



Government Libraries Section

**Standing Committee Meeting
Minutes
Saturday, August 9th 2008**

Present:

Jerry W. Mansfield, Chair (USA)
Maija Jussilainen (Finland)
Emma Voskanyan (Russia)
Jane Wu (Italy)
Lamine Camara (Mali)
Rebecca Davies, Secretary/Treasurer (UK)

1. Welcome

Jerry W. Mansfield (Chair) welcomed the committee members to Quebec.

2. Programmes for Coming Week

Jerry reported that there were changes to the programme as 2 of the 5 speakers had been unable to obtain funding to attend the conference. The committee agreed that the 3 speakers who were attending (Eric Davies, Miguel Navas and Daniel Caron) would be introduced by Jerry, Rebecca Davies and Jane Wu and that any additional time would be used to allow discussions and questions from the floor.

3. Information Coordinator Position

Jerry reported that Patrick Ryan would be standing down from the committee, leaving the Information Coordinator Position vacant.

Jerry expressed his great thanks to Patrick for his substantial contribution to the section, and, in particular, to his editing the excellent newsletter. The committee agreed with Jerry and complemented the latest edition of the newsletter produced by Patrick, which he had uploaded to the website in July. They felt that it was a real example of knowledge sharing and collaboration and felt this was important work to continue.

Jerry asked the committee to consider who could take up the position and suggested that all members discuss this with colleagues who had not yet made it to Quebec.

4. Secretary/Treasurer report

Rebecca Davies (Secretary/Treasurer) presented a report to the committee stating that:

The full complement of 350 EURO administrative funds were still available
650 EURO of the 1200 EURO project funding had been spent, with 550 EURO still available.

The committee discussed some options for the appropriate use of these funds and agreed to consider this further at a discussion evening meeting on Weds

13th and for it to be an item on the agenda at the formal second meeting, Friday 15th.

Initial proposals included getting the section leaflet printed and distributing copies of the Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments to government libraries and graduate library schools in developing countries.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

5. Membership

Jerry reported that the Section had lost 9 institutional members in the renewals for this year. The committee discussed the ways in which the Section's work could be promoted and decided that the leaflet and the new, more interactive IFLA website would be key to increasing engagement and institutional members.

6. Co-ordinating Board Update from the Friday Aug 8th Meeting

Jerry provided a detailed, clear update on the new IFLA structure and confirmed that the Section would now be part of a new Division, "Division I, Library Types".

One of the most significant changes he reported was that the Division Chair would be elected from the current, but *outgoing*, Section Officers. Section Officers within the relevant Division would vote for candidates for this position. This means that no individual would take on the dual responsibility as a Section Officer and Division Chair, and would be able to focus on one role.

7. "Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments" publications

The committee expressed their thanks to Suzanne Burge and Nancy Bolt for their editing. In particular they were grateful to past chair Nancy Bolt for her role in bringing the *Guidelines* together. The committee also welcomed Jerry's proposal for the committee to meet for a celebration dinner at the 47th Parallèle, and were pleased to hear that Nancy would be travelling to Québec to join in the informal celebration.

Jerry also informed the committee that he would be speaking on the background and the creation of the *Guidelines* and presenting the *Guidelines* at the IFLA new publications launch on Tuesday 12th.

Emma Voskanyan informed the committee that she and colleagues would work to translate the *Guidelines* into Russian – the committee thanked her for this wonderful contribution.

8. Website information

The committee welcomed the report from Jerry that the work on the IFLA website was progressing and that there would be further information at the officer training on Monday 11th Aug which Rebecca and Jerry would be

attending. They confirmed that they would report back at the formal meeting on Friday 15th Aug.

9. 2009-2010 Strategic Plan & Section goals

The committee agreed to meet for an evening discussion on Wed., Aug. 13th to start thinking about the new strategic plan, to talk about revising the Section goals, and to brainstorm the theme for the Milan conference.

10. Committee members and 2009 Election cycle

Jerry reminded the committee of the election dates – with nominations being sought in late November / early December.

The committee noted their welcome to new corresponding committee member Mika Lawler from the National Diet Library, Japan.

11. Milan conference dates

Jerry reminded the committee that the meeting dates for Milan were:

CB meeting Friday 21st August (Officers only)

1st Section meeting Saturday 22nd August

2nd Section meeting Friday 28th August

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Meeting adjourned.

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