

IFLA NEWSPAPERS SECTION

36th Business Meeting, Paris France

Location: Bibliothèque nationale de France

Time: Tuesday 10 April 2012 at 14:00 - 18:38



MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS

Standing Committee Members

Mr. Frederick Zarndt, Global Connexions, USA, Chair

Ms. L. Suzanne Kellerman, Penn State University Libraries, USA, Secretary

Ms. Majlis Bremer-Laamanen, National Library of Finland, Finland

Mr. Ulrich Hagenah, Hamburg State and University Library, Germany

Ms. Mona Løkås, National Library of Norway, Norway

Observers

Mr. Pascal Sanz, Bibliothèque nationale de France, France

Ms. Else Delaunay, Bibliothèque nationale de France, France

Mr. Hartmut Walravens, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin (retired)

Mr. Edmund King, British Library

1. Introductions

Frederick Zarndt, Chair of the Newspapers Section, welcomed all Standing Committee Members and guests to the 36th business meeting of the IFLA Newspapers Section.

Frederick Zarndt recognized Mr. Pascal Sanz, Director, Department Law, Economics, Politics, who offered greetings to the BnF.

Else Delaunay announced the availability of *Sources to Newspaper History: A Guide Book*. This guide covers the newspaper heritage and industry of France and is based on the vast collection found at the BnF. Lise Devreux and Philippe Mezzasalma are the co-authors.

Former Chair of the Newspapers Section, Hartmut Walravens offered his thanks and praise to Else Delaunay and Frederick Zarndt for holding the International Newspaper Conference in Paris. Hartmut offered extra copies the Section's published conference papers for the taking.

2. Apologies for Absence

Mr. Christoph Albers, Berlin State Library, Germany, Information Coordinator

Mr. Robert Allen, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Ms. Georgia Higley, Library of Congress, USA

Mr. Philippe Mezzasalma, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, France

Ms. Inci Önal, Hacettepe University, Turkey

Mr. Abdul Rahman Sudin, National Library of Malaysia, Malaysia

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as provided.

4. Minutes of meetings / matters arising

The minutes of the 35th Business Meeting held in San Juan, Puerto Rico August 2011 and all action items included were approved. The minutes are available on the IFLA website at:

http://www.ifla.org/files/newspapers/minutes/IFLA%20Newspapers%20Section%2035th%20Standing%20Committee%20Meeting%20Saturday_13-August-2011.pdf

5. Update on the Mikkeli and Helsinki 2012 conferences.

Majlis Bremer-Laamanen reported that the Mikkeli conference planning is on schedule. Registration has not yet been set but will open on May 15. Registration cost is 100 Euros. Twenty-four speakers from around the globe will present on a wide variety of topical themes as defined by the conference focus. Conference announcements have been sent to various electronic mailing lists; personal calls have been made to the speakers. Selection of session facilitators is underway. All papers and PowerPoint slides will be presented in English. Media will attend the conference and may be asked to serve as session monitors. Majlis hinted that a *new* newspaper song may be performed at the opening session. For information on the Mikkeli conference can be found at: <http://www.ifla2012mikkeli.com/>

Hartmut Walravens suggested that colleagues from St. Petersburg, Russia be invited to serve as session facilitators. Majlis agreed to extend the invitation to them and Frederick agreed to contact colleagues at the Russian Book Chamber.

Mona Løkås mentioned that two papers at the Puerto Rico Newspapers Section's Open Session were presented in Spanish and regrettably no English translations were available. Frederick Zarndt and the Committee agreed that for future conferences where the official Conference languages may be one or more languages in addition to English that abstracts and papers will be distributed to the audience in English.

It was suggested and approved that the Newspapers Section will not hold a business meeting at the Mikkeli conference.

Majlis also reported that the Helsinki Newspapers Section Open Session planning is well underway. This will be a joint Session with the Genealogy and Local History Section. This will be a three hour session.

