**MLAS Standing Committee Meetings**

**Minutes**

**SC I**

**Time:** Friday, 24 August 2018, 13.30-15.30

**Venue:** Meeting Room 409, Conference Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**MLAS SC members present at the meeting:**

Michael Dowling (chair), Rauha Maarno (information coordinator, secretary for SC Meetings in Malaysia), Samia Hassan Al-Shiba, Judy Brooker, Amy Burke, Vanya Grashkina, Susan Haigh, Amandine Jacquet, Hella Klauser, Karin Linder, Marijana Misetic, José-Maria Nogales Herrera, Katre Riisalu, Mariann Schjeide, Sabine Stummeyer

**Ex officio members present:** Evviva Weinraub (Women, Information and Libraries SIG co-convenors) Vesna Vuksan (New Professionals SIG)

**Corresponding members present:** Loy Jyoon Chin

**Minutes SC I:**

1. **Welcome and Opening (Michael Dowling, Chair)**

The Chair introduced and welcomed members and he also welcomed Glòria Pérez-Salmerón and Gerald Leitner.

1. **Apologies for absence (Chair)**

The Chair noted apologies from members.

1. **Approval of the agenda (Chair)**

At the request of the member from France, discussion on membership fees on the General Assembly was added under Other Business

1. **Approval of Mid-year meeting minutes, 17-18 March 2018 in Barcelona, Spain (Chair)**

Appointment of three corresponding members of the SC of the section was added to the mid-year meeting minutes. Otherwise the minutes were approved as such.

1. **Report on MLAS Satellite Meeting**

‘Advocacy in Action! Success of library advocacy worldwide’ Thursday, 23 August at the National Library of Malaysia

Susan Haigh, Karin Linder and Hella Klauser gave debriefing of the Satellite Meeting. The meeting consisted of six short presentations on advocacy from around the world. Meeting also included The Elevator Pitch session, were participants first discussed three themes and then made their own pitch in pairs. Theme were: Library law, SDG´s, convincing colleagues to become more active as an advocate.

Presentations from the Satellite Meeting will be collected by MLAS information coordinator **Rauha Maarno** and if possible will available under Creative Commons Attribution license on MLAS webpage in a few weeks.

1. **MLAS and SIG Open Programs in Kuala Lumpur**
   1. Session 229, Wednesday, 29 August, 10:45–12:45 Plenary Hall

“Win-Win: building strong education, training and continuing professional development together with strong library associations” Management of Library Associations, Education and Training and Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning (Judy Brooker, Amandine Jacquet)

* 1. Session 207, Tuesday, 28 August 13:45 – 15:45, Plenary Theatre

“Collections, Ethics, Perspective, and Voice: The Importance of Context - Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group joint with LGBTQ Users Special Interest Group” (Mathilde Koskas, Evviva Weinraub)

* 1. Session 142, Monday, 27 August, 09:30 – 11:30 Conference Hall 1/2

“Librarian Fashion: What does the way we dress say about us?” - New Professionals, Management of Library Associations and Public Libraries (Montserrat Espuga Condal, Andrés Reinoso, Antoine Torrens, Vesna Vuksan)

* 1. Session 218 “Collections, Ethics, Perspective, and Voice: Reaching Out to the Hard to Reach” - Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group

1. **MLAS Related Meetings**

No additional meeting except below were noted.

1. **Association Members Meeting, Monday, 27 August, 16.00-18.00**

The Chair reminded all in attendance of the importance of attending the Association Members Meeting

1. **General Assembly, Wednesday, 23 August, 16.15-18.00 in Auditorium Hall**

The Chair encourage all to attend the General Assembly, especially those who have voting rights.

1. **President’s Update and Programme (Glòria Pérez-Salmerón)**

Glòria Pérez-Salmerón as president of IFLA gave a warm welcome to the President´s Session on Sunday 26th August. Pérez-Salmerón also gave insight on IFLA Development Roadmap and the work with IFLA Global Vision.

1. **Secretary General’s Update (Gerald Leitner)**

Gerald Leitner introduced the IFLA Development Roadmap in more detail. Leitner emphasized that national motivation to the process is done by national library association´s. The support from national association´s is important to get more people involved in the strategic renewal of IFLA. By 2020 the new governance of IFLA will be presented and in 2019 there will be opportunities to give feedback and participate in the strategic process.

1. **President-elect’s Report and Programme (Christine McKenzie)**

Christine McKenzie noted that her presidential them will be ‘Let’s Work Together.’

The President-elect’s session will be on Wednesday morning under the title ‘Let's work together: collaborating and partnering to achieve IFLA's vision.’ The session will have panelists discussing how collaboration is the key to achieving opportunities that are identified in the Global Vision report.

1. **IFLA advocacy issues updates (Stephen Wyber)**

Manager of Policy and Advocacy Stephen Wyber introduced current advocacy issues. Areas of advocacy include: libraries as partners for development (SDG´s), information infrastructure, copyright, cultural heritage, digital skills and funding for libraries. In the context of cultural heritage Wyber urged the national associations be part of their national commissions and to be in contact with the UNESCO offices in their country.

1. **MLAS Membership Update (Helen Mandl)**

Deputy Secretary General and Director, Member Services Helen Mandl updated the meeting about the Library Map of the World. Country Pages will soon be published, and more contents and information are needed. Mandl asked for the associations to be active in contributing information to the Country Pages.

