MLA-IFC meeting

May 25, 2018

DRAFT minutes

Note taker: Angela Jordan

Present: Jim Kammerer, Bobbi Otte, Gavin Woltjer, Anne Kish, Matt Beckstrom, Sheila Bonnand, Angela Jordan, Lauren McMullen

1. Meeting minutes from 4/3 and 4/12 approved.
2. Discussion about adding additional members to the committee to replace three open PLD seats. Voted to submit Noel Osterman (Great Falls Central Catholic High School), Kerri Cobb (Bozeman High School), and James Howland (Big Sandy Public Schools). Haley Botnen (Billings) will be kept as an alternate to step in when needed. Lauren will email them to confirm they’re still interested in serving on the committee before Jim forwards their names to MLA.

Discrepancy with term limits: IFC has previously done three terms of 3 years each. MLA’s document shows three terms of three years. Gavin will clarify this at the June meeting.

1. Discussion about how to manage the additional librarians interested in serving on the committee. Matt suggested having MLA divisions (ASLD, PLD and SLD) submit names to IFC for incoming committee members to have a better relationship with the divisions. To foster interest and engagement, future IFC meetings will be publicized on Wired for anyone interested in attending. Bobbi will check to see if bylaws need to change for this shift in selecting committee members. Lauren will contact interested librarians and let them know about the future publicized meetings as well as the potential change in how members are chosen.
2. Ask MLA to approve new IFC members and accept the nomination of Angela and Lauren as co-chairs.
3. MSU/IFC MOA for Montana Banned Books Project will be brought to the MLA board for approval.
4. Discussion about how to allocate budget for fiscal year 2018-19 tabled until next meeting.
5. Brief discussion about intellectual freedom challenge in Billings. Three separate elementary school librarians contacted Gavin about incidents with their administration in relation to this incident at a high school. Logging the elementary school incidents on the IFC wiki is complicated, given the nature of the challenges and the involvement of lawyers.
6. Jim will leave his post as chair of IFC as of June 1st. Meeting adjourned.