

**IFLA School Libraries Section
Annual Meeting Singapore
First Meeting
17 August 2013, 9:15 am – 11:45 am.**

1. Introduction

Randi Lundvall, Chair and Treasurer
Barbara Schultz-Jones, Secretary
Tricia Adams, Web Editor (not present, sends her regrets)
Lesley Farmer, Newsletter Editor

Attendees introduced themselves. There were 25 attendees for the meeting, representing Canada, France, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sweden, UK, USA, Zambia

2. Reports

Randi Lundvall, Chair and Treasurer, reported on activities of the past year. Our budget has a small amount of funds remaining for speaker gifts and expenses related to the joint session with IASL. Future expenses include printing of new brochures for the section and translation of papers presented at the conference session.

Highlights of the previous year include the midyear meeting in Oslo, Norway and the one day conference on Information Literacy. Plans are in the works for the upcoming midyear meeting in the UK in April, 2014.

3. Renewal of Joint Agreement on Collaboration IFLA SLC / IASL

The process of renewing the joint agreement is waiting approval of the IFLA Governing Board. Randi and Barbara are scheduled to meet with Sinikka Sipilä, incoming IFLA Chair, on August 21st at 1pm to review the agreement and move the process forward.

Diljit Singh, IASL President, suggested that we consider future action to include recommendations for the post-2015 Millennial Reports.

4. Joint Project on School Library Advocacy IFLA SLC / IASL

Dianne Oberg, Chair, Joint IFLA School Libraries – IASL Committee, submitted a report on the accomplishments for the past year: past and future workshops to pilot and get feedback on the draft materials include:

- 2012 IASL Conference in Doha, Qatar
- 2013 IFLA-IASL satellite conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2013 IASL Conference in Sanur, Bali, Indonesia

Three case studies have been completed and delivered to IFLA

5. Revision of IFLA School Library Guidelines

Everyone is invited to participate in the workshop to revise our guidelines.
The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th, 13:00 – 16:00, Singapore National Library

6. Action Plan 2013-2015

Our action plan for the upcoming years will be updated following the IFLA conference. The Trend Report will be released this coming week and we expect it will provide inspiration for our action plan. SC members Annike Selmer and Lisa Åström agreed to attend the key initiatives session and report to our next SC meeting.

7. Newsletter Format Change

Lesley Farmer, current Newsletter Editor, proposed a format change from digital release to blog. The proposal was accepted by all.

Action Item: Lesley Farmer to handle the format change and let us know when the blog is released.

8. School Libraries Section Brochure

The current brochure was distributed for comment. After a lively discussion the copies were returned, with comments, for upcoming revision that will include our newly adopted section name.

9. Election of Officers 2013-2015

Nominated for Chair and Treasurer: Barbara Schultz-Jones, USA

Elected, unopposed

Nominated for Secretary: Dianne Oberg, Canada; Lesley Farmer, USA

Elected, Dianne Oberg, Canada

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Second Meeting

21 August 2013, 11:30 am – 13:00 pm.

1. Introduction

Randi Lundvall, Chair and Treasurer

Barbara Schultz-Jones, Secretary

Tricia Adams, Web Editor (not present, sends her regrets)

Lesley Farmer, Newsletter Editor

Attendees introduced themselves. There were 14 attendees for the meeting, representing Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Singapore, Sweden, USA.

We thanked Randi Lundvall, outgoing Section Chair, for her hard work and dedication to the School Library Section. We welcomed new officers, and new members.

2. Report on the key initiatives

The IFLA session was attended by Lisa Åström and Annike Selmer. The key initiatives were introduced by the current IFLA president, Ingrid Parent. Previously, there were 5 key initiatives, see <http://www.ifla.org/strategic-plan/key-initiatives> but #5 is considered well enough along that only the first 4 will continue to be pursued:

1. Digital Content Programme: Driving access to content, and digital resources, for library users
2. International Librarianship Leadership Development Programme: capacity building to raise the voice of the profession nationally, regionally and internationally
3. Outreach Programme for Advocacy and Advancement of the Profession: connecting, collaborating, representing strategically
4. Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction Programme: Culture is a basic need, a community thrives through its cultural heritage, it dies without it

5. Multilingualism Programme: a multilingual IFLA website opens windows to the world considered well enough along that the work will continue on the website and with translations of our papers

Action Item: SC Officers to convert our action plan to the key initiatives, working with the new trend report, and we will address the trend report in the revision of our guidelines.

3. Workshop for the Revision of IFLA School Library Guidelines

There were 22 attendees with a strong contribution from everyone. The guidelines and reports will be distributed to the expert panel.

The expert panel is comprised of workshop attendees willing to serve, and a choice of IASL executives. We will confirm with the IFLA president about how to recognize the IASL participation - as an acknowledgement, or as an IFLA project.

