



**Minutes of First Standing Committee Meeting of
Government Libraries Section, IFLA
13th August 2016, Columbus, USA**

Present: Anoja Fernando – Chair (UK), Pavel Kiselev – Secretary (Russia), Beacher Wiggins (USA – Corresponding Member), Maria Goeckeritz (Germany – Corresponding Member), Reyna Josvah Rabiaza (Madagascar – Member), Sanjay K Bihani (India – immediate past-Chair, Observer), Jerry Mansfield (USA – immediate past SC Member-Observer), Jonathan Ginn (UK – Observe, prospective Corresponding Member),

Guests Present: Kris Kasianovitz (USA), Cynthia Etkin (USA), Geoff Swindells (USA –), Karl Debus-Lopez (USA), Anastasia Drozdova (Russia), James Church (USA), Richard Huffine (USA – Observer).

1. Apologies: Winny Nekesa Akullo (Uganda – Member), Guillermo García-Capcha – (Peru - Information Coordinator), Elina Kähö (Finland - member), Inger Jepsson (Sweden - Member), Yoriko Sato (Japan- Member), Arun Kumar Chakraborty (India – Member), Sanjeev Kumar (India – Member), Miguel Navas-Fernández (Spain – Member)
2. Welcome: Anoja Fernando, Chair, welcomed the Standing Committee (SC) members and guests to the meeting, announced apologies from members unable to attend and everyone introduced themselves. The Committee recorded agreement.
3. Agenda: The agenda was accepted and the meeting commenced.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes from IFLA WLIC 2015 in Cape Town, South Africa were accepted.
5. Report from Chair: Anoja noted that 2017 is an election year and due to many of SC members' terms coming to an end, GLS should encourage new SC Members to join the Committee. She also confirmed that unfortunately, the Observer past-SC Members present at the meeting would not apply for the SC positions because they have already occupied SC membership for two consecutive terms. Anoja recorded her appreciation for their ongoing contributions.

The Chair recorded that current 'Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments' on the GLS website, was published in 2008 and are outdated. Following an alert from IFLA HQ to herself, as Chair; GLS needs to make a revision thereof. The IFLA HQ suggestion is to concentrate on Chapter 11 on Advocacy to tie in with UN

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As there is much work to do GLS needs to figure out best ways to co-ordinate this task. Anoja invited willing SC Members and guests to participate in this project. Several members/guests present expressed support and willingness to contribute and offered to read the document and Chapter 11 in particular by the 2nd SCS meeting for further discussion. Anoja thanked them. The Chair introduced new section observer, Jonathan Ginn, to assist in section activities and to promote the section in social media, particularly during IFLA, Columbus.

There is a lot of work during the next two years for GLS. Anoja had, therefore, proposed and IFLA had agreed, to arrange a post-satellite meeting in Berlin next year – exact time and agenda for discussion and approval.

[Please see attached report from Anoja]

6. Report from Secretary: Pavel expressed his appreciation to Anoja, Sanjay and Guillermo for their cooperation in all section arrangements regarding the section and the program in Columbus.
7. Report from Information Coordinator: Anoja Fernando, Chair, read the report in the absence of Guillermo. Everyone complimented Guillermo's efforts at meeting all the deadlines in the congress program arrangements. Anoja thanked Guillermo for his suggestions to use more of social media and his willingness to work on Guidelines revision.
8. GLS Session Columbus: introductions, format and confirmation of speakers:
Anoja reminded and invited the Committee and guests to attend the Government Libraries Section Session 153 on Tuesday, 16 August 2016 in room 112-115
Theme: Government and Parliamentary Libraries as innovators: supporting communities of practice.
As the speakers were arriving on the exact session date the Chair announced that they were in touch and everyone is ready, but we should take a closer look to upload the presentations as soon as possible. Pavel offered to contact Guillermo for further confirmation. Anoja invited Beacher Wiggins to take on the role of session coordinator and Beacher graciously accepted.
8. IFLA's Strategic Direction 2016-2021:
IFLA's Strategic Direction 2016-2021 was presented and published by the new Secretary General. The GLS strategic plan to revise the guidelines to reflect information gathered from all the corners of the globe supports the new Secretary General's Strategic aims. The post-satellite meeting in Berlin creates a potential opportunity for a Guidelines Revision workshop.