MLA Intellectual Freedom Advisory Panel  
Wednesday, December 2, 2015  
Broadneck Grill, Annapolis, MD  
Minutes

Present Andrea Dowling, Steve Labash, Cathi MacRae, Monica McAbee, Sarah Jane Miller, Gaylord Robb

Minutes from October 2015 were approved.

Executive Board and Conference Committee Report
Monica reported that:
• All conference forms have been submitted on time.
• All program slots are filled. One of the pre-conference sessions will be about presentation skills. All pre-conference sessions will be half-day.
• The conference will feature a pub quiz, scavenger hunt, and silent auction.
• IFAP may decide not to contribute to silent auction, pending ideas from members before March.
• December 31 is the deadline for AV forms to be submitted. Monica will contact Kate Bolger about AV equipment needs for the presentation.
• MLA presented a demo of “Engage,” an advocacy web tool that facilitates contacting representatives. It is available at the MLA website.

Facebook
• Andrea reported that the current number of “Likes” has reached 107.

Programs and Projects
• Patriot Act Update webinar – Monica will contact Kristin Pekoll at MLA this week for speaker ideas. We are aiming to present the webinar in March 2016.
• IF LibGuide – Monica proposed a deadline of January 31, 2016 to submit content to Mou for the LibGuide she is creating. Monica suggested keeping articles broad and basic in scope.

New Business
• New member recruitment
  ◦ Sarah Jane suggested inviting prospective new members to meetings using Facebook.
  ◦ Andrea suggested a “committee swap,” where we invite members of other MLA groups to attend an IFAP meeting, and some of our members will attend meetings of other MLA interest groups.
  ◦ We will continue to explore ideas for hosting recruitment and outreach events. Sarah Jane suggested visiting a Maker's movement event such as the Silver Spring Maker Faire, to talk about IF.
• CRAB article – Monica will write up a short article about our 2016 conference program.

Future Meetings
• February 3: online via Blackboard Collaborate
• April 6: The Narrows, Grasonville
• June 1: Broadneck Grill, Annapolis