



IFLA
School Libraries Section
Minutes of the Standing
Committee Meeting
Zagreb, Croatia 21-23 April 2016



Members in attendance: Lesley Farmer, Chair (USA), Joanne Plante (Canada), Dianne Oberg (Canada), Irina Nehme (Germany), Valérie Glass (France), Karen Gavigan (USA), Ivanka Stricevic (Croatia), Vanja Jurilj (Croatia), Albert K Boekhorst (Brazil), Annike Selmer Secretary (Norway)

Members not in attendance: Rei Iwasaki (Japan), Mireille Lamouroux (France), Verena Lee Ping (Singapore), Danielle Martinod (FRance), Judy O'Connell (Australia), Lisa Åström (Sweden)

1. Welcome: Chair Lesley Farmer welcomed all members of the Standing Committee to the Midyear meeting and each participant presented themselves.

2. Formalities: The minutes from the Standing Committee was approved. The budget of the Section will mainly be spent on small gifts to the speakers on our sessions in Ohio. Lesley Farmer will look into that. The update on SC membership concluded that the section will look into encouraging the section members to find new candidates for the Standing Committee in 2017. The SC now has 16 members and 4 corresponding members. The possibility of making business cards for the members of the Standing Committee was discussed and Lesley Farmer will look into this. The agreement between IASL and IFLA School Library Section is now signed and the joint committee is chaired by Karen Gavigan.

3. Expectations and goals: the SC has a lot of work to do in the coming years and everyone expressed that they will contribute. Lesley Farmer presented The IFLA School Libraries Section Report on progress and activities and results.

4. Ohio updates: Lesley Farmer presented the plans for the IFLA conference in Ohio in August 2016. It will be a very busy conference with the Section involved in three sessions during the conference;

* School Library Session: Inclusionary Practices for School Library Implementation

* Literacy and Reading, School Libraries, Children & Young Adult Section, Public Libraries Session: Literacy Matters - Awards and Campaigns for Supporting Development Through Literacy & Reading

* Public, Academic and School Libraries Session: Cooperation and Sharing

In addition to this Barbara Schultz-Jones (former chair) will present a paper on the School Library Guidelines in a session of the Committee on Standards.

There is no School Library visit in the program due to that all schools are closed early in August. Lesley Farmer will follow up on this and Big Walnut Middle School in Sunbury was suggested as a possibility.

5. New initiatives:

a. **Poland updates (2017): Pre conference:**

Poland August 19.-25 th 2017 IFLA - pre conference is approved by IFLA. Albert Boekhorst has contact with the local school library group. The theme will be implementation of the guidelines - and best practises. We will use the experiences from the pre conference in IASL in Tokyo 2016. The pre conference in Poland will be kept in English, but it has to be relevant for the local school librarians.

There should be a keynote speaker on comparing the Polish standards for school libraries and the IFLA Guidelines. Further on the committee discussed what would be relevant for the local community.

The joint committee IASL/IFLA Standing committee are planning on making a webinar on the 2nd edition of the IFLA Guidelines for School Libraries. The joint committee has appointed one person responsible for each chapter. It will be 6 different parts that will be accessible for everyone to use. IFLA will sponsor spreading to people who don't have internet access. The SC discussed different technical possibilities, outlines etc. It will also be good if the attendants give small examples of best practises/examples. The SC will collect an overview of resources available; Karen Gavigan will set up a google document where everyone can contribute.

Lesley Farmer, Karen Gavigan, Dianne Oberg, Valérie Glass, Vanja Juril and Albert Boekhorst are going to the IASL conference in Tokyo 2016.

b. WLIC in Poland 2017: Statistics and measurement is suggested to be one of the topics for a session in the WLIC in Poland in 2017. Valérie Glass will follow up on this towards the Statistics and Evaluation Section in IFLA. Lesley Farmer will put together a google doc where we can share ideas for this session.

c. IFLA School Library Guidelines 2nd edition:The process of getting the IFLA Guidelines accepted in UNESCO will be explored by Albert Boekhorst. A lot of initiatives have been taken to translate the guidelines.

d. Sharing knowledge: The SC sees that there is a need to share knowledge and research results on school libraries. Albert Boekhorst will look into the possibility to use UNESCO's webpages for sharing knowledge; Lesley also suggested using <http://www.merlot.org> (tagging the resources with IFLA School Libraries Section).

e. Publicity and advocacy for the School Library Guidelines: Randi Lundvall (former chair and member) and Annike Selmer presented the Guidelines in a conference in Norway in March. Joanne Plante is presenting the Guidelines in a conference in Quebec next week. Albert Boekhorst will make a factsheet and a press kit for further advocacy (letter of introduction, press release, FAQ, background fact sheet, photos, business card, contact info/URLs/social media); Lesley will help (business card, letterhead, other). Lesley Farmer will provide a list over who are the IFLA members of the Section (both personal and institutions). The webinars and the IFLA Learning Materials are important to the advocacy for the guidelines. So is the news feed on our website. It was suggested that the SC should take part in the celebration of the School Library Month in October. Joanne Plante will look into that. Also the available training material on IFLA's website learning platform is relevant for advocacy matters.

f. Social media: The Section is on Facebook (Joanne manages it), Twitter (Valerie manages it), LinkedIn (once Valarie sets it up) and Youtube. We can publicize in different languages, but make sure to provide a summary in English. We will also look into the possibility of TED. Irina Nehme will look into the possibility of using small video cuts on the Internet. Our listserv has 250 participants and is functioning well.

g. The School Library Section Blog: It would be good to get even more followers - and news - to the blog. Everyone was encouraged to send material for the blog to Albert Boekhorst. It is OK to use several languages, but please provide a summary in English. Irina Nehme will follow up on some German blogs that have interesting postings. Committee members should also send Albert relevant blogs (e.g., <http://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/top-blogs/school-library/>, which is a directory of good school library blogs) to add to the section's resource page on the website.

h. Revision of the Section Brochure: Albert Boekhorst will put together a new version that everyone can translate into relevant languages. Lesley Farmer will check up on the format it is made in.

i. New book projects: Dianne Oberg will follow up on this through IFLA.

j. Collaborations/Liaisons: It was suggested that we all follow up on conferences we attend. And the also keep in contact with organisations and IFLA sections we know:

Albert Boekhorst - Regional IFLA contacts and ENSIL

Valérie Glass - Continuing Professional Development and Workplace, Learning Section and Statistics and Evaluation Section, Religion SIG

Dianne Oberg - Standards Committee

Ivanka Stricevic - Literacy and Reading Section, Children & Young Adults Section and IBBY

Karen Gavigan - IASL, AASL

Annike Selmer - Multicultural Section

Joanne Plante - National Libraries Section

Lesley Farmer - International Literacy Association, Big Data SIG, UNESCO

Irina Nehme - School Library and IFLA contacts in Lebanon and Chile

Albert Boekhorst will provide material we can forward to our contacts.

The members reviewed their assigned tasks. Lesley reminded the group that everyone should review the brochure, send Albert blogs and blog entries, send Valérie their Twitter handle.

The meeting in Zagreb was beautifully hosted by Vanja Jurilj and Ivanka Stricevic. The SC is very grateful for all your efforts for welcoming us to Zagreb.

Next meeting of the Section will be in WLIC in Columbus, Ohio Saturday 13th of August.