

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM CHAIR

Term Length:

This office is the first in a trilogy of annual offices; Term commences at the beginning of the first fiscal year following election as Chair-Elect, the second of which is that of Chair and as a member of the Board of Directors, and the third of which is that of Past Chair.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Chair Elect

Investigate upon request complaints concerning alleged violations of intellectual freedom.

Collect and report library material challenges to the American Library Association and MLA.

Update and maintain the Intellectual Freedom Committee section of the MLA website.

Chair

Keep MLA Board of Directors informed of intellectual freedom activities in Minnesota.

Work with the legislative committee in areas of legislation related to intellectual freedom.

At the direction of the MLA Board of Directors, act as an arm of the MLA Board of Directors in the area of intellectual freedom.

Arrange for and chairs Intellectual Freedom Committee membership meeting at Annual Conference and more often as necessary.

Arrange and chair Intellectual Freedom Advising Committee meetings.

Estimated time commitment: 3-6 hours per month

Reports:

Reports annually or as needed to the Board of Directors.

Past Chair

Solicit programming for the Minnesota Library Association Conference, and throughout the year.

Work with the Intellectual Freedom Advising Committee for nominations and evaluations for the Lars Steltzner Intellectual Freedom Award. More details on the award can be found in the Awards policy section of the Policies Manual. The award is administered by the Past Chair.