



Endorsed Minutes of the ninety-fourth meeting of the Governing Board held on 17 April 2023, 12:00 – 14:00 CET by teleconference

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.

Observer: Loy Jyoon Chin, Management of Library Associations.

Staff: Helen Mandl, Acting Secretary General & Director Member Services; Stephen Wyber, Director Policy & Advocacy.

1. General Business

1.1 Welcome and apologies

The President welcomed Loy Jyoon Chin to the meeting on behalf of MLAS. The President referred to her recent trip to India and Pakistan and the enthusiasm of librarians there to be involved internationally.

1.2 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

1.3 Statement of interests

None.

1.4 Minutes of previous meetings

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

In Item 2.5, it was noted that working groups had ‘identified’ the need for the position. In Item 4.3 the agreement to discuss the auditor in the in-camera session was noted.

Resolution: With the corrections above, the Governing Board accepted the minutes with discussions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-second meeting of the Governing Board held on 27 February 2023 by teleconference.

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

Resolution: With the corrections as noted in 1.4.1, the Governing Board accepted the minutes with decisions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-second meeting of the Governing Board held on 27 February 2023 by teleconference.

1.5 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

None.

2. Governance

2.1 Progress of the Plan for Securing IFLA's Future

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

2.2. Operational Plan for 2023

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the plan for 2023.

2.3 Appointment of Parliamentarian

Resolution:

1. The Governing Board resolved to extend the call for the IFLA Parliamentarian due to the short period previously provided.

2.4 Risk Register review

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board noted the work on the Risk Register.
2. The Governing Board asked the Treasurer to work with the Finance and Risk Committee and IFLA staff to develop the document including an RACI table for the June meeting.

2.5 IFLA Elections update

It was suggested that the results for Section Standing Committees be published publicly as occurs with Regional Division Committees.

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board noted the report
2. The Governing Board approved the publication of the elections results for Section Standing Committees.

2.6 General Assembly timeline

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

2.7 Ukrainian Library Association

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board noted the report.
2. The Governing Board approved the next steps as recommended by the sub-committee.

2.8 IFLA Strategy 2025-2029

One of the actions within the Plan for Securing IFLA's Future concerns the IFLA Strategy 2019-2024. It requests a report on the achievements of the IFLA Strategy against the Key Initiatives for the April meeting. The content of this report could inform steps and discussion within the incoming Governing Board in formulating a new strategy for 2025-2029. In terms of the report on the achievements, a format for the presentation of the report has been developed however a complete report encompassing the years 2019-2022 is delayed and will be provided to the June 2023 GB meeting.

The proposed working group will review possible next steps and how the strategy discussion could be included at the Congress.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

2.9 Draft Annual Report

The draft annual report was provided although it was noted that additional components such as the Foreword by the President, the Statement of the Treasurer, the Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure were still to be added. Further comment will be sought from Governing Board members.

Resolution: The Governing Board reviewed the draft 2022 annual report and noted that the complete report including financial information will be presented for approval in June 2023.

2.10 Storage of in-camera minutes

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the information.

2.11 Governing Board induction manual

Content in the induction manual will aim not to duplicate what is in the Handbook but provide information particular to the duties and obligations of Governing Board members and their perspective on IFLA.

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board noted the report.
2. The Governing Board will review the content online before final presentation for approval at the June meeting.

2.12 Appointment of Advisory Committees

Rather than through election, the Advisory Committees are appointed by the Governing Board. As some of the candidates applied for other positions currently undergoing elections, the appointments to the Advisory Committees cannot take place until the results of the elections are known and published.

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board noted the report

2. The Governing Board appointed Vicki McDonald and Te Paea Paringatai to review the applications received for the Chairs and members of the Advisory Committees and make recommendations to the June meeting.

2.13 Honorary Awards

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board noted the report.
2. The Governing Board appoint a working group of five members, including Barbara Lison, Jonathan Hernández Pérez, Yasuyo Inoue, Jaap Naber and Ayub Khan to review the nominations for IFLA's Honours and Awards and to make recommendations to the June 2023 meeting of the Governing Board.

