



Endorsed Minutes of the ninety-ninth meeting of the Governing Board held on 5 October 2023 by teleconference.

Present:

Members: Vicki McDonald (President, Chair); Leslie Weir (President-elect); Jaap Naber (Treasurer); Dilara Begum; Kirsten Boelt; Loida Garcia-Febo; Stuart Hamilton; Nthabiseng Kotsokoane; Te Paea Paringatai; Alejandro Lorenzo César Santa; Silvia Stasselova.

Staff: Sharon Memis, Secretary General, Helen Mandl, Deputy Secretary General & Director Member Services; Stephen Wyber, Director Policy & Advocacy, Renu Sardjoe, Finance Director; Esther Doria, Project Coordination Assistant (Minutes).
Marie-Emmanuelle Marande, Conference Manager joined the meeting as observer for item 5.

Observer: María Florencia Tebano (Interpreter).

1. General Business

1.1 Welcome and apologies

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.
There were no apologies.

1.2 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Resolution: The Governing Board adopted the agenda.

1.3 Statement of interests

There were no statements of interests.

1.4. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

1.4.1 Draft minutes with discussions of the Governing Board meeting on 19 August 2023.

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the minutes with discussions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-seventh meeting of the Governing Board held on 19 August 2023 in Rotterdam.

1.4.2 Draft minutes with decisions of the Governing Board meeting on 19 August 2023

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the minutes with decisions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-seventh meeting of the Governing Board held on 19 August 2023 in Rotterdam.

1.4.3 Draft minutes with discussions of the Governing Board meeting on 25 August 2023

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the minutes with discussions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-eighth meeting of the Governing Board held on 25 August 2023 in Rotterdam.

1.4.4 Draft minutes with decisions of the Governing Board meeting on 25 August 2023

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the minutes with decisions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-eighth meeting of the Governing Board held on 25 August 2023 in Rotterdam.

1.5 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

2. Governance

2.1 Secretary General Update including action list review

The Secretary General provided a general update for the Governing Board on IFLA HQ activity and management issues. Actions from the previous Governing Board were reviewed.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the Secretary General's update.

2.2 Plan for the IFLA Strategy 2025-2029

Plans for developing the new strategy were discussed and agreed. The importance of gathering input from IFLA's volunteers, members and the wider field was stressed. A number of pulse surveys are planned between now and December. It was agreed that Te Paea Paringatai, Alejandro Santa and Stuart Hamilton will work with members of the IFLA HQ team to start work on this as soon as possible.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the Plan for the IFLA Strategy 2025-2029.

2.3 Advisory Committees

2.3.1 Open Science and Scholarship Advisory Committee panel

Resolution:

1. The Governing Board appointed Dilara Begum and Nthabiseng Kotsokoane to review applications for the Chair and Members of OSSAC
2. The Governing Board adjusted the mandate of OSSAC to replace the previous references to ex officio members with a provision that the Professional and Regional Councils both name up to 6 ex officio members to OSSAC.

2.3.2 Expert Advisors Advisory Committee on Standards

Resolution:

The Governing Board approved the appointment of Christine Oliver and Maja Žumer as expert advisors to the Advisory Committee on Standards for the period of two years from 2023-2025.

3. Management

3.1 Covered in Secretary General update 2.1

4. Finance & Risk

4.1 2023 Finance update

The Secretary General noted that a financial update will be provided at each meeting. The Finance Director reported that we are closing Q3 and awaiting confirmation of some details – including the final figures for WLIC 2023 – and so will have a more accurate full-year forecast for the November Governing Board meeting.

Resolution:The Governing Board noted the 2023 Finance update.

4.2 IFLA-SIGL meeting report

The Secretary General reported on the meeting with SIGL and outlined the timeline to agree the 2024 budget. IFLA and SIGL both wish to improve the working relationship and there is good intent on both sides.

Resolution:The Governing Board noted the IFLA-SIGL meeting update.

5. WLIC

5.1 WLIC 2024

The news received from the Emirates Library and Information Association (ELIA) that the United Arab Emirates are withdrawing the invitation to host the World Library and Information Congress in 2024 has been communicated.

The Governing Board discussed how to move forward and reflect on the last year, to explore how to engage with the membership, review the model of WLIC and ensure that the process of review involves the wider membership and volunteers.

Resolution:The Governing Board noted the WLIC 2024 update.

5.2 WLIC 2025

A sub-committee, comprising Leslie Weir, Stuart Hamilton and Loida-Garcia Febo will draft principles and criteria to be applied to the decision for WLIC 2025, for discussion and approval at the November 2023 Governing Board meeting.

In addition, the sub-committee will develop Terms of Reference for a working group to progress the review of the WLIC model. The review, to start in 2024, will include wider discussion and consultation with associations, the wider membership and volunteers.

Resolution:The Governing Board noted the WLIC 2025 update.

6. Planning and Reporting

This was covered elsewhere on agenda

7. Other issues

7.1 Representation – ABC Board Representative

Resolution: The Governing Board re-appointed Victoria Owen as IFLA Representative to the World Intellectual Property Organization’s Accessible Books Service Board until October 2026.

7.2 Any other business

There was no other business.

In camera: Executive Session

An in-camera session of the Governing Board followed.

Next Governing Board meeting dates:

9 November 2023 – by teleconference

4-6 December 2023 – The Hague, Netherlands