In July 2016, IF Committee drafted an agenda for the year. The following is what we completed, or didn’t complete, from that agenda. Future plans close the report.

1) Provide advice / support / best practices regarding intellectual freedom, censorship, and privacy
We did this as best we could by communicating via TLA listserv--and more informally via social media--and by hosting programs at Conference. We have struggled to create a meaningful feedback loop with libraries at the local level. In-state professionals often bypass us and go directly to national organizations and/or national organizations bring local issues to our attention. We partnered with ACLU-TN endorsing a National Coalition Against Censorship letter to Sullivan County Board of Education encouraging them to keep *My World History* as part of their seventh grade curriculum. We were reactionary to this situation and were not included as co-signers of initial letter, but will be co-signers on future communications. Sullivan County Board of Education has yet to reach a final decision. We offered advice to TASL and connected them to resources and national organizations to help them revitalize their Intellectual Freedom Committee.

2) Liaison with ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom
ALA-OIF hosted quarterly “State of the States” web meetings for state IF committee chairs on 8/18/16, 11/10/16, 02/10/17, and 05/16/17. One, or both, co-chairs were active participants in each of these meetings.

3) Meet virtually, or in person, at least three times a year
8/26/16 via GoToMeeting, 11/18/16 via GoToMeeting, 04/06/17 in person at Conference

4) Coordinate with Legislative Committee and Legislative Monitor
There is always cordial communication, but establishing a reliable method of coordination remains a challenge. See “Future directions” section-

5) Facilitate nomination and selection of TLA Parnassus Books Intellectual Freedom Award
For the second year in a row, there were zero nominations. This remains a hurdle.
6) Coordinate with TLA social media team
Committee member Karen White agreed to be our liaison with TLA’s social media team. Other committee members communicated with them directly as needed. TLA’s social media team was very responsive and helpful throughout the year.

7) Coordinate with Public Library Management Institute
Not completed.

8) Coordinate with Conference Committee about Intellectual Freedom Luncheon speaker
Alison Macrina of Library Freedom Project was keynote speaker at Conference Intellectual Freedom Luncheon on 04/06/17. The event sold out and feedback was positive. This would not have been possible without the help of the Conference Committee.

9) Facilitate pre-conference Intellectual Freedom / Advocacy Bootcamp by ALA-OIF
We attempted this but it proved too costly.

10) Facilitate statewide Banned Books Week Display Contest
Meg Harrison facilitated this successful program. With over thirty-three entries, it remains popular.

11) Coordinate a statewide Choose Privacy Week program
Heather Lanier and Bryan Jones created a list of best privacy practices for libraries. They posted them to TLA-listserv with accompanying funny memes. These were cross posted to TLA’s social media. We also created a bookmark with privacy themed titles to promote Choose Privacy Week.

12) Author the “Viewpoints: Intellectual Freedom” column in Tennessee Libraries
Committee members authored the following columns:

“The Rights and Responsibilities of Intellectual Freedom” by Karen White
http://www.tnla.org/?page=TL66_3_if

“Charitable Giving: Support a Librarian During a Censorship Attempt” by Karen White
http://www.tnla.org/?page=TL66_4_ifr

“Captain America: Civil War, a review” by Bryan Jones
http://www.tnla.org/?page=TL67_1_ifr
**Future directions:**

- Coordinate with Public Library Management Institute to ensure issues of intellectual freedom, censorship, and privacy are part of curriculum. This may help with issue agenda item one with the caveat that these might already be integral to the curriculum. Committee doesn't know because agenda item seven was not completed.

- Rewrite the committee charge to reflect contemporary technological issues and other de facto duties and tasks

- Consider making the Legislative Monitor a sitting member of the committee

- Coordinate a statewide Big Read for the public, or for librarians, during Choose Privacy Week

Respectfully submitted,
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