

**SECTION 37: Genealogy and Local History Section**  
**Minutes of Standing Committee Meeting 1**

Helsinki, Finland

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2012

9.45am – 12.15pm

**Participants:**

Russell Lynch (USA: Chair/Treasurer)

Elizabeth Melrose (UK: Secretary)

Randy Olsen (USA: Information Co-ordinator)

Terry Dahlin (USA: Newsletter Editor)

Michael J Hall (USA)

Frank Kirkwood (Canada)

Laverne Page (USA)

Xie Dongrong (China)

**Visitors:**

Jae-Sup Park (Korea)

Alicia Yeo (Singapore)

**Standing Committee Members unable to be present**

Anne Burrows (Australia); Arun Chakraborty (India); Richard Huws (Wales); Susan Laura Lugo (Virgin Islands); Hsiao-ming Yu (Taiwan)

**Minutes:**

1. Introduction to Committee members & participants.
2. Welcome by the Chair, Russell Lynch.  
Congratulations were due to Russell Lynch on his promotion to Chair of Division II, IFLA Professional Committee. Russell will continue as Chair of GENLOC but requested the election of a Co-Chair to assist his work with GENLOC.
3. Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings held in San Juan, Puerto Rico 2011  
These Minutes were agreed.
4. The Chair will keep GENLOC informed about IFLA Division business – he was concerned about librarians from Africa and other countries obtaining visas for attending IFLA meetings. Frank Kirkwood intends to take this matter further.
5. Elections:
  - Elizabeth Melrose was elected Co-Chair of GENLOC to support Russell. She will also continue as Secretary
  - Randy Olsen announced that he would have to resign as Information Co-ordinator at the next Conference 2013. Meantime he was willing to “train up” another Committee member to be ready to take over. Dr Jae-Sup Park agreed to learn from Randy over the next twelve months with a view to becoming the GENLOC Information Co-ordinator next summer 2013 onwards. The meeting hoped that Dr

Jae-Sup would also have assistance from others in his home department. Both he and Randy Olsen were thanked for all their efforts in the past year.

- Terry Dahlin stated that he would need to resign from the Committee after this Helsinki Conference and therefore would be stepping down as GENLOC Newsletter Editor. The meeting thanked him for his success in producing the last two issues of the GENLOC Newsletter.

Dr Jae-Sup Park (Korea) agreed to take over immediately as Newsletter Editor.

Dr Jae-Sup Park should be elected a GENLOC Standing Committee Member in order to take over the duties of Newsletter Editor..

The GENLOC Standing Committee must be aware that all members should assist the Office Bearers in order that these persons do not have a singular burden within the Committee. This includes answering emails and making suggestions for the work of the Section.

6. Financial Report:

The Chair spoke about Section funding – in 2011 most of the Section grant was used for the successful Pre-Conference in the Virgin Islands.

However this year the Section will receive from IFLA HQ the standard amount of 400 euros (Jan – Dec 2012), but this will decrease to 350 euros (Jan – Dec 2013).

All queries about Section finance should be referred to Russell Lynch as Treasurer.

7. Report from the Information Co-ordinator

Randy Olsen spoke about his work as Information Co-ordinator. He wished to have:

- a web-page on the 'Benefits of Membership'
- a listing of Libraries/Archives in various countries that host Genealogy, with listings of their major resources and information on-line
- a Blog
- a Welcome message from the GENLOC Chair

Frank Kirkwood hoped that the relevant papers from the Crimean Conference 2012 – 'The IFLA Bazaar' and 'Silk Road 2012' could be uploaded to the GENLOC site.

8. Report from the Newsletter Editor

Terry Dahlin feels that the Newsletter Editor needs more information from the Committee and from Meetings in which Committee Members are involved. Could Committee members be more pro-active in sending suggestions for Newsletter articles to the Editor?

The Section should have a regularly-published Newsletter on-line – a Blog – and input into a GENLOC page on Facebook.

Terry and Dr Park will consider the options.

9. Open Session status report

The Open Session has been organised. Elizabeth Melrose is ensuring that the Speakers are prepared. The Newspapers Section have their Standing Committee Meeting immediately before the Open Session, but they have assured GENLOC that they will be present.

Russell Lynch will chair the Session and Frederick Zarndt, Chair of the Newspapers Section, will be the timekeeper.

Suzanne Kellermann of the Newspapers Section will read the Paper by Ronghui Su of China, as this author cannot attend the Conference.

10. Study Tour status

The GENLOC Study Tour is to take in the National Archives of Finland and the Helsinki City Archives. This has been organised by the GENLOC Chair.

11. The GENLOC Strategic Plan and Action Plan

To be discussed at the next Standing Committee Meeting

12. Recruitment

To be discussed at the next Standing Committee Meeting (as time is running out)

13. Crimea Conference 2012

Elizabeth Melrose had two speaking slots at this Conference. It is hoped that her Powerpoint slides and descriptions may be uploaded onto the GENLOC site

14. IFLA 2013 Singapore

GENLOC will take part in this Conference – thoughts on a general title for the Session are:

- Filial piety and family history in the Confucian tradition
- The infinite possibilities of family and genealogy in the eastern and south-eastern tradition

Committee members were asked to consider more options and report back at the next Standing Committee Meeting.

