



Meeting Minutes – approved via e-mail

Law Libraries Section: Standing Committee (First Session)

85th IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Athens, Greece
Saturday 24 August 2019, 15:45-17:45, Athens College 128

Chair: Sonia Poulin

Present SC Members: Sonia Poulin (Chair), Anne Burnett (Secretary), Heather Casey (Information Coordinator), Edita Bačić, Mark Engsberg, Marisol Floren, Michel Fraysse, Judit Gerencsér, Carole Hinchcliff, Halina Hohenthal, Sally Holterhoff, Margo Jeske, Yolanda Jones, Sonia Smith, Leslie Street, Peter Weber

Absent SC members: Hélène Besnier, Teresa Miguel-Sterns, Elizabeth Naumczyk, Rodrigo Obrador, Lagdhir Rabari, Jane Sanchez

Present corresponding members:

Absent corresponding members: Claire Germain

Observers: Saiyed Faheem Ali, Deborah Hamilton, Adama Kone, Joan Liu, Marie Sophie Madiba, Iraklis Pittas, Andrés Reinoso, Marc Schauss

At the start of the meeting, Division 1 Chair Vicki McDonald presented welcoming remarks and discussed the new IFLA Vision, the review of IFLA's governance structure, and the importance of Action Plans and focus on collaboration and communication.

1. Call to order and welcome

Sonia Poulin, IFLA Law Libraries Section Chair, welcomed all SC Members and Observers to the first Standing Committee (SC) meeting.

2. Introduction of attendees

The attendees, which included members of the SC and observers, introduced themselves. Participants signed an attendance sheet including names and contact information.

3. Approval of the agenda, with one addition

The Chair distributed the agenda in advance of the meeting. The SC approved the agenda without revisions.

4. Approval of minutes of the 2018 SC meetings (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

Minutes of the Standing Committee business meetings in Kuala Lumpur, August 2018, were circulated electronically. Approved. Copies are available on the IFLA website.

5. Election of Officers 2019-2021

The transition to the new officers occurs on Friday at the end of the WLIC. Marisol Floren oversaw the election:

- Chair: Anne Burnett, by acclamation
- Secretary: Heather Casey, by acclamation
- Information Coordinator: Sonia Smith, by acclamation

6. Report of the Chair & Treasurer (Sonia Poulin)

- a. Vicki McDonald already discussed the governance review; it will be implemented 2 years from now, and IFLA headquarters is outside of the review's scope
- b. Sonia commended the SC and corresponding member for commitment in participating in the day of strategic planning
- c. Sonia reported on the upcoming India workshop, which has spots for 30 participants

7. Report of the Secretary (Anne Burnett)

- a. Distributed minutes electronically in advance of meeting; now that they're approved, they'll get posted to the section's site. The Annual Report prepared by Sonia also submitted to the section's site.

8. Report of Information Coordinator (Heather Casey)

- a. HC is exploring highlighting the workshops by creating a specific link from the section's home page

9. Reception 2019

Marisol Floren provided updated information about the reception:

- a. We will meet at the Megaron metro stop at 5:20pm. Our hosts from the University of Athens Law Library will meet us where we exit the metro and provide a guided tour of the selected campus buildings, including the Law Library, where we will enjoy a catered reception with music.
- b. vLex is sponsoring this event.
- c. Many thanks to Marisol and to Carole Hinchcliff for doing such a great job organizing this year's reception!

10. Program Planning for 2020

- We are allotted a total of 2 hours. If we collaborate with another IFLA entity that is willing to use one of their hours, we might be able to have a total of 3 hours of programming. IFLA discourages long sessions based on attendee feedback, so the traditional 3-hour program with multiple speakers is no longer the preferred format.
- Theme for Dublin WLIC: *Inspire, Engage, Enable & Connect the Global Library Field*. Sonia also suggested tying programming into IFLA strategic directions.
- Sally Holterhoff suggested that we set up a Program Committee to facilitate some of this planning ahead of the annual meeting.
- Suggested program ideas:
 - PROPOSED REVISED LANGUAGE: Yolanda Jones proposed a program on access to justice collaborations such as law librarians teaching public librarians about legal information sources. Discussion suggested that might work as part of a larger program or be an action under the Action Plan Focus Area of promoting reliable access to legal information; the overarching program could be on access to justice collaborations between librarians, with tools such as checklists and webinars.
 - DECIDED: A general program on access to justice collaborations has already been covered in previous Law Section programming and the activities and tool creation have to happen before we can think about presenting a program specifically on the tools. *[revision by Yolanda Jones]*.
 - Leslie Street proposed two ideas:
 - program featuring workshop attendees, either in person or via video
 - Margo Jeske suggested capturing video testimonials of attendees at December 2019 workshop in India
 - Also, a poster re the workshops for next year's WLIC would be a good way of publicizing the work of section members in the workshops
 - **DECIDED:** Mark Engsberg, Margo Jeske and Heather Casey volunteered to flesh out this program idea in advance of the 2nd business meeting
 - program re how terms of use and copyright concerns affect accessibility of primary law; regarding this topic:
 - Marisol Floren pointed out that IFLA is working with WIPO on Copyright Convention, where the tension b/w libraries' concerns and publishers' goals is playing out. Sally Holterhoff mentioned that there is a „WIPO Update“ session during this WLIC and that Stephen Wyber is very involved in copyright issues.

- Joan Liu reported that faculty at her institution complain about primary law being in expensive commercial databases
 - Michel Fraysse mentioned that primary sources in France and many other European countries are currently freely available but the future is uncertain.
 - Halina Hohenthal pointed out that in Sweden basic access to legal sources is free but that many users access commercial databases with copyrighted materials
 - **DECIDED** re this copyright concerns topic: significant interest in developing as a program idea. Judit, Leslie and Michel will work on it before the 2nd business meeting
- Sally Holterhoff volunteered to look at past BIALL programming to see if they have done presentations that might be of interest. She will investigate and report back. We would need an additional hour if we want to have three programs.

11. Action Plan

- Strategic Planning session held the day before 23 August 2019, at Megaron Convention Center generated several ideas for the Action Plan. Members reported on work since then:
 - Leslie Street distributed a draft of the focus area on promoting the Statement. It has already been translated into Spanish, French and German. Could draft SC members to provide additional translations. The checklist that the Authentication Working Group (Sally Holterhoff and Marisol Floren) used when evaluating Caribbean countries several years ago might be a good starting point for drafting a similar checklist for evaluating specific jurisdictions re compliance with principles set forth in the Statement. SC Members could do test runs in our respective jurisdictions; Marisol's recommendation that we expand the evaluative tool/checklist test runs to all regions by recruiting additional interested librarians in those regions was met with agreement. Carole Hinchcliff pointed out that any webinars we develop could be made available to other library associations. **DECIDED:** Leslie will make minor revisions and bring back to SC for final decision during 2nd business meeting.
 - Margo Jeske reported on the focus area re Professional Development. The first action item is the December workshop in India. Additional ideas: a mentoring program and a survey. Sonia Poulin suggested developing and testing the survey in Year 1 and administering it in Year 2. Margo agreed to make edits to more clearly define what would be done in year one versus year two.
 - We ran out of time to discuss the third focus area and deferred this item to the 2nd business meeting.

12. Law Libraries Section Committees (Sonia Poulin)

This agenda item deferred to 2nd business meeting.

13. Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Anne Burnett, Secretary with gratitude to Heather Casey and Mark Engsborg for their assistance.