2.14 IFLA School Library Manifesto

The Governing Board was asked to formally endorse this version of the Manifesto so it can be published and promoted, noting that a subsequent version would be endorsed by UNESCO.

Resolution:

1. The Governing Board approved the IFLA School Library Manifesto to be published and promoted before the joint endorsement by UNESCO.

3. Management

1.1 Staffing Update

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

1.2 Report from in camera meeting 6 April

The Governing Board met on 6 April 2023 and appointed the recommended candidate for the position of IFLA Secretary General.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

4. Finances

4.1 Quarterly reporting Q1 2023 and forecast 2023

The Treasurer noted that from the report for Q1, the expectation is that the forecast 2023 will be in line with the approved budget 2023.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

4.1.1 Quarterly update Q1 2023 for publishing on IFLA's website

The format shows clearly and in a condensed form the income and funding streams of IFLA and in which way the expenditures of IFLA are funded through these different income streams.

Resolution: The Governing Board approved the version to be published on the website for the quarterly update Q1 2023.

4.2 IFLA Employers Liability Insurance

Travel insurance to cover all volunteers invited to travel on IFLA business (meetings, workshops, etc) has been increased (including additional days of coverage and an increased maximum medical coverage of € 50,000).

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the insurance overview

2.3 Appointment of new Auditor

This item was postponed to the in-camera session.

2.4 SIGL update

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

3. WLIC

3.1 WLIC 2023 Progress Report

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the progress on IFLA WLIC 2023.

3.2 WLIC 2024

Resolutions:

Withheld for confidentiality reasons.

3.3 WLIC 2025

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board approved that the call for Expressions of Interest to hold WLIC 2025 be open to all regions of the world.
2. The Governing Board approved the Call for Expressions of Interest to go out in May 2023.
3. The Governing Board approved the selection process timeline for WLIC 2025.

4 Planning and Reporting

6.1 Professional Council report

The latest meeting of the Professional Council was open to all Officers and covered a full agenda. A report is available in the Officers Basecamp.

6.2 Regional Council report

The Regional Council has discussed how to maximise the opportunities presented by the High-Level Political Forum in July, as well as the SDG Summit in September to highlight the role of libraries.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.3 Strategic Direction 1 Strengthen the global voice of libraries

6.3.1 KI 1.1 Show the power of libraries in the SDGs

In line with the Governing Board's requests, we plan to have a strong SDG theme and outputs from this year's WLIC, as well as to produce an updated Development and Access to Information Report

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.3.2 KI 1.2 Build a strong presence internationally

IFLA is intensifying work around the Voluntary National Reviews and the High Level Political Forum. IFLA is continuing to support work with UNESCO and the ULA on matters around cultural heritage in Ukraine.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.3.3 KI 1.3 Identify key legal challenges and advocate for action

IFLA has carried out a number of surveys to support future advocacy actions in regions. The CLM committee has requested the replacement of some members due to lack of responsiveness.

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board noted the report.
2. The Governing Board approved the nomination of Ramika Bansi (South Africa) and David Ramirez-Ordonez (Colombia) to the Advisory Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters until the end of this term, August 2023.

6.3.4 KI 1.4 Shape public opinion

FAIFE has identified global areas of interest (both encouraging signs and points of concern) from the committee's global membership, including in Australia (book challenges, privacy reform, censorship classification reform [particularly for foreign films], and the amendment of the Constitution to recognize indigenous persons), UK (protests against drag queen story times), Italy (same sex adoption bans), US (a bill proposed in Iowa that would remove all copies of a book from school libraries if a parent at any school raised an objection), Uganda (LGBTQ persecution), and Japan (copyright reform that will ease the sending of government documents).

