

## IFLA School Library Section

### IFLA School Library Section Standing Committee Minutes of the meeting in Wroclaw, August 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Members in attendance:** Lesley Farmer (chair)(USA), Karen Gavigan (USA), Hans-Petter Storemyr (Norway), Ivanka Stricevic (Croatia), Joanne Plante (Cannada), Irina Nheme (Germany), Dianne Oberg (Canada), Luisa Marquardt (Italy), Verena Lee Ping (Singapore), Albert Boekhorst (information coordinator) (Brasil) , Lisa Åström (Sweden) , Rei Iwasaki (Japan), Valérie Glass (France), Danielle Martinod (France), Annike Selmer (secretary)(Norway)

#### 1. Welcome new members and Introductions

9 observers met, 25 people all in total.

The agenda was accepted by all.

The minutes from the Midyear meeting were accepted.

#### 2. Possible new members

4 new corresponding members were accepted:

- Steven from Kenya
- Veronica Kaman from Hungary
- Julia Demasi from Uruguay
- Sharada Siwakoti from Nepal

Isabel Menhinos, from Portugal, carries on as corresponding member.

#### **Elections:**

Joanne Plant – Chair

Valerie Glass – Secretary

Albert Bokhoerst – Information coordinator

#### 3. Chair report

Received

#### 4. Secretary's & Treasurers report

Received

5. Communications Coordinator's report and discussion

Received

6. Member report

Some reports were distributed before this meeting. Thank you to all.

7. Conference review

Preconference in Wroclaw Aug 18th: Dianne Oberg gave a report. Approx 70 attendees, mostly from Poland.

Lesley Farmer went through the program where the School Libray Section is involved.

Global Vision Discussion – sum up from Stockholm .

Dianne Oberg asked about funding for research. Lesley Farmer will ask this question in the Division I-meeting August 20<sup>th</sup>.

8. Action update

- a. Midyear Meeting: Lyon – 2 to 4 of may 2018. Valerie Glass is in charge of the planning.
- b. LIFA Strategic Plan and Vision and Logo initiative
- c. Global Vision Discussion – sum up from Stockholm . Dianne Oberg asked about funding for research. Lesley asks this question

9. Old business

- a. Joint committee: Guidelines (including workshops, support). Karen Gavigan presented the flashdrive with material to implement the guidelines. Feedback can be sent to Karen Gavigan so that she can update the material.

Verena Lee offered to share the material they have made in Singapore on how to use the material in educating school librarians.

The joint committee needs a new IFLA-member. Luisa Marquardt is leaving the committee this year. The decision will be made in the next SC-meeting.

Cosmos Mabeya from South Africa asked a question about how to spread the recommendations from the guidelines to the rural areas where flash drives is not going to work. Steve from Kenya also agreed that this was a big challenge and they are now introducing this in the knowledge. Diljit Singh shared the experiences from the Asian region and the importance of translating the guidelines into a oral format that can be used in training the trainers. Irina Nheme informed the SC about a project on reading

between Benin, Brasil and Germany. She will forward the reference. Irina volunteered to collect useful resources.

What Cosmos Mabeya also pointed out is the need for advocacy for school libraries from IASL and IFLA that can be a tool for local actions. Lesley Farmer reminded everyone of this webpage:

<https://www.ifla.org/publications/school-library-advocacy-kit>

- b. Proposal for sessions & tours of School Libraries, IFLA 2018 Kuala Lumpur.

Diljit Singh wished everyone welcome in Kuala Lumpur. A satellite meeting on School Libraries will be – both a sit down conference and a tour of some school libraries. The theme should be implementing the guidelines in the schools – locally. The SC is encouraged to secure the intellectual content of the day conference.

Luisa Marquardt suggested that the sessions next year could be school libraries role in working for sustainability. This could be a possible theme for one session during the main conference; this was second from observer from Paula Eskett, New Zealand. Luisa Marquardt will contact the SIG. Lisa Åström also reminded the SC that there has been a contact with FAIFE on intellectual freedom and ethics.

**The no-hosted dinner of the SC: Gryfami Restaurant 6.15 pm Aug 23rd**

**IFLA School Library Section**  
**IFLA School Library Section Standing Committee Minutes of the meeting in Stockholm,**  
**August 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2017**

**Members in attendance:** Lesley Farmer (USA), Karen Gavigan (USA), Ivanka Stricevic (Croatia), Joanne Plante (Chair) (Canada), Dianne Oberg (Canada), Luisa Marquardt (Italy), Verena Lee Ping (Singapore), Albert Boekhorst (Information Coordinator) (Brasil), Lisa Åström (Sweden) , Rei Iwasaki (Japan), Valerie Glass (Secretary) (France), Danielle Martinod (France), Annike Selmer (Norway), Didier Vin Datiche (France), Jing Zhang (China)

1. Welcome new members and introductions

24 observers in our 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting. The agenda was accepted by all.  
The incoming chair Joanne Plante and secretary Valérie Glass thank the outgoing officers, Lesley Farmer and Annike Selmer for their work and involvement. They receive gifts.

