



IFLA Management of Library Association Section (MLAS)

Management of Library Associations Section MLAS Standing Committee Meeting

MINUTES

MLAS Zoom

Time: Tuesday, 17 December 2019 14:00 – 15:15h (CET)

MLAS SC members present at the meeting:

Marwa El Sahn, Ute Engelkenmeier, Loida Garcia-Febo, Hella Klauser (minutes), Halo Locher (chair), Chin Loy Jyoon, Rauha Maarno, Pascal Sanz

Ex officio members present: Winny Nekesa Akullo, Magdalena Gomulka (Convenor, New Professionals SIG), Evviva Weinraub (convenor, Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group)

Excused: Amy Burke, Susan Haigh, Ruijuan Huo, Karin Linder, Alicia Ocaso-Ferreira, Dijana Machala

Agenda

1. Welcome

The chair welcomes those present at the Zoom meeting and announces to have a meeting with the section's members every 3 months.

2. Governance Review

Halo and Marwa were present at the meeting of the governing board last week in Den Hague. The new governance review was discussed there. Three topics for 3 working groups (1. Governing Board, 2. Structure of divisions and sections, 3. Strategic commissions and committees) were worked on, with Halo and Marwa being in the 3rd group. In all 3 groups there was discussion and exchange; but no decisions have been taken. One exception: the procedure of amendment of the statutes should become easier and simpler than it is at the moment. Before the Dublin WLIC, this simplification will be submitted with a postal ballot and must then be confirmed at the General Assembly.

The results of the working groups were presented in plenum. Halo brought Pascal's input into the discussion.

Next steps: in February the results of the working groups will be put together, in March there will be a consultation for everyone to comment on a proposal which came out of the discussion, in April the Governing Board will decide in its next meeting on which topics to continue working on.

A mail from the Headquarters was sent recently with a summary of the process.



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3. Programme Midterm meeting in Chicago Feb. 2020

Nine participants of the MLAS members so far (Loida, Halo, Ute, Alim, Amy, Dijana, Pascal, Hella, Jyoon) will attend the midterm meeting in Chicago. Some will not be able to come because of traveling expenses; it is suggested to hold the next midterm 2021 in Europe in a cheaper and easier reachable area. It is being considered to include a zoom meeting into the midterm meeting in Chicago to include those members of MLAS who will not be able to come to Chicago.

The chair thanks Loida very much for the hotel arrangement and for all the preparation and input into the program. One member of IFLA GB will be present (either Gerald, Helen or Stephen). It is suggested to add some information about IRRT (ALA's International Round Relations Table) to the programme.

There will be some slight additions and changes to the programme, which is agreed to be very attractive. Hella will send some information for preparing the topic of slot 2, which will include documents and information from our website to see if this is still uptodate and still fitting into our goals.

Ute asks for statistics concerning MLAS members; Halo will forward the information.

4. Open Session Dublin

An open session for the WLIC 2020 has been turned in together with the section Management & Marketing and has already been accepted. The topic will be: "Sustainable Development Goals - how to use SDG's in real life?" A participatory workshop is planned to explore how to use the SDGs in strategy, evaluation, and advocacy. Matt Finch will be the facilitator, invited and paid by the Finnish Library Association; there will be no Call for Papers. The working group on the open session (Rauha, Ute, Susan) ask all MLAS members to send examples of programs and services to this topic to the group to prepare Matt. It is proposed to have at least one example from Ireland and/or UK to attract participants from Ireland as well for the session. Participants in Dublin will be asked to bring examples from their libraries as well. We will discuss at the midterm meeting how to market this session. The chair thanks the working group for this great topic and proposal. A special thanks to Rauha for the financial support to be able to involve a professional facilitator!

5. SIG topic

As Evviva, convenor of the SIG Women, Information and Libraries had to leave the Zoom meeting, Halo will contact her directly.

6. Corresponding members

Concerning corresponding members of a section, the rules say that there may be five at the most per section. MLAS has two corresponding members at the moment, and the chair asks to consider if we should add some more. One proposal is Randa Al Chidiac from Lebanon, who was a member of MLAS before; other geographical areas, which are not represented at



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the section could be of interest as well. Corresponding members should be included in the exchange of the section and be member of the mailing list etc. The topic will be dealt again in Chicago. A request to all, to think of candidates we want to contact to become a corresponding member until then.

7. Closing remarks

The chair thanks for participation and sends his best wishes for the holiday season. He rings the Swiss bell for ending the meeting at 15.15h (CET).