6. Discussion of Spring 2013 Newspapers Section mid-year conference.

Possible locations for the 2013 mid-year conference included the USA (North Texas University, Dallas, Texas), Indonesia, China, Vietnam and Germany. Else Delaunay commented that her visit to Vietnam after the International Newspaper Conference held in Malaysia in 2011 was successful. Frederick further explained that the next Newspapers Archive Summit in the USA will be held at North Texas University in April 2013 and could serve as our conference.

Action: Sites locations to further pursue include: USA (North Texas University, Dallas, Texas), Indonesia, and China.

7. Discussion on satellite conference prior to 2013 Singapore General Conference.

The Committee agreed not to hold a satellite conference prior to the 2013 Singapore General Conference.

The question was raised on whether to share our Open Session with another Section, for example with the Preservation and Conservation Section or with the Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters. No decision was made.

8. Review of the progress on Newspapers Digitisation Guidelines.

To date there has been no activity on the Guidelines. Discussion ensued on whether another set of digitization guidelines were necessary noting known guidelines can be easily accessible from the Library of Congress, the National Library of New Zealand, and the National Library of Australia. The question was raised on whether the guidelines should be drafted as use cases and not as another set of standards and guidelines. Mona offered to see if what they have posted from the National Library of Norway can be made available to a broader audience.

9. Review of other action items from previous business meetings.

The question of publishing the Section's papers was brought to the table for discussion. The question was raised on whether to publish on-line via IFLAnet or publish in print. Hartmut shared his views that publishing is still useful; that publishing allows for all the papers to be gathered together in one place. He went on to remark that "If you can't publish papers why even attend the conference?" The primary benefit of publishing is to expose the diversity of newspaper origins around the world. Frederick mentioned that the Section requested and was approved 400 Euros from HQ, and that this funding could be used to pay an editorial assistant to edit the conference papers. Hartmut shared his pre-publishing experience stating the typo and formatting corrections were handled by an editorial assistant while he (as Chair of the Section) and Ed King read the papers for content and grammar. Majlis agreed to collect the papers from the Mikkeli conference and to identify an editor. Majlis also mentioned that the Mikkeli papers will be distributed on a flash drive at the conference as they were received and not edited.

Action: 1) Identify an editorial assistant for the Mikkeli and Helsinki conference papers; Sue to find Penn State University graduate student? 2) Decide on where to publish – IFLAnet or de Gruyter Saur; Sue to ask Penn State Press to consider publishing our conference papers 3) Ask IFLAnet to publish 4) Identify additional funding to support an editorial assistant.

10. Review of the membership situation.

Current membership stands at 41 members. More members are needed to remain a viable IFLA Standing Committee. All Committee Members were encouraged to recruit more members.

11. Continue discussion from previous Standing Committee meetings about the role of IFLA publications, IFLA Newsletter and on-line communications for the Section.

The question was raised on whether postings on IFLAnet are harvested by Internet Archive. It was noted that the link to our April 2009 Newsletter, number 19 is broken. Frederick mentioned that the Section still in needs to identify a Newsletter editor. All were encouraged consider stepping up to fill this vacancy.

Action: 1) Fix broken newsletter link. 2) Ask about IFLAnet postings are harvested.

12. Discuss Newspapers Section officer "shadowing" program idea.

Frederick introduced the idea of recruiting Section members to "shadow" current Section officers in preparation for assuming leadership in the Section. Singapore has agreed to identify one person. It was noted that many institutions have limited travel money to send delegates to the World Congress making it difficult to commit to a leadership position.

Action: Mona volunteered to ask colleagues in Denmark to participate.

Skype teleconferencing was suggested as a new means to communicate and conduct business.

Action: Frederick proposed setting up a Skype teleconference in May as a test. Watch for a Doodle.com (free internet calendar tool) pool from Frederick to determine the best time and date to meet.

Any Other Business

Edmund King offered his thanks to Else Delaunay and Christiane Baryla for a successful International Newspaper Conference at the BnF, and thanked Frederick Zarndt and Sue Kellerman for their work on the IFLA Newspapers Section.

Meeting was adjourned at 18:38

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary IFLA SC39