



Meeting Notes, Draft

IFLA Standing Committee on Law Libraries

Saturday, August 13, 2010, 2:45 pm-5:15 pm, Room 208b, Convention center

IFLA World Library and Information Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Chair: Claire Germain

Present : Valérie Alonzo, Marisol Floren-Romero, Henning Frankenberger, Claire Germain M. Germain, Franck Hurinville, Blair Kauffman, Dominique Lapierre, Robert R. Newlen, Pedro Padilla-Rosa, Radu D. Popa, Pascal Sanz, Donna Scheeder, Jules Winterton

Absent : Jeong-Kwon Cho, Angeline Djampou, Lilia (Lily) F. Echiverri, Elizabeth Naumczyk, Virginia C. Thomas

1. Call to order and welcome

Claire Germain, Secretary, welcomes the new and continuing Standing Committee members, and note the absence of six members. She also recognizes IFLA attendees who came to the meeting as observers. A sheet is sent around for them to fill out with their information and for the Committee members to verify their personal information.

2. Introduction of attendees

Roundtable. The attendees present themselves and their main interests.

3. Election of officers

Radu D. Popa assisted by Pascal Sanz names Claire Germain to be elected as Chair. Claire Germain assisted by Pascal Sanz names Valérie Alonzo to be elected as Information Coordinator. Pedro Padilla-Rosa assisted by Radu D. Popa names Dominique Lapierre to be elected as Secretary. All members are in favor of the elected officers.

4. Approvals of the agenda

The agenda is approved. Claire Germain asked for a resolution of thanks and gratefulness to Holger Knudsen, Chair, for his vision and leadership of the section. Blair Kauffman and Donna Scheeder seconded this proposition.

5. Report from the Secretary (Claire Germain)

Claire Germain apologized for not having the time to write the annual report. She mentioned the successful program « Creating an International Legal Information Policy Agenda » chaired by Blair Kauffman. The reports, followed by roundtable discussions have had a huge participation. She explains that last year work has been devoted to the preparation of the annual program. Radu D. Popa and Pedro Padilla-Rosa gave further details later on (see point 8).

She notes the growing of the Standing committee, which has now a representation of 16 committee members from 9 countries and 41 (soon to be 42 with the University of Florida) members.

We must now focus on recruiting and advertising to increase the membership. Pedro Padillo-Rosa wrote an article following the last conference. The newsletter is not born. Frank will tell later why.

6. Report from the Information Coordinator (Franck Hurinville)

Franck Hurinville, Information Coordinator, mentions the list of documents available online. Despite the lack of activity it has generated, he has monitored the discussion list during the course of the year. The newsletter scheduled unfortunately did not get setup because people are too busy to contribute. He noted the difficulty of producing a newsletter when it depends on the contributions of members. We need to find a new medium.

7. Report from the Treasurer (Donna Scheeder)

Donna Scheeder, Treasurer, reported that the Law Libraries Section received 300 Euros, based on the number of section members. Last year budget was spent on speakers. What is not spent goes back into the general budget of the IFLA and not in addition to annual operating budget of the section. Donna Scheeder recalls that it is possible to request additional funds for a particular project.

8. Events in Puerto Rico 2011 (Radu D. Popa, Pedro Padilla-Rosa)

Brief presentation of the proposed program, consisting of the following conferences:

- Promoting global access to law: developing and open access index for official, authenticated legal information (Radu D. Popa)
 - Political and Constitutional status of Puerto Rico: A Continuing Challenge (Pedro Padilla-Rosa)
- Claire Germain encouraged members to attend both. Pedro recalled the evening held at the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, sponsored by Lexis.

9. Planning programs for Helsinki 2012

Members discussed the 2012 program :

- Blair proposes we do a suite of Radu D. Popa's program *Promoting global access to law*. It would be interested in hearing about the Baltic's. Donna Scheeder has contacts in Latvia.
- Claire Germain goes in the same direction and emphasizes that Elizabeth Naumczyk would probably be interested. She also requested the participation of Henning Frankenberger.

Claire Germain mentioned the previous links made with other sections and the benefits of organizing a joint program, mentioning the constraints of the schedule. Robert R. Newlen will contact the librarian of the Finnish government library.

Claire Germain asked members to contact people they know who might be interested in lecturing about the discussed subjects.

10. Possible projects for 2012

The objectives of IFLA strategic plan are restated.

New members approve the Strategic Plan of the section. Donna Scheeder emphasizes that the plan dovetails perfectly with the IFLA strategic plan. Pascal Sanz confirms that we must select one or two key objectives and identify each one or two actions to take.

Claire Germain asks members to identify a measurable key objective. Members agree to retain Objective 1 and Action 2 to guide their activities.

Pascal Sanz also suggests to work on Objective 3, which focuses on advocacy policy for foreign countries broadcast in the working languages of IFLA.

11. Recruitment of new members and publicity

Claire Germain welcomes participating members of the Russian delegation, which are prone to be recruited. Donna Scheeder reminds the group of the admission criteria for the benefit of new committee members.

Claire Germain wants us to develop a recruitment strategy. Richard R. Newlen proposes to benchmark recruitment strategies of other sections, if such strategies exist.

Donna Scheeder returns to the use of social networks including Facebook, which is also a good way to recruit members. The Knowledge Management section has a facebook page. Marisol Floren-Romero asked what languages should be used to encourage librarians to participate. According to Pascal Sanz, the librarian must be able to participate in their own language and it is up to us to ensure translation if necessary.

Frank asked if the newsletter print is mandatory by IFLA. This will be verified.

12. New business

The committee delivers a certificate of appreciation to Jules Winterton.

13. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by : Dominique Lapierre, Secretary, revised April 2012