MLA Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel  
Wednesday, September 9, 2015  
Broadneck Grill, Annapolis  
Minutes

Present: Monica McAbee, Mou Chakraborty, Gaylord Robb, Cathi MacRae

Minutes from June 2015 were approved. Monica noted that we neglected to write our Crab article about Banned Books Week. We’ll do better next time!

Executive Board report
Monica reported that:
• We need to send our full meeting schedule to the MLA Office
• Each group is to review MLA policies that pertain to them (these are in the MLA Handbook; Monica will review)
• MLA members are encouraged to help staff the MLA booth at the Baltimore Book Festival Sept 25, 26, and 27. Link to volunteer sign-up is here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f44aaab2ea31-volunteer
• Our budget lines are $200 for income and $100 for expenses
• Current MLA President is Mary Hastler

Legislative Panel report
Cathi attended the first meeting of the MLA Legislative Panel as the IFAP representative. She reported that it mainly consisted of library directors discussing their budgets. She will send a written summary of the meeting to the IFAP list.

Conference Committee report [emailed by John Courie to IFAP August 19, please read]
• 2016 will be the conference’s last year in Ocean City. In 2017 it will move to the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay [in Cambridge, MD].
• IFAP’s conference program will be on the History of Censorship, unless the speaker, Kate Bolger, has other enticing topics. Monica will contact her to firm up the topic.
• Delaware’s Intellectual Freedom Committee wants to partner with IFAP on an IF Basics pre-conference. We will ask them to take the lead, since we had not planned on doing a pre-conference.

Facebook report
Andrea was not present to give a report. Mou promised to post pictures from the cruise on the Facebook page. Recordings of people reading banned books will be posted during Banned Books Week (see under Programs & Events, below).

IF Tutorial online
Mou emailed a link to her IF LibGuide on July 16. Please take a look, suggest further content, and choose a topic for which you will maintain the content. The link is: http://libraryguides.salisbury.edu/IF
Many thanks, Mou!

**Programs & Events**

- Rather than holding a public Banned Books Readout (no time to plan this), we will do our own recordings to post on Facebook and will invite others to contribute recordings. Recordings should be no more than 2 minutes long; shorter is fine. Banned Books Week is Sept. 27 – Oct. 3.
- Monica will make a simple flyer (and maybe a small poster) about the top ten banned books to display at MLA’s booth at the Baltimore Book Festival. We dropped the idea of a meetup event.
- We tabled the Patriot Act webinar planning. Might have to push this back to spring 2016.
- Conference programs – see above, under Conference Committee report. Our first deadline is October 12, to submit the Preliminary Approval Form.

**Future Meetings**

Our schedule was discussed via email in July and August, and there were no objections to holding meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. Monica will send the schedule to the MLA Office.

- Feb 3: online via Blackboard Collaborate
- June 1: Broadneck Grill & Cantina, www.broadneckgrill.com

**Banned Book recording**

Monica had to leave, but Mou recorded Cathi reading from *Annie on My Mind* for our Facebook site.