Standing Committee Meeting - Minutes
Mid-Term Online Zoom Meeting
15 April 2021 12pm CEST

Attendance
Adriaan Langendonk (Chair), Jan Richards (Information Coordinator), Atlanta Meyer (Secretary), Allison Kaplan, Nina Olsson, Lucy Green, Anette Mjoberg, Jenna Spiering, Linn T Sunne, Andrea Krieg, Franck Hurinville, Rashidah Bolhassan, Simonetta Pasqualis dell’Antonio, Meghan Harper, Annie Everall (Corresponding Member)

Apologies
Elizabeth Jones, Shari Werb, Mireille Lamouroux

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| 1.   | Welcome and Introductions  
Adriaan welcomed all committee members and observers. Each committee member introduced themselves. |
| 2.   | Attendance and Apologies  
Three apologies received, all other members attended the online meeting. |
| 3.   | Approval of the Minutes of the Zoom meeting held on 26 August 2020.  
Minutes moved.  
No business arising from the minutes. |
| 4.   | Review of the Action Plan  
**Focus Area 1**  
The toolkit isn’t a focus point at the moment and will be paused.  
**Focus Area 2 and 3**  
These two focus areas were combined in our mid-term seminar earlier this week.  
*Satellite Program – Oxford 2021 (cancelled)*  
The Satellite committee is currently talking to those who submitted proposals for the program to find ways to showcase these presentations, either as a paper or another format and available on our website. More information will follow. |
### New Action Plan
The general consensus was to change the Action Plan in August to reflect the current environment. To create an Action Plan that is relevant with goals that is reachable in the current environment and beyond.

### 5. Feedback on the Mid-Term Program, 12-14 April 2021
Jan provided an overview of the program. We had 500 registrations available for each session with 350+ registrations for each, and 100-150 attendees.

Jan created a YouTube channel for the Literacy and Reading Section and the videos will go live midnight tonight (Australian Eastern Standard Time).

This is the link to the YouTube channel - [YouTube Channel](#)

Everyone who registered for any of the sessions will receive the link to the channel and will be asked to complete a short survey, here is the link - [evaluation form](#)

**Feedback and suggestions from the committee**
- Allow 30 minutes for panellists to enter the webinar, and not 15 minutes only.
- No back-to-back sessions to allow time to enter the webinar early to get ready.
- The program provided a good mix between big and small libraries.
- Few technology glitches, some people were not comfortable to present.
- More detailed summary to presenters to outline the sessions.
- Be strict with the time limits, allow enough time for questions after the presentations.
- The Portuguese session had good numbers and it was good to have a session in another language part of the program.
- Test and practice session to ensure everything is working.

### 6. New IFLA Governance Review
Jan discussed the new IFLA Governance review, including the Professional Structures.

A few points to highlight:
- Our section have 10 vacancies, nominations closed on Tuesday 13 April 12pm CEST.
- There will be eight Professional Divisions.
- Literacy and Reading section will sit within Division E.
- There will be no Corresponding Members in the new structure.
- Professional Sections will have a Chair, Secretary, Information Coordinator, Active members and Mentors.

The presentation is available on IFLA’s website. Here is the link to the Professional Structures – [https://www.ifla.org/node/93786](https://www.ifla.org/node/93786)

### 7. Program for WLIC, 17-19 August 2021
A program proposal for our section was submitted by Atlanta on 9th April 2021. IFLA was asking for innovative proposals with different approach and we decided to put a proposal together based on one of our ideas for WLIC 2020 (WLIC was cancelled) about reading together.

‘Let’s Read Together’ was submitted as our section’s proposed program. The section is waiting to hear if the proposal was successful or not.

If successful, the program will include two minute pre-recorded videos to play in-between the congress program on all three days of the conference. These will feature librarians/authors and other people from around the world talking about the book that
made a difference to their life. Planning and more details will follow as soon as the section receive feedback from IFLA.

**Comments from Committee**
Lucy will email guidelines from a similar initiative to Atlanta.
Annie can approach a few authors to do presentations.
Jan suggested to include Mascot’s from around the world.
Confirm if these smaller presentations will be recorded by the organisers of the virtual WLIC this year or if the committee needs to organise a company to record these short videos.

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<td>Adriaan started a general discussion and invited other members to let everyone know how they are doing, and what is happening in their workplaces and countries. Most of the discussions were around the impact of COVID on personal and professional lives and how different each county and state handles the pandemic.</td>
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