**a. Action Plan 2017-2019**

Everyone of the SC agree to continue in the same direction. Two main actions : midyear meeting in 2018 in Lyon (France) and distribution of flashdrives by the IASL/IFLA joint committee.

**b. Midyear meeting: Lyon**

The next midyear meeting in 2018 will take place in Lyon (France) from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of May to stick to IASL conference dates (6<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of May in Istanbul, Turkey).

A midyear meeting gathers members of the standing committee between each annual conference and happen in the country of the member of the section who proposed to host it. In 2017 Lisa Astrom hosted the SC in Sweden.

A draft program will be sent not later than beginning November 2017.

**c. AASL Journal contribution**

Karen Gavigan needs to know the “hot topics” in each country because she's going to publish an article for Knowledge Quest (AASL journal) about School Librarianship worldwide.

**d. New book initiative**

Dianne Oberg and Barbara Schultz-Jones are going to edit a new book in collaboration with DeGruyter. The subject of the book is about education of school librarians (initial training and professional development)

The book will be launch in Malaysia 2018 and must be published by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2018.

The launch of the call for papers is the 1<sup>st</sup> of october 2017 (deadline 1<sup>st</sup> of november 2017)

Call for papers will be broadcast in the SCHOOL-L mailing list.

The idea is also to organize a session in Malaysia about the book (to invite authors to present their chapters)

#### **e. Conference 2018 and Satellite – Subjects**

For the regular sessions several ideas are proposed :

- one session about the launch of the next book
- one joint session about sustainability with the SIG Environnement , Sustainability and Libraries
- one joint session with FAIFE committee

A satellite conference will be organized by Diljit Singh in Malaysia.

For the content he suggests that it will be focused on only one School Library Guidelines chapter in the format of a workshop. He suggests that the satellite conference last two days : one day of discussions around the SLG and one day for visits.

The satellite will take place in the building of the Department of Education in Kuala Lumpur the 23rd of August (22nd of August will be public holidays)

#### **f. Global vision – Vote**

Joanne Plante remind everyone to vote (deadline 30th of September 2017)

#### **g. Key initiatives of the division**

Presentation of the key initiatives of Division I, which gathers Library Types.

#### **h. Logo – Proposition to adapt the logo.**

Division I sent new logo for the section. For School Libraries the image is two child sitting at a desk chair. Members and observers think it is too old fashioned.

Ivanka suggests that IFLA team think about 21<sup>st</sup> century kids. Lesley suggests to keep the old logo or rebuild a new one.

#### **i. Funding Research Project – Deadline End of October**

Lesley has proposed the following subjects : issues of sustainability, intellectual freedom and ethics. About the satellite conference in Malaysia Lesley wonders if we choose flash drive or print copies to distribute. Annike suggests to ask for more money for flashdrives.

The amount of money given by IFLA depends on the number of members in the section.

Organization of a session within Division I : the section suggests to propose Lisa's subject on intellectual freedom and ethics.

Finally the Standing Committee decide to wait for the next year to apply for funding, due to a lack of time and other businesses going on.

Ivanka suggests that we apply for IFLA fundings about Karen's project about hot topics research.

#### **j. Follow up – IASL/IFLA Joint committee**

Vanja Jurlij is officially appointed for an IFLA position within IASL/IFLA joint committee for 2017/2019.

#### **k. Presentation of a project**

Joanne Plante presents a project which can be interesting for everyone working in school libraries, proposed by Odile Dupont, former convenor of the SIG “Religions : Libraries and Dialogue.”

Here is the link : <https://www.ifla.org/node/11456>

This “Relindial Cartonera” project is one easy way to highlight the input of libraries in the diversity dialogue. It is supposed to be driven by a librarian or a group of librarians linked to the IFLA SIG Relindial. Its main aim is to bring together individuals (ladies, men or children from different cultures, religions or ages) to build together a handcraft book with Cardboard and recycled papers.

This book will be devoted to a theme, chosen by the attendees, that is present in their different religions or beliefs. It will help to better know themselves and each other. The Relindial group achieved several documents about “Relindial Cartonera”  
Some leaflets are distributed.

**1. Albert's project : collect of books for African countries, grants, subventions.**

Albert Boekhorst presents the project of collecting books for African countries.

**2. Feedback from members and observers**

Members and observers give their feedback.

Officers remind everybody about the School Libraries' section communication : Facebook page, Twitter account, blog, IFLA website.

The business meeting ends at 15:45 with a photo of all participants.