CHAIR, INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

August 21, 2020

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

Responsibilities:
Serve as a member of the MLA Board of Directors.

Duties:
Chair-Elect
1. Investigate upon request complaints concerning alleged violations of intellectual freedom.
2. Collect and report library material challenges to the American Library Association and MLA.
3. Update and maintain the Intellectual Freedom Committee section of the MLA website.

Chair
1. Keep MLA Board of Directors informed of intellectual freedom activities in Minnesota.
2. Work with the legislative committee in areas of legislation related to intellectual freedom.
3. 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.
4. Arrange for and chairs Intellectual Freedom Committee membership meeting at Annual Conference and more often as necessary.
5. Arrange and chair Intellectual Freedom Advising Committee meetings.

Past Chair
1. Solicit programming for the Minnesota Library Association Conference, and throughout the year.
2. 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 (add Awards number when approved). The award is administered by the Past Chair.

Intellectual Freedom Advising Committee
1. The Committee is made up of MLA organizational members that opt-in to the committee, ITEM, and an academic and public library representative designated by the ARLD and PLD Chairs. (MLA membership).
2. The committee shall assist with programming development, award nominations, and advise on intellectual freedom questions and inquiries.

Estimated Time Commitment: 3-6 hours per month

Reports:
1. Annually or as needed to the Board of Directors and members.