15. The Section Dinner

The Chair to organise for Wednesday evening. All welcome.

Patrice Landry, Chair of the IFLA Committee on Standards, came to this Standing Committee meeting to speak on IFLA Standards. There is a need for GENLOC to address the matter of relevant Standards and Mr Landry is prepared to help

**Elizabeth Melrose (Co-Chair/Secretary: IFLA GENLOC)**

**SECTION 37: Genealogy and Local History Section**

Minutes of Standing Committee Meeting 2

Helsinki, Finland

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012

11.30am – 13.00pm

**Standing Committee members:**

Russell Lynch (USA: Chair/Treasurer)

Elizabeth Melrose (UK: Co-Chair/Secretary)

Randy Olsen (USA: Information Co-ordinator)

Terry Dahlin (USA)

Michael J Hall (USA)

Jae-Sup Park (Korea: Newsletter Editor)

Frank Kirkwood (Canada)

Laverne Page (USA)

Xie Dongrong (China)

**Visitors:**

John Christensen  
Sonia Pacheco (USA: Speaker)  
Martin Julius V Perez (Philippines)  
Armande Shioh-Man Liao (Taiwan)  
Claudette Thomas  
Beatrice Wallman  
Frederick Zarndt (USA: Chairman, IFLA Newspapers Section)

**Standing Committee Members unable to be present:**

Anne Burrows (Australia); Arun Chakraborty (India); Richard Huws (Wales); Susan Laura Lugo (Virgin Islands); Hsiao-ming Yu (Taiwan)

**Minutes:**

1. Introductions were made.
2. Committee changes
  - The Standing Committee accepted the resignation of Terry Dahlin from the Committee. He was thanked for his invaluable work on the Newsletter
  - Randy Olsen would remain as Information Co-ordinator for a further year only. Dr Jae-Sup Park would take on the role of Assistant Information Co-ordinator (2012 – 2013) and the role of Newsletter Editor/Website Co-ordinator

**3. Open Session Review:**

It was considered that the Open Session had gone well. The Secretary would thank the Speakers and the IFLA Newspapers Section for their co-operation.

There were c.208 persons present at the Session.

However two members of the GENLOC Standing Committee considered that the number of Speakers (nine) in a three-hour slot ensured that there could be no break in the proceedings and that fewer Speakers would have been an advantage. This will be taken on board on any future occasion.

The Chair and Co-Chair will confer with the GENLOC Standing Committee and the Newspapers Section in considering which Papers should be sent to IFLA for possible publication. Two Papers were considered worthy.

**4. Study Tour Review**

The Chair had organised visits to the National Archives of Finland and to the Helsinki City Archives.

At both places, members of staff showed Powerpoint presentations of the material held at each establishment and also gave tours of their individual buildings and storage facilities.

- The National Archives of Finland was created in 1816 as part of the Senate of Finland. The present building was built in 1890. Since 1939 the National Archives has been a central government agency. It is responsible for collecting and

preserving the official documents of the Finnish state and its municipalities – and promoting their use in research.

- The City Archives acts as the central archives for Helsinki City. It provides information, archives training, archives inspections and support to the City's offices and departments in various development projects. It also receives and maintains documents requiring long-term storage, provides related information and research services, and receives and collects private archive material about Helsinki. The Group saw documents from the 1952 Olympics, held in Helsinki, held in the stacks of the Archives

The Chair agreed to write and thank the staff who had given the Group their time.

#### 5. IFLA 2013

GENLOC would wish to take part in IFLA Singapore 2013. As the Section would be co-operating with the Newspapers Section in a Pre-conference Satellite Meeting, GENLOC would organise a single Session at the main Conference.

Frank Kirkwood offered to be the organiser of the GENLOC Session at the Singapore Conference. This proposal was accepted by the Chair, Russell Lynch.

It was suggested that the overall title for this 2013 Conference Session would be *“The infinite possibilities of family history and genealogy in east and south Asian culture”*.

#### 6. Strategic Plan and Action Plan

What activities should the Section be accomplishing in the next year?

Recruitment:

- Plan to find individuals prepared to work on the Standing Committee.
- Encourage Institutions prepared to sponsor a staff member to work on the Committee
- Find colleagues prepared to act as Corresponding Members. Frank Kirkwood will have list of participants from the Crimea Conference

Other:

- Publish a list of relevant library resources eg. in China, Korea, Singapore, UK, USA - each member of the Standing Committee to submit examples
- Publish two on-line Newsletters in the next year 2012-2013
- Organise, with the Newspapers Section, a Satellite meeting, before the main IFLA Singapore Conference of 2013, possibly to include a visit to the Singapore Press Association (Mr Gene Tan, Singapore)
- Call for Papers Nov/Dec 2012 both for the Satellite Meeting and the GENLOC Section Conference Session - to be issued in several IFLA languages
- Increase traffic on the GENLOC Facebook page
- Publish Papers from the Crimean Conference in Sudak 2012
- Plan for a mid-year joint Newspapers/GENLOC Sections Conference in Utah, USA in 2014

The meeting closed with thanks to all who attended both Standing Committees

**Elizabeth Melrose (Co-Chair/Secretary: IFLA GENLOC)**