



Endorsed Minutes of the eighty-fifth meeting of the Governing Board including decisions held from Wednesday 6 April to Friday 8 April in the Hague, Netherlands.

Present:

Members: Barbara Lison (President, Chair); Antonia Arahova (President-elect) (not present on 7 & 8 April); Perry Moree (Treasurer) (not present on 7 & 8 April); Adjoa Boateng) (not present on 7 April, joined the meeting via Zoom on 8 April); Kirsten Boelt; Jonathan Hernández Pérez; Yasuyo Inoue; Ayub Kahn; Nthabiseng Kotsokoane; Halo Locher; Mandla Ntombela (not present on 6 April, joined the meeting via Zoom on 7 & 8 April).

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

Guest: Edwin Paul (accountant), on Thursday 7 April, for agenda item 3.” Financial Matters”.

1. General Business

1.1 Welcome and apologies

The President opened the meeting and welcomed all. There was an apology from Mandla Ntombela who was travelling and would join the meeting the next day.

1.2. Adoption of the agenda

With some amendments the agenda was adopted.

1.3. Statement of interests

An Executive Session of the Board followed.

1.4. Minutes of previous meeting

1.4.1 Draft minutes with discussions of the Governing Board meeting on 15 February 2022

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the minutes as a true and accurate record of the eighty-third meeting of the Governing Board including discussions held on 15 February from 12:00 – 15:00 CET by teleconference.

1.4.2 Draft minutes with decisions of the Governing Board meeting on 15 February 2022

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the minutes as a true and accurate record of the eighty-third meeting of the Governing Board including decisions held on 15 February from 12:00 – 15:00 CET by teleconference.

1.4.3 Draft minutes with discussions of the Governing Board Extraordinary meeting on 18 March 2022

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the minutes as a true and accurate record of the eighty-fourth meeting of the Governing Board including discussions held on Friday 18 March 2022 from 14:30 – 16:00 CET by teleconference call.

1.4.4 Draft minutes with decisions of the Governing Board Extraordinary meeting on 18 March 2022

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the minutes as a true and accurate record of the eighty-fourth meeting of the Governing Board including decisions held on Friday 18 March 2022 from 14:30 – 16:00 CET by teleconference call.

1.5 Resolutions agreed since the last meeting, to be read into the Minutes

Since its meeting on 15 February, the Governing Board has made the following decisions:

IFLA Statement on Cybersecurity

Resolution: The Governing Board approved in writing, the endorsement of the IFLA Statement on Cybersecurity

IFLA Statement on Online Storytimes

Resolution: The Governing Board approved in writing, the endorsement of the IFLA Statement on Online Storytimes.

Open Access Information and IFLA Publishing

Resolution: The Governing Board approved in writing that the information in the report be noted.

Membership Development data

Resolution: The Governing Board approved in writing that the report be noted.

IFLA Planning 2022 Update

Resolution: The Governing Board approved in writing that the report be noted.

FAIFE Action Plan

Resolution: The Governing Board approved the action plan of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression.

CLM Action Plan

Resolution: The Governing Board approved the action plan of the Advisory Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters.

CCH Action Plan

Resolution: The Governing Board approved the action plan of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage.

COS Action Plan

Resolution: The Governing Board approved the action plan of the Advisory Committee on

Cultural Heritage.

Approval of Finance and Risk Committee member

Resolution: The Governing Board approved in writing the appointment of Mr Jaap Naber as the external member of the Finance and Risk Committee for a first term ending in August 2023.

1.6 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

2. Governance

2.1 IFLA Governance – Executive Session- in camera

2.1.1 IFLA Governance – Contracts – Intervention team

2.1.2 Concept for finding a new Secretary General

An Executive Session of the Board followed.

2.2 IFLA Annual Report 2021

Resolution: The Governing Board approved the draft 2021 annual report and commissioned the Deputy Secretary General to give this report to the General Assembly.

2.3 IFLA Handbook

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the current state of play with the Handbook.

2.4 Finance and Risk Committee update

The Finance and Risk Committee had met to discuss the finance papers.

2.5 IFLA General Assembly 2022

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board determined that the date for the 2022 IFLA General Assembly will be Thursday, 25 August 2022.
2. The Governing Board determined that the location for the 2022 IFLA General Assembly will be The Hague, Netherlands, and the GA will be hybrid/virtual.
3. The Governing Board approved that motions regarding the timing of the General Assembly in 2023 and the request to set fees over the coming three years, be put to the General Assembly.

