



Endorsed Minutes of the eighty-first meeting of the Governing Board held on Tuesday 2 November 2021 from 12:15 – 13:45 CET via teleconference call via Zoom.

Present:

Members: Barbara Lison (President, Chair) Antonia Arahova (President-elect); Perry Moree (Treasurer); Adjoa Boateng; Kirsten Boelt; Jonathan Hernández Pérez; Yasuyo Inoue; Ayub Khan; Nthabiseng Kotsokoane; Halo Locher; Mandla Ntombela.

Secretary of the GB: Gerald Leitner, IFLA Secretary General, non-member

Staff: Helen Mandl, Deputy Secretary General & Director Member Services; Stephen Wyber, Director Policy & Advocacy; Esther Doria, Project Coordination Assistant (minutes).

1. Welcome and apologies

The President opened the meeting and welcomed all.

There were no apologies, all members of the Governing Board were present and therefore the meeting of the Governing Board could take valid resolutions in respect of proposals set out by a majority of the votes cast.

2. Adoption of agenda

A question was raised regarding the work of the PC, to be added to the agenda. With this the agenda was adopted.

3. Statement of interests

There were no statements of interests.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

4.1 Draft minutes including closed sessions of the Governing Board meeting on 27 August 2021

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the minutes as a true and accurate record of the eightieth meeting of the Governing Board including closed sessions held on 27 August 2021 from 12.00 – 14.00 CEST by teleconference.

4.2 Draft minutes of the Governing Board meeting on 27 August 2021

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the minutes as a true and accurate record of the eightieth meeting of the Governing Board held on 27 August 2021 from 12.00 – 14.00 CEST by teleconference.

5. Decisions since last meeting

Since its meeting on 27 August, the Governing Board has made the following decision:

All members of the Governing Board approved in writing, on 27 September 2021, to allow future decisions to be made in writing by a simple majority for the duration of its mandate.

Resolution: The GB noted the decision made since the last meeting.

6.WLIC 2022

Resolution: The GB agreed on the following decisions for WLIC 2022:

1. A three-day physical conference (with minor virtual elements) with a fourth day for library tours. Committee meetings would be held as usual the day before the opening.

2. General Assembly: Social parts of the GA (e.g Awards, Prizes) to be included in the Closing session. The GA - reduced to business items - to be organized as full virtual meeting a day or some days after the Congress.

3. The Congress shall be organized on the basis of the a 3 day event for 1000 attendees.

4. The deficit will be covered by the IFLA Holding and IFLA. The financial statement for 2020 shows reserves of 280.000 Euros, while the final result for WLIC 2021 is pending. IFLA Holding will cover with its full reserves a part of the deficit, the other part will be covered by IFLA.

5. Days for the Conference: Committee meetings on Monday, Conference from Tuesday to Thursday, library tours on Friday.

Additional Considerations

To expedite the preparations to be undertaken for the 2022 conference in terms of communication, sponsorship and registrations planning, the GB also discussed and decided by voting on the following priority elements:

Resolution: The GB agreed on the following decisions for WLIC 2022:

1. To reconfirm the 2020 congress logo (shamrock) for 2022.

2. To reconfirm the congress theme: Inspire, Engage, Enable, Connect.

3. To have a 10 % increase in the Registration Fees and include the cultural evening in the Registration Fees (rather than having it as a separate charge).

4. Satellite meetings to take place either in Ireland or in the UK.

7.Governance

7.1 Creation of Finance and Risk Committee

Governing Board members had a discussion to agree on the size and composition of the Finance and Risk Committee, and on a process for identifying its members.

Concerning the overall size, the GB agreed unanimously on a size of 5 members for the Finance and Risk Committee.

Aware of the lack of time, the Governing Board therefore decided to hold further discussion on how to fill the remaining places on the F&RC at its next meeting.

7.2 Handbook

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

7.3 Expert advisors: Advisory Committees

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

8. Planning

8.1 Draft workplans for Advisory Committees, Professional Council and Regional Council

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

8.2 Draft School Libraries Manifesto

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

8.3 Governing Board Meeting December 2021

The GB discussed the possibility of having the December meeting in the Hague.

It was decided the meeting will take place on 13, 14 and 15 December at IFLA HQ in the Hague.

9. Membership

9.1 IFLA Membership fees 2022

Resolution: The Governing Board resolved to set the annual membership fees for 2022, representing an increase of 1.95%, for all categories of membership and related services

10. IFLA External Representation

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

11. Any other business

The President thanked all for their contributions to the meeting.

In camera: Executive Session

In in-camera session of the GB followed.

Next Governing Board meeting dates:

13-15 December 2021