



**Minutes of the GENLOC Standing Committee E-Meeting on 16-26 June 2009.**

The Standing Committee participated in the E-Meeting through a blog. Each agenda item was a post on the blog website. Committee members made comments to the posts. The following committee members made comments: Ruth Hedegaard, Janet Tomkins, Susan Lugo, Russell Lynch, Hsiao-ming Yu, Richard E. Huws, Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Janice McFarlane, and Paul Smart, and Wayne Metcalfe, Anne Burrows. Elizabeth Melrose made some comments before the meeting began but could not participate during the days of the E-Meeting. Darris G. Williams, *Annabel*, and *Athens Jerusalem* also made comments.

Discussion Items

**1. Strategic Plan Review.**

- a. We need to submit an update to the strategic plan later this year. It is important for us to review and comment on the plan.
- b. The strategic plan for 2008-2009 is on the IFLA website. In Milan we will look at the plan again and create the 2009-2010 Strategic Plan.
- c. The plan does not show any details for the objectives. Who is working on the objective? When should they complete the work? What are the strategies and tactics? How will we measure the results? Answers to these questions will improve the plan.

**2. Milan Conference.**

- a. The Standing Committee will meet twice in Milan.
- b. GENLOC will sponsor a study tour. This is an informal event. The WLIC programme will not contain any information about the tour. The GENLOC section will need to publicize it ourselves.
- c. The GENLOC program will have four presenters. Their topics and papers are posted on the IFLA website.

**3. Section Membership.**

- a. We need to recruit more section members to continue as a section. We currently have 39 members and need 40 members to remain as an official section of IFLA.
- b. Elizabeth Melrose will contact CILIP Local Studies Group about joining.
- c. Russell Lynch will contact the Mid-Continent Public Library in Kansas City, Missouri, USA and the Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois, USA about joining.
- d. Ruth Hedegaard sent letters to national libraries in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Spain, and France. She wrote to several Danish libraries. She wrote to Asociación Española de Archiveros, Bibliotecarios, Museólogos y Documentalistas; Fed. Española de Soc. de Archivística, Biblioteconomía, Documentación y Museística (FESABID), Dirección Gen. del Libro, Archivos y Bibliotecas, Subdirección Gen de Coord, Biliotecaria; Vlaamse Vereniging voor Biblioteek-, Archief- en Documentatiewezen (VVBAD). She received a few responses but several did not answer.
- e. Anne Burrows contacted public libraries in Victoria, Australia. She also talked to libraries in Auckland, New Zealand including the National Library of NZ but no one committed to join.
- f. Janet Tomkins contacted the Cloverdale Branch of the Surrey Public Library in the Vancouver, Canada area.



- g. Paul Smart will contact the Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA) about joining.

**4. GENLOC Newsletter.**

- a. Elizabeth Melrose sent the June newsletter via e-mail. She thanks all members of the Committee for their contributions, kind words, and edits to the newsletter.
- b. We can discuss ideas for improvement and future articles at the Milan committee meeting.
- c. We could send a notice to all IFLA members when our newsletter is posted on the website and provide a précis of the contents. The précis would only need to be the contents-list from page one. It might engender more hits on our website pages.

**5. Brisbane Conference Program.**

- a. We will not have a preconference in Brisbane.
- b. Ruth H. talked to a committee member of the Children and Youth Section about holding an open session together. Janet T. isn't sure how successful this topic be. Children and youth are a very small part of the genealogy audience.
- c. The theme for Brisbane WLIC is "Libraries: Engaging, Embracing, Empowering." The conference dates are 14-19 August 2010.
- d. In Québec we discussed topics of ways to attract young people to get involved in genealogy and local history. We could include ways to serve a variety of user communities.
- e. Anne B. will meet in September with the Family History Librarian at the State Library of Queensland and will discuss the 2010 Congress.

*Note: IFLA announced on 8 July 2009 that regrettably the WLIC was moved from Brisbane to Göteborg, Sweden on 10-15 August 2010.*

**6. Any other item.**

- a. **Poster Session for Milan.** (Elizabeth Melrose coordinator.) Elizabeth worked with the designer and selected some options for the poster. Elizabeth sent out a draft design. Elizabeth appreciates the help with the wording on the poster. All high-resolution images will be considered by the designer.
- b. **New website for GENLOC.** (Janet Tomkins, Information Coordinator.) Janet requested comments on the website design. Ruth mentioned that it is easy to find things and that Janet keeps it updated.

The committee members responded positively to the meeting format and structure.

Minutes prepared 31 July 2009 by Russell Lynch.