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.4 Strategic Direction 2 Inspire and enhance professional practice

6.4.1 KI 2.1 Key resources that inspire the profession

With regard to incoming committees, a number of transition opportunities are planned including a common Welcome Pack/Guide, Welcome Webinars to all incoming volunteers and a Communication Basecamp site.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.4.2 KI 2.2. High quality campaigns to engage libraries

The nominations and elections process has dominated much of IFLA's campaign focus over the last months along with WLIC 2023 and a range of regional webinars and events.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.4.3 KI 2.3 Develop standards to foster best professional practice

The Professional Council has endorsed the 4th Edition of the Guidelines for Library Services to Prisoners, developed by the Library Services for People with Special Needs Section and a Professional Report on Safer Internet Day, produced by the Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.4.4 KI 2.4 Provide tools to support the work of libraries

IFLA recently published an overview of the findings and recommendations from the midterm review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. IFLA will develop this into a further resource for library associations in the near future.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.5 Strategic Direction 6 Connect and empower the field

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

IFLA has followed up with participants from the Regional Strategy Workshop held in Bangkok in November to establish actions taken by participants after the learning at the workshop.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.5.2 KI 3.2 Support virtual networking and connections

In the period from 1 December 2022 to 1 March 2023 IFLA connected 488 Zoom events including 33 Webinars. IFLA's tools that connect volunteers in virtual spaces continue to be highly utilised.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.5.3 KI 3.3 Empower the field at national and regional levels

It is planned to move to a renewal of IFLA's Regional Offices in 2023. This task that has been delayed by some years due to the pandemic, resulting in in a series of one-year extensions.

IFLA has had a Regional Office in LAC, Africa and Asia and Oceania. The Language Centre for Arabic has over the years taken on additional tasks similar to that of a Regional Office.

Resolutions:

- 1 The Governing Board noted the report.
- 2 The Governing Board approved the proposed timeline for the renewal of Regional Offices.
- 3 The Governing Board approved the proposal to include in the call for hosts, a call for a new IFLA Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa.
- 4 The Governing Board nominated Jaap Naber and Nthabi Kotsokoane to join a sub-committee working with IFLA HQ to take the process forward.

6.5.4 KI 3.4 Targeted learning and professional development

IFLA has continued to promote SDG storytelling and impact measurement, and has a model virtual workshop for use in supporting more effective storytelling in advocacy.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.6 Strategic Direction 4 Optimise the organisation

6.6.1 KI 4.1 Foster long-term stability of organisation

The Hermes project, funded by the EU and the Erasmus+ programme, and in which IFLA was a partner comes to an end this month with a final conference in The Hague. IFLA has a role in the organisation of the conference which focuses on identifying future needs in the field of resource sharing.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.6.2 KI 4.2 Effectively mobilise human resources

Work with the IFLA Preservation and Conservation centres is being enhanced, and there are welcome signs of intensified activity ahead of renewals later this year. The recruitment of the Secretary General is progressing and the recruitment of a Policy and Research Officer for Digital Affairs.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.6.3 KI 4.3 Increase, diversify and engage our membership

The report outlined the increase in membership numbers and membership income in 2022. In 2023, IFLA has already received 72% of its anticipated membership income in comparison to 47% in 2022.

Resolutions:

- 1 The Governing Board noted the report.
- 2 The Governing Board resolved to admit the new members for the period 16 November 2022 – 15 March 2023.

6.6.4 KI 4.4 Increase visibility through communications

The report sets out many of the communications activities undertaken to support WLIC 2023, the Nominations and Elections and the website in general.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

7. Other issues

7.1 IFLA External Representation

IFLA is represented on a number of committees run by or with third parties. Details of current representation was provided.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

7.2 Any other business

None.

In camera: Executive session

The Governing Board then went into a closed session to discuss matters related to the recruitment of the Secretary General. The GB agreed to invite the Acting Secretary General to participate in those elements of the discussion on which she would subsequently need to take action.

Next Governing Board meeting dates (2023):

7-9 June 2023 – in person meeting in The Hague

19 August 2023 – in person meeting in Rotterdam. Time to be confirmed.