2.6 Formation Artificial Intelligence SIG

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board endorsed the formation of an IFLA Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group.
2. The Governing Board approved the recommendation of the Professional Council that the AI SIG be placed within Professional Division B as per the Professional Division structure.

2.7 Honours and Awards 2022

The nominations for Honours and Awards for 2022 were discussed in an executive session. GB members were reminded that the information regarding Honours and Awards is confidential.

The Honours and Awards will be part of the Closing Ceremony at WLIC in Dublin.

3. Financial Matters

3.1 IFLA Holding B.V. finances

3.1.1 Draft consolidated financial statements 2021

3.1.2 Draft Management Letter from the Auditor 2021

The President introduced Edwin Paul, the auditor from Accanthus who was invited to present the financial statements.

Edwin Paul gave an explanation of the IFLA Holding & B.V. Structure and presented the results.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the IFLA Holding B.V. finances.

3.2 IFLA finances

3.2.1 Draft Financial statements 2021 IFLA

3.2.2 Draft Management Letter from the Auditor 2021 IFLA

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the Draft Financial statements 2021 and the IFLA Draft Management Letter from the Auditor 2021.

3.3 IFLA financial auditing (oral discussion)

This item was discussed in an executive session.

4. WLIC

4.1 WLIC 2022 Progress Report

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the WLIC 2022 Progress Report.

4.2 WLIC 2023 Update

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the WLIC 2023 Progress Report.

4.3 WLIC 2024 Considerations

4.3.1 Congress Locations

The Governing Board agreed that IFLA should have a physical WLIC in 2024, with some hybrid elements. It was noted that hybrid options would bring additional cost and require more funding, but also allow more people to be part of WLIC.

It was agreed that a call for expressions of interest should go out, that would be open to the whole world excluding Europe.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the WLIC 2024 Considerations.

5. Planning and Reporting

5.1 Planning 2022 Dashboard

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the progress.

5.2 IFLA Academy

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the IFLA Academy report and agreed to pause the work on the IFLA Academy.

5.3 Strategic Direction 1 Strengthen the global voice of libraries

5.3.1 KI 1.1 Show the power of libraries in the SDGs

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.3.2 KI 1.2 Build a strong presence internationally

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.3.3 KI 1.3 Identify key legal challenges and advocate for action

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.3.4 KI 1.4 Shape public opinion

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.4 Strategic Direction 2 Inspire and enhance professional practice

5.4.1 KI 2.1 Key resources that inspire the profession

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.4.2 KI 2.2. High quality campaigns to engage libraries

IFLA has continued to advance work on the IFLA Newsletter.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.4.3 KI 2.3 Develop standards to foster best professional practice

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.4.4 KI 2.4 Provide tools to support the work of libraries

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.5 Strategic Direction 5 Connect and empower the field

5.5.1 KI 3.1 Opportunities for face-to-face networking and learning

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.5.2 KI 3.2 Support virtual networking and connections

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.5.3 KI 3.3 Empower the field at national and regional levels

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.5.4 KI 3.4 Targeted learning and professional development

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.6 Strategic Direction 4 Optimise the organisation

5.6.1 KI 4.1 Foster long-term stability of organisation

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.6.2 KI 4.2 Effectively mobilise human resources

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.6.3 KI 4.3 Increase, diversify and engage our membership

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the membership report.

The Governing Board resolved to admit the new members for the period 15th November 2021–14th March 2022.

5.6.4 KI 4.4 Increase visibility through communications

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.7 Reports

5.7.1 Professional Council

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

The Governing Board approved the proposed process for co-opting committee members, appointing mentors and dealing with inactive committee members.

5.7.2 Regional Council

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6. Any other business

7. In camera: Executive Session

An Executive Session of the Board followed.

Next Governing Board meeting dates:

Proposed 2022 dates:

10 June 2022 – 14:00 – 16:00, Teleconference

24 July 2022 – Dublin, Ireland (Convention Centre Dublin – Room Ecocem)

13:30 – 15:00 Finance & Risk Committee

15:30 – 18:00 Governing Board

29 July 2022 – Dublin, Ireland (Convention Centre Dublin – Room Ecocem)

13:00 – 17:00 Governing Board