



Law Libraries Section
Standing Committee Meeting
Via Zoom

- Wednesday May 27, 2020 9:00-10:30am EST

Attendees:

Anne Burnett
Heather Casey
Sonia Smith
Sally Holterhoff
Yolanda Jones
Halina Hohenthal
Raj Bhardwaj (corresponding member)
Margo Jeske
Leslie Street
Peter Weber
Mark Engsborg
Carole Hinchcliff
Joan Liu (corresponding member)
Pushya Veeramachaneni (corresponding member)

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Going forward – meeting in July – some discussion on the feasibility of meeting every other month via Zoom or whether we should meet in a month and then establish a regular schedule – one point of view – it's difficult to schedule meetings without a clear plan of what would be discussed, as well as the fact that many of us are in many meetings already – idea floated for regular updates via email in lieu of meetings – Anne stressed the necessity of meetings to progress the Action Plan – agreed to shoot for a date six weeks from now to meet again and discuss a plan then for future meetings
4. Update on IFLA web site (Sonia S.) – the new website is still moving forward, though delayed due to COVID – Sonia has submitted information requested by IFLA for the new site regarding our section with a focus on active sentences – she checked this past week and even though the website has not been updated, she is confident it is moving forward
5. Update on IFLA governance review (Anne B.) – no official update from Sonia P. as of yet but Anne was able to see from minutes of the last governing board professional committee meeting in April that the only reference to the governance review was that it is ongoing and there will be

an opportunity for input from sections at some future time. We'll continue to carry on as normal until we hear otherwise

6. Programs: save for Rotterdam – the group is in agreement to save these programs for the next annual IFLA meeting – some discussion on taping speakers in advance or streaming speakers
 - Heather Casey: Workshops – contacted people from African workshops – had at least one or two African workshop participants confirmed – working on a third participant from Africa, need to meet with Mark and Raj regarding India but we're on track for the Rotterdam meeting
 - Leslie Street: Copyright – Leslie spoke about speakers secured (Carl Malamud) and the call for papers – two accepted – one from Australia and one from Italy – hoping to get submissions from underrepresented jurisdictions as well and the added year may be good to get more papers and perspectives – we feel good about the program and looking forward to presenting in Rotterdam
7. Congratulations to Corresponding Member Joan Liu re acceptance of proposal on a comparative research for legal information literacy with LIS education by IFLA Library Theory and Research committee's for their satellite meeting! The meeting is set for next year – we'll see what happens but it's wonderful that Joan's proposal was accepted regardless of when or how (virtual?) the satellite meeting happens.
8. Possibility of workshop opportunity in conjunction with Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries, tentative satellite meeting originally set for Shanghai, 2021 (Joan Liu) – Joan would like to do a workshop with the assistance of CAFLL similar to the ones we have done in Africa and India but with a focus on foreign and int'l legal research – the idea of a virtual workshop has been floated but Joan wonders how the contents of the workshop would be arranged. Discussion amongst the Standing Committee members on the feasibility of such a workshop – it would have to be organized differently than our previous workshops but it could be done. Heather is willing to participate and believes she could do so with some alteration of programs she has presented in other settings – Mark brought up the point that part of the benefit of the workshops to this point has been the networking aspect that would be more difficult to accomplish in a virtual format – a virtual meeting would be best for discussing a discrete topic – Joan mentioned focusing on a Powerpoint type presentation – Carole mentioned how this could look by doing “rooms” within Zoom to facilitate smaller discussions and social interactions – Yolanda pointed out that planning out virtual meetings and social gatherings takes a bit longer than a planned in-person interaction – it can be done but it would take a lot of effort. Margo suggested that this is something we would be interested in as we seek out partnerships with outside organizations and groups but that we should not think of it as our previous workshops
9. Action Plan:

Here is where we are now as best as I can determine. My goal for these May/June meetings is just to figure out exactly where we are and get back on track for moving ahead with the remaining items.

