President’s Report

- Donna talked about the budget. It was confusing, but PSD actually doesn’t owe any money. We are in really good shape budget-wise.
- Autism program drew in a lot of money. CSD focusing on children, PSD focused on adults.
- Social media – MLA has new features.
- PSD was on probation. Donna jumped through a bunch hoops to get us off probation, then learned that the steering committee had already decided that we weren’t on probation any more after all. We have a full slate of candidates for positions next year.

   Maria Epperly – Vice President/President-Elect
   Tina Pickens – Secretary

- Two PSD members are in arrears with their membership dues.
- At the MLA meeting, it turns out that a lot of people were opposed to changing the name of PSD to Adult Services Division because we focus on a lot more than just service to adults. There was also talk of merging APLSS and PSD, but there was some opposition from APLSS on this. Also, what would happen with the current two Presidents, two VP’s, etc.?
- Plus PSD has numerous interest groups under its umbrella: TIG, RAIG, OSIG, MAPIG ... and they’d like to put GID under us as well. (GIIG)? And maybe SMUG?
- But it came up at the MLA meeting that interest groups weren’t intended to be under the auspices of the divisions. There is apparently confusion over this.
- Interest group doesn’t have to be part of the division steering committee, but should report to PSD what is happening with the interest group. But when it comes to programs, does the PSD vice president have to get all the information from the interest group chairs?

   What is the definition of Division?
   What is the definition of Interest Group?

- Interest groups were originally more like ad hoc committees, and could be disbanded at any time. They have grown into more autonomous and stable groups.
Conference Report

• Preconference – Adult Programming – Sam Eddington running (Jesse attending)
  Autism – morning and afternoon sessions – PSD sponsoring afternoon session (Liz Slack
  attending?)

  Thursday
  6:30am – morning yoga on the beach (thurs & fri) – not PSD sponsored
  9am – Ask a Lawyer (Donna Sebly)
  9am – TIG meeting (Heather Owings)
  3:30pm – TIG program
  4:45pm – DLA & MLA program – Health Care Resources for Everyone
  6:00pm – annual PSD debriefing at the bar

  Friday
  9:30am – Coping with Mental Illness – PSD, co-sponsored with LMD

• There was discussion at the conference meeting about “Dine Around” where people with similar
  interests would choose a restaurant and network over dinner. Then someone else suggested
  they do a more informal way to network instead.
• Jennifer Jones mentioned that one year there was Happy Hour in the bar area and although
  people tended to congregate with people they knew, conversations were about things other
  than the usual day-to-day. Maybe we could invite people to our debriefing at the bar? Donna
  will find out more at the next MLA meeting.
• If you want to have “stilted conversation with random people” you can attend a banquet.
• Poster session: sounds like there will be an area for unattended posters (as in previous years),
  and also an area with a manned poster session.
• If you end up being the point person you are the only one who can pick up the packet for that
  program.
• Jesse was asked to write a blurb for the CRAB about our programs; Donna asked that the point
  people for the programs write a little blurb after the fact about the program.
• Sandy will arrange for Jules Restaurant to offer the Librarian Special again.
• Conference is May 7-9, 2014

Spring Program

• On track – form submitted. Tina and Sandy working on it, will contact Christina Teasley about
  the yoga portion of the program.
Interest groups

- **MAPIG** – has been accepted as an interest group under PSD. Sam Eddington is in charge. They are doing a preconference program.
- **OSIG** – it’s alive! Tina Pickens is chairing this group and wants to try to revive and build. BCPL has an outreach initiative, and she plans to use that as the framework for rebuilding.
- **RAIG** – (Stefan Freed reported for Regina “Gina” Rose)
  - RAIG will be doing a Non-Fiction Readers’ Advisory program on Wednesday March 26 from 1 to 4 pm in the Glenwood Branch of Howard County Library. The presenters will be me, Paula Gallagher and Beth Reinker (all from BCPL). Details will be coming.
  - Upcoming meetings: Feb 27, June 26, and Sept 25 in person, Dec 4 online (all Thursdays); 12-2 for in-person meetings and 1-2 for online. We can always add a business meeting as needed.
  - For the Feb. meeting we'll reserve Blackboard Collaborate as a backup in case of bad weather. Looking into a way to allow people to hear us remotely - no phone connection in room, but maybe laptop connected to a Blackboard session???
  - We are reserving Brunswick for the first 3 dates but Barbara will look into the availability of her Glenwood branch in Howard County. (How about June for that one?)
  - The Feb topic will be "new adult," that transition from teen relationship angst to adult romance. I'll send out a description of the genre separately. Since there were only 4 of us today, we decided to poll the membership for the rest of the topics. We really want to do urban fiction at some point. Other possibilities: "as heard on NPR," books into movies, good books for book clubs, and indie faves (bestsellers from the Independent Booksellers lists). Still open to more suggestions as well.
- **TIG** – (Donna Sebly reported for Heather Owings)
  - At MLA conference there will be a morning TIG meeting & a panel discussion on teen writing with 2 librarians, a teen writer, and Diane Booth of the Maryland Writers Association. We are planning an online meeting using Blackboard in February 2014
  - The teen advisory board training that I was working on has been postponed. I had hoped to schedule it for the spring of 2014 but it doesn't look like the presenter will be able to work within our budget range.
  - I am seeking candidates to take over as TIG chair in June 2014. Beth Chandler would also like someone to step up and take over the secretary role ASAP. Presently we just rotate the secretary/note taking duty.

Round the Table

- Yvette May was promoted to Branch Manager at Essex, effective 12/16/13. Update PSD Roster.
- Bob Hoff – at Bel Air Branch, but doing One Maryland One Book at Aberdeen. Very successful.
- AACPL has 30 new hires effective December 30. Branch names will change to reflect the towns they’re in. Branch hours will be extended. Big early literacy push.
- Jan 5 @ Aberdeen – there will be a speaker about the Jane Austen Collection at Goucher College. Etc.
- Open house at Jennifer Jones’ house in Harford County on New Year’s Day. All are invited.

Next meeting – March 13 at the Lansdowne Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library