



BCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Terms of Reference

Approved by the BCLA Board: February 5, 2021

Mandate

The Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) acts as an information resource and provides policy recommendations for the BCLA Board on intellectual freedom issues. The Committee acts on Board decisions and policies as requested.

Responsibilities/Objectives

- Monitor intellectual freedom issues with a particular focus on British Columbia
- Raise awareness of intellectual freedom issues via the BCLA IFC listserv
- Provide a forum for ongoing discussion among IFC members on intellectual freedom issues
- Bring other BCLA committees, sections and interest groups, where relevant, into discussions around intellectual freedom issues

Deliverables

- Identify professional development opportunities relating to intellectual freedom for members of BCLA and the wider library community
- Recommend letters or statements for the approval of, and action by, the Board in response to intellectual freedom issues
- Act on board decisions and policies as requested
- Curate intellectual freedom resource links on BCLA's IFC Committee webpage



- Provide an annual written report of IFC activities to the Board

Composition

The Committee Executive comprises the following positions:

- Chair or Co-Chairs
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- One Director-at-Large per sector (Public, School and Academic)
- Student Representatives from British Columbia MLIS and Library Technician programs (University of British Columbia, University of the Fraser Valley and Langara College)

All Committee members must be current BCLA members. IFC listserv subscription is open to anyone.

Resources and Budget

The Committee may occasionally approach BCLA with funding requests for Board consideration.

Timelines and Tools

Meetings should be quarterly when possible, with elections held in the spring. The Executive may call additional meetings as necessary.

Agendas will be prepared by the Chair/Co-Chairs with input from Committee members. Current agendas and recent minutes will be distributed to Committee members prior to meetings.

12 (twelve) IFC members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

The Committee will post meeting minutes to the IFC subsite of the BCLA website.



Type of Committee

The IFC is a Standing Committee to the Board.

Term of Appointment

The Committee is ongoing.

Each spring, the Chair/Co-Chair will call for nominations from the IFC listserv and send out a slate of candidates for review. Officers are elected or acclaimed at the annual spring meeting and ratified at the next Board meeting.

Terms of Executive:

- Chair/Co-Chairs: 2 years
- Treasurer: 2 years
- Recording Secretary: 1 year
- Directors-at-Large: 2 years
- Student Representatives: 1 year

Members of the Executive may serve a maximum of 2 consecutive terms in any one position.

Any BCLA member in good standing may join the IFC.

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