



## **Endorsed Minutes of the ninety-fifth meeting of the Governing Board held on 7-9 June 2023 in The Hague.**

### **Present:**

**Members:** Barbara Lison (President, Chair); Vicki McDonald; Jaap Naber; Kirsten Boelt; Yasuyo Inoue; Te Paea Paringatai; Ayub Khan; Jonathan Hernández Pérez; Mandla Ntombela, Nthabiseng Kotsokoane, Loida Garcia Febo

**Staff:** Sharon Memis, Secretary General, Helen Mandl, Deputy Secretary General & Director Member Services; Stephen Wyber, Director Policy & Advocacy.

## **1. General Business**

### **1.1 Welcome and apologies**

The President welcomed everyone to this in person meeting and noted that Jaap Naber would join later.

### **1.2 Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

### **1.3 Statement of interests**

Jonathan Hernández Pérez noted that he would absent himself from the discussion regarding appointments for the FAIFE Chair.

Jaap Naber noted that he would not involve himself in discussions regarding the cultural evening at WLIC 2023.

### **1.4 Minutes of previous meetings**

#### **1.4.1 Draft minutes with discussions of the Governing Board meeting on 27 February 2023**

**Resolution:** The Governing Board accepted the minutes with discussions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-fourth meeting of the Governing Board held on 17 April 2023 by teleconference.

#### **1.4.2 Draft minutes with decisions of the Governing Board meeting on 27 February 2023**

**Resolution:** The Governing Board accepted the minutes with decisions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-fourth meeting of the Governing Board held on 17 April 2023 by teleconference.

### **1.5 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda**

The President noted there would be an additional item under 5.2 on WLIC 2024.

## **2. Governance**

## **2.1 Progress of the Plan for Securing IFLA's Future**

An updated Plan was provided noting the status of each activity.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

## **2.2. Operational Plan for 2023**

The updated operational plan with dashboard was presented. Discussion focused on the need for greater prioritisation given the internal capacity.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the plan for 2023.

## **2.3 Risk Register Review**

The Treasurer provided an updated risk management framework and register with a RACI table and process flow.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

## **2.4 IFLA Elections Update**

A report on the elections noted the difficulties when individuals nominated for multiple positions. This has caused a number of run-off elections. It was noted that the onboarding process was now underway and also the elections for Officers.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

## **2.5 General Assembly timeline**

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

## **2.6 Status of IFLA Members and Volunteers**

### **2.6.1 Status of IFLA Members**

This item was dealt with as a closed session.

### **2.6.2 Status of IFLA Volunteers**

IFLA Headquarters has been informed by a number of volunteers who will be serving on IFLA committees that they do not feel comfortable doing so alongside a representative of a Russian institution. They have highlighted, in particular, institutional rules and political decisions that prevent them from engaging with Russian counterparts. The issue was also discussed by the Professional Council.

It was important to explain that IFLA does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of their nationality and that volunteers are elected in their own right as an individual and not as a representative of their organisation. However, IFLA needed to provide clarity for the volunteers on the options available to them.

**Resolutions:**

1. The Governing Board reaffirmed the principle in the Rules of Procedure that IFLA volunteers serve in a personal capacity.
2. The Governing Board confirmed its existing position, based on input from the FAIFE Committee, that IFLA does not discriminate against individual volunteers on the basis of nationality.
3. The Governing Board noted that the possibility remains to take action against volunteers whose own actions contradict IFLA's values, and that this question should be taken into account in the upcoming code of conduct for volunteers.
4. The Governing Board determined to develop a document setting out the IFLA position and providing options for volunteers.

**2.7 IFLA Strategy 2025-2029**

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

**2.8 Draft Annual Report**

The complete Annual Report will be provided to the Governing Board for endorsement in July following the completion of the audit.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

**2.9 Storage of in-camera minutes**

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

**2.10 Governing Board induction manual**

A draft version of the induction manual had been made available for comment.

**Resolutions:**

1. The Governing Board noted the report.
2. The Governing Board to approve the final version by email before the WLIC meeting.

**2.11 Appointment of Parliamentarian****Resolutions:**

1. The Governing Board noted the status of applications for the role of Parliamentarian.
2. In view of the limited time remaining, the current Board deferred the decision regarding appointing the Parliamentarian to the incoming Governing Board.
3. In the interim period, the incoming President, incoming President-elect and Secretary General will undertake interviews with each applicant in order to advise the incoming Governing Board on their suitability.

4. The Secretary General is asked to engage IFLA's notary to be present at the General Assembly and to act as Parliamentarian and adviser to the President.

## **2.12 Appointment of Advisory Committees**

### **2.12.1 Appointment of Advisory Committee Chairs**

The Chairs of the Advisory Committees are appointed by the Governing Board. Information and motivation statements of nominated candidates were provided to the Governing Board. The Governing Board thanked all candidates for nominating for these important positions.

#### **Resolutions:**

1. The Governing Board appointed Jonathan Hernández Pérez (Mexico) as Chair of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) for the period 2023-2025.
2. The Governing Board appointed Melissa Levine (United States) as Chair of the Advisory Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM) for the period 2023-2025.
3. The Governing Board appointed Helen Vincent (United Kingdom) as Chair of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage (CCH) for the period 2023-2025.
4. The Governing Board appointed Victoria Owen (Canada) as Chair of the Advisory Committee on Standards (CoS) for the period 2023-2025.

### **12.2.2 Appointment of Advisory Committee Members**

The members of the Advisory Committees are appointed by the Governing Board. Information and motivation statements of nominated candidates were provided to the Governing Board. The Governing Board thanked all candidates for nominating for these important positions.