Summaries from each of the groups will be sent to each member of the workshop for additional feedback.

The Joint Committee will take the feedback and summaries from the workshop and do the first draft of the revision, ensuring that we cover the dominant themes.

We will ask for loving critics and expect that the guidelines will go through at least 3 versions (at best guess), but it could be longer.

The Midyear meeting in UK will be a second opportunity for feedback and we will publicize that as soon as possible.

Action Item: SC Officers to contact the IFLA president about how to recognize the IASL participation - as an acknowledgement, or as an IFLA project.

Action Item: Joint Committee to compile first draft of the revision and release to the Expert Panel; post to the IFLA School Libraries website and IASL website.

Action Item: SC Officers to reserve a 3 hour block on the draft guidelines at the MidYear Meeting.

4. Building Strong Libraries

Dianne Oberg reported that we have a 2 year project with IFLA's BSLA, see <http://www.ifla.org/bsla>, to develop materials about school library advocacy. We have 3 case studies complete: Norway, Sweden, and the European network (ENSIL). We have more writing to do, and hope to include some video clips. We considered the many ways that SC members could participate. It was suggested that we find some that exist already and provide some guidance on what we want.

Action Item: Dianne Oberg and other members to investigate what videos are out there and provide guidance on new videos that may be required.

The BSLA morning meeting was a summary of some projects that have been done and the main work now, at the highest level of IFLA, is getting the concept of library into the post 2015 documents at the international level. They asked us to be sure to know the materials that have been developed and look at developing strategies at the national level. Not all countries have national school library policies. IFLA is also asking us to identify national leaders who might be able to help us - UNESCO reps in our own countries.

There are 6 country's projects completed and a copy of the impact report is available at the IFLA booth or website.

Reports about campaigns that have been run include: - Lithuania, Peruvian library association (now involves all library workers), Lebanon partnering with financial groups, Botswana developing international connections, Cameroon where library association has been working to function more as a development agency for literacy and early education. In the future BSLA is looking for more 3 year projects and developing advocacy materials. For example, there is a new project with Myanmar to make the association more representative and develop better governance and transparency of the association. Also: Moldavia, Vietnam, and Nepal. International leadership development - names of people and project involved should be identified so we can highlight them and help with the leadership skills.

5. Next IFLA conference in Lyon, France

For 2014 in Lyon, our open session will be on advocacy – a general report on what has happened and then case studies from people who can provide reports on what has happened. We will issue a call for case studies for a 2 hour interactive session, encourage lots of questions, call for short examples and presentations. The format will be a round table - 15 minute presentation and then discussion.

SC members willing to be a reviewer:

Lisa Åström, Lesley Farmer, Karen Gavigan, Rei Iwasaki, Luisa Marquardt, Dianne Oberg, and Diljit Singh.

Action Item: SC Officers to prepare and submit the open session proposal to IFLA

Action Item: SC Officers to propose a second session onsite at the conference center in Lyon for the revision of the School Library Guidelines.

6. Collaboration with the Children and Youth Section, School Library Section, IASL, and the Pedagogical Centre of Digital Resources

1 day satellite meeting in Paris, Saturday, August 23, 2014.

The focus of the session will be Young Adult Reading; At Risk Readers, Reluctant Readers.

7. Collaboration with Health and Biosciences Libraries Section

We will work with the Health and Biosciences Libraries Section in 2015 on health education.

8. Other matters

- How does the SC share expertise with people who have need for information regarding school libraries?

We had a request from the observer from Oman, in the ministry of education, about finding information about the school library, education about the teacher librarian; the school library as more than for reading; curriculum for libraries in schools is developed separately than for the grades 1-12. What are the library skills needed to search, where are resources for the school librarians to learn how to work together with teacher?

Action Item: Future discussion item for the Midyear Meeting.

School Library advocacy for the years following 2015.

- Diljit Singh, IASL President: Millennium development goals are coming to an end. We need to think about how to get school libraries into the post 2015 documents. We need to strategize

on how to insert libraries into post 2015 documents at all levels - it's an equity issue. Multi prong approach - if IFLA could support the initiatives.

- Luisa Marquardt: Consider some key dates - October as school library month - have a stronger collaboration with IASL to advocate for school libraries.
- Lesley Farmer: in the meantime we can advertise things through our blog.

8. Impressions of New Members

The Chair asked new members to share their impressions of IFLA and the Standing Committee.

Responses included:

- “This was my first meeting and first level of involvement and the communication has been excellent; learned a lot; the workshop yesterday was excellent.”
- “My English is poor and I appreciate the slow speaking”
- “It’s difficult to understand IFLA, good to be here but each year money will be an issue related to travel costs; really interesting; will take a lot back”
- “Very including group”

Meeting adjourned and farewell until Lyon, France!