Executive Committee, administer the John Phillip Immroth Award, including, but not limited to, seeking nominees for this award. It shall review the guidelines for this award and make recommendations for changes as may from time to time be required. The Immroth Award chair shall present the award at the Annual Conference.
3. **Membership Promotion.** The Membership Promotion Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. It shall be responsible for promoting membership in the Round Table.
4. **Nominating.** The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom shall be the immediate past chair of the Round Table, who shall serve as chair of the committee. The Nominating Committee shall seek candidates for the Round Table's elected offices, and shall present a slate of candidates for each office, as provided in Article IV, Section 5.
5. **Program.** The Program Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. The committee shall be charged with planning a program for the Annual Conference meeting.
6. **Eli Oboler Memorial Award.** The Eli Oboler Memorial Award Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. The chair shall serve for two years. The committee shall, under guidelines approved by the Executive Committee, administer the Eli Oboler Memorial Award, including, but not limited to, judging submissions and republishing the winning entries. It shall review the guidelines for the award and make recommendations for changes as may from time be required. The Oboler Award chair shall present the award biennially.
7. **Coalition Building Committee.** The Coalition Building Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. It shall provide advice and council to state coalition building efforts. It shall gather and disseminate state coalition information to Intellectual Freedom Round Table membership. It shall administer the Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award.
8. **Publications & Communications Committee.** The Publications & Communications Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. It shall oversee the creation of all Intellectual Freedom Round Table publications.
9. **LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund Promotion Committee.** The LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund Promotion Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. The committee shall consider ways to help promote general knowledge of the existence of the fund in order to help with outreach to potential grant recipients as well as to help encourage ongoing support for current and potential donors.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE (additions underlined, omissions in brackets):

[1. Bylaws and Organization. The Bylaws and Organization committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. The committee shall review the bylaws and guidelines of Round Table committees, and recommend changes as needed from time to time, except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

2. John Phillip Immroth Award. The John Phillip Immroth Award Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. It shall, under guidelines approved by the Executive Committee, administer the John Phillip Immroth Award, including, but not limited to, seeking nominees for this award. It shall review the guidelines for this award and make recommendations for changes as may from time to time be required. The Immroth Award chair shall present the award at the Annual Conference.

3. Membership Promotion. The Membership Promotion Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. It shall be responsible for promoting membership in the Round Table.

4. Nominating. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom shall be the immediate past chair of the Round Table, who shall serve as chair of the committee. The Nominating Committee shall seek candidates for the Round Table's elected offices, and shall present a slate of candidates for each office, as provided in Article IV, Section 5.

5. Program. The Program Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. The committee shall be charged with planning a program for the Annual Conference meeting.

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8. Publications & Communications Committee. The Publications & Communications Committee shall consist of at least three members, including the chair. It shall oversee the creation of all Intellectual Freedom Round Table publications.

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