#### **Advisory Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE)**

The following were appointed for the period 2023-2025

- Christina de Castell (Canada)
- Genilson Geraldo (Brazil)
- Jing Zhang (China)
- Maia Simonishvili (Georgia)
- Mariann Schjeide (Norway)
- Thanos Giannakopoulos (United States)
- Carissa Vogel (United States)
- Taufiq Gani (Indonesia)
- Zafar Khan (UAE)

#### **Advisory Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM)**

The following were appointed for the period 2023-2025

- Amanda Wakaruk (Canada)
- Ibrahim Farah (Lebanon)
- James Neal (United States)
- Lei Wang (China)
- Matthew Lambert (United Kingdom)
- Pekka Heikkinen (Finland)

- Ramika Bansi (South Africa)
- Rodney Malesi (Kenya)
- Sarah Powell (Australia)

### **Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage (CCH)**

The following were appointed for the period 2023-2025

- Cristina Roju (Romania)
- Jasmine Bouchard (Canada)
- Jędrzej Leśniewski (Poland)
- Maureen Pennock (United Kingdom)
- Myriam Leiva (Peru)
- Ujala Satgoor (South Africa)
- Howdaya Kamel (Egypt)
- Spyros Koulouris (Greece)
- Sri Sumekar (Indonesia)

### **Advisory Committee on Standards (CoS)**

The following were appointed for the period 2023-2025

- Beth Kilmarx (United States)
- Deana White (France)
- Pat Riva (Canada)
- Peng Xiao (China)
- Rehab Ouf (Egypt)
- Sharon Dyas-Correia (United Kingdom)
- Ana Stevanovic (Serbia)
- Mélanie Roche (France)
- Elida Ofelia Kraemer (Argentina)

## **2.13 Honorary Awards**

**Resolution:** The Governing Board endorsed the recommendations of the working group on the honorary awards for 2023.

## **2.14 WLIC Meet the GB Session**

The Governing Board discussed the session to be held during WLIC which will be called *In conversation with the IFLA Governing Board*.

## **2.15 Agreement between IFLA and OEI Argentina**

The Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI) have approached IFLA to establish a Framework Agreement for cooperation between the two organisations. It is expected that working with OEI will extend IFLA's reach within the LAC region.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board endorsed the signing of a Framework Agreement with the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture.

### **3. Management**

#### **3.1 Staffing Update**

The new Secretary General had started work on 1 June 2023 and staff are looking forward to working with her.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

### **4. Finances**

#### **4.1 Audit update**

The auditor, William de Wijs from Govers Accountants, attended the meeting to discuss the audit and IFLA's accounts for 2022.

An extraordinary meeting of the Governing Board will be held on 4 July to go through the final version of the Annual accounts and approve them.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report and thanked the auditor and the Finance Director for the excellent presentation.

#### **4.2 SIGL update**

SIGL had met with IFLA staff and the Treasurer in May to look at a number of ways to improve the communication between the two organisations.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

The Governing Board meeting was interrupted for the Shareholder meeting of the IFLA Holding B.V.

#### **4.3 Shareholders meeting IFLA Holding B.V. and IFLA Conference B.V.s**

A Shareholders Meeting of the IFLA Holding B.V. and the IFLA Conference B.V.'s was convened.

**Resolution:** The shareholders approved the extension of 6 months for the completion of the annual accounts 2022 of the BV's.

The Governing Board meeting resumed.

### **5. WLIC**

#### **4.1 WLIC 2023 Progress Report**

The paper noted that progress was generally favourable and registrations were in line with expectations. The hubs were in development as support for virtual delegates and the venue for the cultural evening was being finalised.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

## **4.2 WLIC 2024**

At its meeting in April 2023, the Governing Board had given in principle agreement to the hosting of WLIC 2024 in Dubai. Immediately before the June meeting, IFLA had received a letter from the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs stating that Dubai was unable to provide a platform for the LGBTQ+ Users Special Interest Group to discuss topics related to the work of this SIG.

Since receiving the letter, conversations had been held with a range of stakeholders whose views were provided to the Governing Board. The Governing Board discussed the arguments for and against the selection of Dubai.

A vote was then held on the basis of the discussion.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board resolved that WLIC 2024 would take place in Dubai, UAE.

## **4.3 WLIC 2025**

At the beginning of May 2023, IFLA HQ sent out the Call for Expressions of Interest for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2025. The deadline to receive interest from the National Association Members is 21 July 2023.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

## **5. Planning and Reporting**

### **5.1 Professional Council Report**

#### **Resolutions:**

1. The Governing Board approved the closure of the ATINA Special Interest Group.
2. The Governing Board approved the proposed structure for IFLA Networks and requested that this be added to the Handbook.
3. The Governing Board agreed to develop a statement of advice for committee members setting out IFLA's position on responding to members from Russia.

### **5.2 Regional Council Report**

The Chair of the Regional Council noted the work around the induction of the new committee, the preparation of sessions at WLIC and work on the SDGs and Internet Manifesto. MLAS had also participated in regional work, particularly around the SDGs.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

## **6. Other Issues**

### **6.1 IFLA External Representation**

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report.

## **7.2 Any other business**

### **7.2.1 Governance Administrative matters**

The Deputy Secretary General noted that a number of administrative processes would now have to take place due to the changes with the Secretary General.

#### **In camera: Executive Session**

The Governing Board then went into a closed meeting.

#### **Next Governing Board meeting dates:**

##### **Proposed 2023 dates**

**10 August 2023 online Extraordinary meeting (12:00 – 14:00)**

**19 August 2023 – in person meeting in Rotterdam (15:30 – 18:00 )**