In addition, Mandl bought up that there are many new members countries in IFLA. Mandl asked for MLAS to brainstorm on how to get the new library associations active in IFLA. How could MLAS contribute?

1. **Report on IFLA Governing Board meeting (Chair)**

The IFLA Leadership development program has been successful. Also, general finances of IFLA are going better and the budget is looking good for this year. IFLA has made a member survey which also important for MLAS.

1. **Any other business (Chair)**

Special Interest Groups update:

* Evviva Weinraub introduced Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Groups sessions 207 & 218. Section has been working on the program in WLIC, redesign work of the webpage and the Global Vision process.
* Vesna Vuksan introduced NPSIG´s programs in WLIC. A successful IFLA Camp was held at the Selangor Public Library with 60 participants. The Librarian Fashion Session has generated a lot of buzz. The SIG has also been during the past year, organizing webinars and interviews and creating sessions in different countries to discuss the Global Vision.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 15.30. The agenda will be completed at MLAS SC II.

**MLAS Standing Committee Meetings**

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**SC II**

**Time:** Tuesday, 28 August 2018, 10.45-13:15

**Venue:** Meeting Room 301, Conference Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**MLAS SC members present:**

Michael Dowling (chair), Rauha Maarno (information coordinator, secretary for SC Meetings in Malaysia), Judy Brooker, Amy Burke, Alim Garga, Vanya Grashkina, Susan Haigh, Amandine Jacquet, Hella Klauser, Marijana Misetic, José-Maria Nogales Herrera, Katre Riisalu, Mariann Schjeide

1. **Report from PC Officers Forum, (Chair)**

Michael presented the main topics from the Officers Forum.

IFLA Development Roadmap is now out and it describes the strategic process timetable. Governance structure will be renewed and there will be an organizational review. Consulting group has been hired to collect feedback from sections.

The meeting decided to establish two working groups from MLAS to give suggestions on the new governance structure and strategic planning of IFLA. Following people volunteered:

**Governance Group**: **Amy Burke, Alim Garga, Karin Linder, Mariann Schjeide and Sabine Stummeyer**

**Strategy Group**: **Randa Al-Chidiac, Weng Ian Au (Anna), Susan Haigh, Anna, Judy Brooker (or someone else from Australia)**

1. **Review of MLAS Session and SIG Sessions**

Special Interest Groups supported by MLAS (Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group & New Professional Special Interest Group) will be continuing for four more years.

1. **MLAS Communication Discussion**

MLAS Information Coordinator’s Report (Rauha Maarno)

Maarno presented the current channels for communications: Open Facebook Group (IFLA MLAS), mailing list, webpage under IFLA and Twitter account. IFLA will be renewing the IFLA website and Maarno has sent a list of the current contents on MLAS Webpage. Some of it will be transferred to the new site.

It was noted by participants that Social Media influencers could also be used in communications.

**Maarno** will check from IFLA Office is the IFLA Library appropriate place to store the presentations from the Satellite Meeting.

1. **MLAS Global Vision Discussion (Chair)**

Michael Dowling presented the report of MLAS on Global Vision. The top three opportunities recognized by MLAS members were: We need more and better advocates at all levels, We need to ensure stakeholders understand our value and impact & We must give young professionals effective opportunities to learn, develop and lead.

Dowling also presented the next step for Global Vision, the Ideas Store. Global Vision Ideas Store (at: <https://ideas.ifla.org/>) is now open and national input is needed from the different regions and countries. Deadline is going to be mid October.

1. **Draft Action Plan August 2018-2019 (Chair)**

Action Plan contents was discussed and following ideas came up:

* Webinars would be useful to share information about success in associations.
* Toolkits for associations.
* Issue of diversity need to be discussed and we need a more diverse group. Nominations for the standing committee are coming. Concrete ideas are needed to enhance the diversity.

1. **Draft MLAS Annual Report August 2017-2018 (Chair)**

This was tabled for the Committee to review after the Congress.

1. **Plans for IFLA conference 24-30 August 2019 in Athens, Greece, Malaysia (Chair)**

There will not be a satellite meeting since the satelliste is held every two years.

We discussed the program ideas for open conference sessions in Greece WLIC, Deadline for ideas to be be submitted to IFLA is November 15th. Discussed ideas included:

* Swedish and kenyan collaboration of the library associations
* Associations and statistics
* Topics could also be taken out of the Global Vision. The top three opportunities recognized by MLAS members were: We need more and better advocates at all levels, We need to ensure stakeholders understand our value and impact & We must give young professionals effective opportunities to learn, develop and lead.
* How to make the profession more interesting for young people?
* Image of the profession
* Library law, Advocacy and SDG´s came up in the Satellite meeting

There will a group developing the open session. **Mariann Schjeide** volunteered to be the chair of this group.

1. **Plans for midterm meeting Spring 2019: venue and programme (Chair)**

Oslo was deciced by vote for the venue of the next midterm meeting. **Mariann Schjeide** will be in contact with the standing committee about the arrengements.

1. **Any other business (Chair)**

Reducing the fees for individual members as a topic in the General Assembly was discussed. Especially the influence on national associations was a topic. No general conclusion was made on the issue.

Marwa El Sahn presented the plan to organize a Satellite Meeting in 2019 by the Division V (Africa, Asia and Oseania, Latin America) in Alexandria Library and asked for MLAS support. **Marwa El Sahn** will send a formulation of the idea to MLAS Standing Committee and decision will be made after that.