



## Endorsed Minutes of the seventy-fourth meeting of the Governing Board held on Friday 29 January 2021 from 11:00 – 13:15 by teleconference call via Zoom

### **Present:**

**Members:** Christine Mackenzie (President, Chair); Barbara Lison (President elect); Antonia Arahova (Treasurer); Adjoa Boateng; Huanwen Cheng; Michael Dowling; Marwa El Sahn; Halo Locher; Jonathan Hernández Pérez; Catherina Isberg; Sanjay Kumar Bihani; Vicki McDonald; Knud Schulz; Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira; Helen Vincent; Minna von Zansen.

**Observer:** Martyn Wade

**Staff:** Gerald Leitner, IFLA Secretary General (Secretary, non-member); Helen Mandl, Deputy Secretary General & Director Member Services; Stephen Wyber, Manager Policy & Advocacy; Esther Doria, Project Coordination Assistant (minutes).

### **Welcome and apologies**

The President opened the meeting and welcomed all. Apologies were received from Sonia Poulin and Ai Cheng Tay.

## **1. General business**

### **1.1 Adoption of agenda**

It was noted that the Workplan 2021 and the GB workshop report were not on the agenda, caused by a lack of time to deal with all items, and the other items being more time sensitive. The agenda was adopted.

### **1.2 Draft minutes of the Governing Board meeting on 11 December 2020**

**Resolution:** The Governing Board accepted the minutes as a true and accurate record of the seventy-third meeting of the Governing Board held on Friday 11 December 2020 from 07:00 – 09:00 by teleconference.

### **1.3 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda**

There were no matters arising.

### **1.4 General Business Resolutions**

See resolutions under individual items.

## **2. Governance**

### **2.1 IFLA Rules of Procedure**

#### **Draft Rules of Procedure**

IFLA Parliamentarian Martyn Wade gave a brief introduction to the draft Rules of Procedure. It was agreed that on approval of the draft Rules of Procedure, the Governing Board gives permission to IFLA HQ to correct any typographical errors or misnumbering if required. The Governing Board thanked Martyn Wade and the Steering Committee for their excellent work.

The President asked each GB member in turn for comments on the draft Rules of Procedure. The GB voted unanimously to approve the draft Rules of Procedure with the proposed changes.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board:

- Noted the report and the progress made since the last meeting
- Approved the draft Rules of Procedure as set out in GB 21-01-2.1.1
- Approved that the draft Rules of Procedure enter into force subsequent to the entry into force of the Statutes (for the date of this, please see GB 21-01-2.2)

### 2.1.1 Decision on the titles of office-holders in IFLA Units

The Governing Board discussed whether the title ‘Vice Chair’ or ‘Secretary’ should be used for each of the Professional Council, Regional Council, Professional Division Committees and Regional Division Committees.

It was unanimously decided to use the title ‘Vice Chair’. The titles of office-holders in IFLA Units will be as follows:

Committee	Person in Charge	Other Office-Holders
Governing Board	President	President-elect, Treasurer
Professional Council	Chair	Vice Chair
Regional Council	Chair	Vice Chair
Professional Division Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Regional Division Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Professional Section Standing Committee	Chair	Secretary, Information Coordinator
Special Interest Group Committee	Convenor	-

**Resolution:** The Governing Board determined that the title ‘Vice Chair’ should be used for each of the Professional Council, Regional Council, Professional Division Committees and Regional Division Committees.

### 2.2 Entry into Force of the Statutes

The President invited the Secretary General to take the floor to explain the paper. He noted the background and the situation faced if the new Statutes were to enter into force soon after the extraordinary General Assembly. For this reason, delaying this entry into force would be desirable, in order to allow the current GB and other committees to serve out their terms. It would be necessary to inform the extraordinary General Assembly in February, and to carry out the August General Assembly under the current Statutes.

There were no comments from GB members, who voted unanimously to note the document.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board, in line with the advice of IFLA’s lawyers, approved that, on the condition that the new Statutes are adopted at the extraordinary General Assembly:

- 1) the date of entry into force of the new Statutes shall be the day after the General Assembly due to be held in August 2021;
- 2) the new Rules of Procedure shall enter into force immediately subsequent to the entry into force of the new Statutes;

- 3) the extraordinary General Assembly of 12 February be informed that, because of the transition period, the entry into force of the new Statutes will be delayed until the day after the General Assembly in August 2021;
- 4) the election and appointment process for 2021 shall be carried out in accordance with the new IFLA Statutes and Rules of Procedure;
- 5) the candidates elected or appointed should take up their roles under the suspensive condition that the new IFLA Statutes and Rules of Procedure will have entered into force.

