

MLA IFC meeting minutes April 19, 2013

Present: Bobbi Otte, Sheila Bonnard, Tamara Miller, Lauren McMullen

Sheila nominated Bobbi Otte for the office of IFC Chair, Lauren seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Lauren nominated Alana Mueller-Brunckhorst, technical services librarian at Glacier County Library, to replace Lisa Sukut as an IFC member representing public libraries. Sheila seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Thanks for serving Lisa!

Martha Thayer has volunteered to serve as alternate member. The wiki will be updated to reflect these changes.

Bobbi will contact BJ and Sam Hines to see if they are interested in serving another term. If those seats open up we'll recruit members from the respective divisions (SLMD, ASLD.)

Discussion of committee records: there's a copy-paper box full of historic committee documents that has been passed from chair to chair. Bobbi will contact BJ to see if she has the box, and then we should decide how and where to keep/provide access to committee documents. This is in order to assure continuity of information when new people take office. There are two types of document to consider; 1) official business documents about membership and meetings (they could reside with the MLA executive director), and 2) documents that are useful to keep, such as sample award nomination letters, press releases, information about events and challenges, resources, etc. (we could use the wiki for those.) Do we need to continue transferring the box of paper documents?

Criteria for the Pat Williams Intellectual Freedom Award were changed this year and the MLA website should be changed accordingly. We should develop procedures for managing this award, including a timeline of activities – this would ensure that the award doesn't get lost in the transition between officers. A calendar of all IFC activities would be useful. When we get everything updated on the IFC wiki it would be nice to have a link to it on the MLA website.

Sheila will check with Sue Jackson about online forms for reporting challenges. Sue has been the State Library recorder of challenges but she is retiring at the end of May. If the State Library continues involvement with this responsibility, Lauren could take Sue's place. The proposed IFC challenges website hasn't materialized but perhaps we could use the wiki for that – providing news, contact information, resources.

IFC sponsored two programs at conference this year; one on digital privacy and the other on filtering. Both programs were very well attended. Amy and Sheila may propose the filtering program for the MEA-MFT conference (October). Other conferences opportunities include ASLD/PLD fall retreat and Offline. Annual events of interest include Banned Books Week (September) and Choose Privacy Week (May).

Discussion of how to keep the IFC and its activities in the public eye: programs, articles for focus, posts to wired. Lauren will write an article for the next issue of focus after Bobbi finds out about BJ and Sam.

Submitted by Lauren McMullen