

**Government Libraries Section
Standing Committee Meeting I
13 August 2011
San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Members Present:

Rebecca Davies (Wales)
Maria Goeckeritz (Germany)
Inger Jepsson (Sweden)
Mika Lawler (Japan)
Jerry W. Mansfield (USA)
Beacher Wiggins (USA)

Guests Present:

Carmel M. Idim (Nigeria)
Pavel Kiselev (Russia)
Cletus D. Kuunifaa (USA)
Carmen L. Montañez Reyes (Puerto Rico)
Elena Escolano Rodriguez (Spain)
Mahesh C. Sharma (India)
Alexander Verschinin (Russia)

The meeting was called to order by Jerry W. Mansfield, chair. All present were welcomed and a special welcome was made to the new member of the section, Beacher Wiggins. The chair provided a brief background of the work of the section to the numerous visitors who were present. Each person introduced him or herself and shared with the group some information about their work and interest in government libraries.

Election of Officers for 2011-2013

The chair reported the results of the recent online election of section members as follows:
Chair -- Miguel Navas-Fernández (Spain)
Secretary/Treasurer -- Sanjay Bihani (India)
Information Coordinator-- Guillermo García-Capcha (Peru)

Due to reasons beyond their control, none of the newly-elected officers could be present at the San Juan conference. The chair assured the group that he has already been working with the new officers advising them on procedures, responsibilities, approaching deadlines, and the general sharing of IFLA officer-related materials.

Financial Report

Copy of the 2011 financial report attached to the end of these Minutes.

Newsletter

During the week of the conference the latest newsletter, "*The Information Point*" was released and posted on our section's website at <http://www.ifla.org/files/government-libraries/newsletters/GovLibNewsletterJuly2011.pdf>. The chair thanked Miguel, previous

Information Coordinator for his editing of the newsletter and the input of section members to the content. It was pointed out that we are very weak in providing photos of section activities or section members in action to liven up our newsletter. The chair urged all present to try to remember to send a photo and/or brief articles on a library topic or a summary of a conference that one attended so that this could be shared with IFLA colleagues by way of the newsletter. At this point Mika Lawler indicated that she had a brief report on the status of some government libraries in Japan after the tsunami and the role the National Diet Library was playing in the rescue and recovery activities. The report will be published in the next newsletter.

The chair also reported that we may see a new look for the newsletter.

San Juan Programs

The chair spoke briefly about and reminded each of us about the three programs that our section was co-sponsoring during the conference week:

Monday, August 15 13:45 – 15:45 – “*Political and constitutional status of Puerto Rico: a continuing challenge*” with the Law Libraries Section;

Tuesday, August 16 9:30 – 11:30 – “*e-Government: the role of librarians*” with Government Information and Official Publications Section; and

Thursday, August 18 8:30-10:30 – “*Promoting global access to law: developing and open access index for official, authenticated legal information*” with Law Libraries Section, Government Information and Official Publications and Knowledge Management.

With no further business, everyone was encouraged to have an educational week. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry W. Mansfield

Financial Report 2011

The allocation to the Section for the year was 400 Euros of which 200 Euros would remain at the beginning of September 2011. Costs of 200 Euros were incurred for editorial work for a Spanish-language translation of the *Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments*.

Committee members are asked for advice on requirement or use for the remaining 200 Euros prior to return of that sum to IFLA finance at the end of 2011.

An election for Committee Members was convened with the successful candidates taking up post at the Conference.

The outgoing Secretary/Treasurer would like to thank colleagues for their help and support during the period of his tenure.

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