### **2.3 Schedule for Nominations and Elections**

If the proposed amended Statutes are approved by the General Assembly, new options for nominations and elections as set out in the Statutes and Rules of Procedure would guide actions over the coming months. It is intended that the new structure as set out in the Statutes and Rules of Procedure would be implemented with the new terms of office beginning in August 2021. The GB noted unanimously the proposed schedule for nominations and elections for IFLA positions and committees in 2021, which will be published on the website.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the proposed schedule.

### **2.4 IFLA Elections 2021 – Nominations, Elections and Candidate Expectations**

The Secretary-General presented the document, and the President asked for views from GB members one-by-one.

The GB voted to endorse the paper, taking into account the comments made during the meeting.

**Resolution:**

The Governing Board:

1. endorsed the paper as the basis for launching elections following the extraordinary General Assembly;
2. the election and appointment process for 2021 shall be carried out in accordance with the new IFLA Statutes and Rules of Procedure;
3. the candidates elected or appointed should take up their roles under the suspensive condition that the new IFLA Statutes and Rules of Procedure will have entered into force.

### **2.5 IFLA Honours and Awards**

The President thanked the Governing Board members that submitted feedback or comments for their input. These comments have been taken into account in the new rules.

In summary, the following decisions were made by the Board:

1. Number of nominators

Honorary fellow – currently 3, increase to 4

Medal – currently 2, increase to 3

Scroll – currently 1, increase to 2

2. Nominators should come from different countries.

3. Standing Committee members can nominate people for scroll.

4. The IFLA Medal is awarded to an individual who has given distinguished service to IFLA **or** who has made a substantial contribution to the global library field.

5. Honorary Fellow is IFLA's highest award, and is awarded to an individual who has given long and distinguished service to IFLA **and** the global library field.

It was noted that currently Honours and Awards decisions are taken by the EC, and in the new set up the Governing Board would have to appoint a sub committee for the IFLA Honours and Awards.

**Resolutions:**

1. The Governing Board approved the new IFLA Honours and Awards rules.
2. These rules be included in the IFLA Handbook.

**2.6 Governance Resolutions**

See resolutions under individual items.

**3. Professional matters**

**3.1 Congresses**

**3.1.2 WLIC 2021 Progress report**

The Chair of the Professional Committee noted the process so far, in particular progress towards identifying a Professional Conference Organiser. A small working group was currently seeking more information from suppliers.

The Secretary General set out the budget plans, noting that IFLA needs to set a budget in order to guide work with PCO's and the development of the quality programme. In doing so, it was important only to take on risks that IFLA can bear. He presented the paper, noting that additional sources of income could include money already given in advance of Rotterdam 2023 and support from the Dutch government as COVID relief.

The proposed conference budget was approved unanimously by the Governing Board.

The CAC proposed two possibilities for the Conference theme:

A. "Let's work together for the future" B. "Let's work together, let's library"

The GB decided on theme A : "Lets work together for the future".

The GB agreed to the following 5 subthemes and requests the PC to work on further development of these sub-themes:

1. Libraries Enable
2. Libraries Inspire
3. Libraries Include
4. Libraries Innovate
5. Libraries Sustain

Following a question, the Secretary General noted that proposals for a logo would now be prepared, following the vote on the theme.

**Resolutions:**

1. The Governing Board noted the progress on the WLIC 2021.
2. The Governing Board approved WLIC 2021 notional budget.
3. The Governing Board decided on theme a : "Lets work together for the future".
4. The Governing Board agreed to the suggested 5 subthemes and requests the PC to work on further development of the sub-themes.

### **3.1.3 Congresses Resolutions**

See resolutions under individual items.

#### **Any other business**

One GB member asked when there would be an opportunity in the Governing Board to talk about the impact of the pandemic. The President noted that a desire for thematic discussions was one of the conclusions of the GB workshop in December, and so this would appear on the agenda in coming meetings.

The Chair of MLAS noted the planned hearings with candidates planned for 16 March. The Secretary General noted that this was before the deadline for nominations. The Chair of MLAS noted that he would take this information to the MLAS Standing Committee.

Concerning the website, one GB member welcomed progress made, and hoped that more people from Divisions would be involved.

The Secretary General noted that GB members would be approached to ensure that Members in their countries had submitted their proxies for the GB,

#### **6. Next Governing Board meeting dates:**

The President noted that the timing on 17 March would not work for her, and asked to change this to a day earlier (16 March, 21:00-23:00 CET). The Governing Board approved this.

**16 February 2021, 07:00 – 08:30 CET**

**16 March 2021, 21:00 - 23:00 CET**

**29 April 2021, 13:00 – 16:00 CEST, (full GB meeting)**

The President thanked all and closed the meeting at 13:15