Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel Meeting  
Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 12:30 pm  
Papermoon Diner, Baltimore

Present: Andrea Dowling, Alex Herzberg, Monica McAbee, Sarah Jane Miller, Ann Reed, Gaylord Robb, Dianne Whitaker

A big welcome to new member Alex Herzberg!

Minutes of February 2014 were approved.

MLA/DLA Conference
- The MLRC program on censorship is on Friday, May 9, at 9:30 am. Monica is the on-site contact person for the program.
- Monica will try to establish contact with DLA’s IF organization at the Conference; we believe Mark has made an initial contact.

Current events regarding IF issues
- We discussed the recent ruling that Baidu, a Chinese search engine with users in New York, has the right to suppress any content that it wants to because it is similar to a newspaper. Hopefully an appeal will reverse the ruling, since this comparison makes no sense.
- Andrea noted that April 4 is “404 Day,” calling attention to Internet censorship in libraries. There is a posting about it on our Facebook page.

Old business

a. E-rate issue
No advocacy action planned at this time.

b. New IFAP chair
Andrea offered to consider being chair, if she can get approval from her supervisor.

c. New outreach director
Andrea is doing this, and tying it in with her Facebook activities.

d. IFAP graphic
Andrea had some examples of designs we could use.

e. Expanding our social media reach
- Sarah Jane wasn’t able to live-tweet at PLA but might be able to do so at other events in the future. She puts most of our Facebook content onto Twitter as well.
- For our Facebook page, Andrea suggested we do “shelfies,” photos of ourselves in front of books significant to IF issues (ALA IF manual, famous or favorite banned titles, etc.).

NEXT MEETING:
Friday, June 6, 2014, 12:30 pm, Broadneck Grill, 1364 Cape Saint Claire Rd, Annapolis, MD 21409  http://broadneckgrill.com