 - ***Focus Area 1: Promote IFLA Statement on Government Provision of Public Legal Information in the Digital Age to advocate for accessible, authentic, official legal information***

- **Project/Activity:** Translate the Statement into additional languages to foster awareness and promote the principles of the statement worldwide.
 - **Task & Responsibility:** (Year 1) Find translators willing to translate the statement: Sonia Poulin will ask IFLA Translation Office if additional translations are feasible. Michel Fraysse: audit existing French translation; Joan Liu: Chinese translation
STATUS: DONE. IFLA HQ arranged for translations of the remaining official three languages.
 - **To-do: follow-up with Claire at HQ re these translations. AB will follow-up DONE**
 - **To-do: follow-up with Michel re audit of existing French translation AB follow-up NOT NECESSARY**

- **Project/Activity:** Create guidance document and tools for librarians to better understand the terms of the statement, to assess their jurisdiction's compliance with the principles of the statement, and to advocate for their jurisdictions to provide official digital legal information that is accessible to all, current, authentic, and adequately preserved consistent with the principles of the statement.
 - **Task & Responsibility:** (Year 1) Create guidance documents to explain and teach about the statement, to assess materials for compliance with the principles, and to advocate for their jurisdiction to provide legal information consistent with the Statement's principles: Anne Burnett, Sally Holterhoff, Leslie Street –
STATUS: starting point is Sally's article in https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/services-for-parliaments/newsletters/newsletter_iflaparl_feb2018.pdf; we plan to look at guidance docs for UELMA in the U.S.
 Sally discussed the progress on this regarding advice Stephen Wyber has provided – no need to do every country – just a few as examples

- **Project/Activity:** Plan and present WLIC 2020 program on barriers to free public access to law
 - **Task & Responsibility:** Leslie Street – **STATUS: in progress, program proposal approved, call for proposals distributed, good proposals received; halted by conference cancellation**

- **Focus Area 2: Create and deliver professional development opportunities for librarians on legal information**
 - **Project/Activity:** Workshop in India on December 2 & 3, 2019 (note: funding already approved)
 - **Task & Responsibility:** Sonia Poulin, Mark Engsberg & Heather Casey – plan and deliver workshop in conjunction with Corresponding Member Raj Bhardwaj –
STATUS: DONE!

- **Project/Activity:** Establish a mentoring program for new law librarians or librarians new to law who are new to IFLA.
 - **Task & Responsibility:** Explore mentoring options and recommend a mentoring program – Halina Hohenthal, Margo Jeske, Peter Weber
 - **STATUS:** Margo has started a document on mentoring programs in various libraries and is welcome to any thoughts from the Committee on additional models – we know people are being on-boarded during the pandemic so we’re interested in mentoring programs that take the pandemic into account as well.

- **Project/Activity:** Develop and test survey to identify professional development that meets the needs of IFLA members with regards to legal information.
 - **Task & Responsibility:** Develop survey to identify the professional development needs: Judit Gerencsér, Carole Hinchcliff, Yolanda Jones, Jane Sanchez
 - **STATUS:** Carole says the group has not met yet and there are questions to the scope of the survey. Also, Jane may not be able to participate in the committee.

- **Project/Activity:** Administer survey to IFLA membership
 - **Task & Responsibility:** Administer survey to IFLA membership: Judit Gerencsér, Carole Hinchcliff, Yolanda Jones, Jane Sanchez
 - **STATUS:** This is tied to the development of the survey above

- **Project/Activity:** Plan and present 2020 WLIC program featuring attendees from workshops in Africa and India
 - **Task & Responsibility:** Heather Casey, Mark Engsborg, Margo Jeske
 - **STATUS:** in progress, program proposal approved; halted by conference cancellation

- **Project/Activity:** Plan and hold Law Libraries Section reception for 2020 WLIC in Dublin, Ireland
 - **Task & Responsibility:** Determine partners in other law library associations, such as BIALL; seek sponsorship; identify and arrange for venue and catering; determine whether to offer a lecture or other educational component; publicize event with membership of relevant IFLA sections and other potentially interested attendees: Sally Holterhoff, Heather Casey, Margo Jeske, Anne Burnett (and Alison Shea for giving us contact information for King’s Inn to get the ball rolling)
 - **STATUS:** obtained sponsorship by vLex|Justis (contact: Masoud Gerami); booked lovely King’s Inns venue and caterer; halted by conference cancellation. We hope to keep this reservation and financial support for when we meet in Dublin in 2022.

Year two items were not mentioned in this meeting – we will tackle those in year two.