



Endorsed Minutes of the ninety-seventh meeting of the Governing Board held on 19 August 2023 in Rotterdam.

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.

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).

Observers: Isela Mo Amavet, Silvia Stasselová, Alejandro Santa, Stuart Hamilton, Leslie Weir, Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe.

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

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 .4.2 Draft minutes with discussions of the Governing Board meeting on 7-9 June 2023

The Governing Board accepted the minutes with discussions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-fifth meeting of the Governing Board held on 7-9 June 2023 in The Hague.

1.4.2 Draft minutes with decisions of the Governing Board meeting on 7-9 June 2023

The Governing Board accepted the minutes with decisions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-fifth meeting of the Governing Board held on 7-9 June 2023 in The Hague.

1.4.3 Draft minutes with discussions of the Extraordinary Governing Board meeting on 10 August 2023

The Governing Board accepted the minutes with discussions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-sixth meeting of the Governing Board held on 10 August 2023 by teleconference.

1.4.4 Draft minutes with decisions of the Extraordinary Governing Board meeting on 10 August 2023

The Governing Board accepted the minutes with decisions as a true and accurate record of the ninety-sixth meeting of the Governing Board held on 10 August 2023 by teleconference.

1.5 Resolutions agreed since the last meeting to be read into the Minutes Proposal for Advisory Referendum to consult IFLA Members about the decision to hold WLIC 2024 in Dubai

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board approved the organization of an Advisory Referendum.
2. The Governing Board approved the question to be asked in the Advisory Referendum.
3. The Governing Board noted the advisory referendum process and timeline.
4. The Governing Board noted that there will be a document accompanying the referendum that will explain the process and set out the factors considered in selecting Dubai.

Annual Accounts 2022

Resolutions:

1. The Governing Board approved the Report on the Annual Accounts 2022 (for presentation to the members at the General Assembly in August 2023)
2. Each member of the Governing Board provided approval for their signature to be added to the Annual Accounts. The Auditor noted that Te Paea Paringatai joined the Governing Board in December 2022 and Loida Garcia Febo in April 2023. It was therefore appropriate that neither signs the Annual Accounts for the 2022 financial year.
3. The Governing Board approved the IFLA Annual Report 2022 for presentation to the General Assembly

1.6 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda from the meeting of 19 August 2023

There were no matters arising.

2.1 Progress of the Plan for Securing IFLA's Future

Resolution: The Governing Board approved the updated plan for publication on the IFLA website.

2.2 Risk Register review

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

2.3 IFLA Elections update

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

2.4 Status of IFLA Members

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report and requested IFLA management to provide more detail to the next Governing Board.

2.5 Governing Board induction manual

A finalised version, now called the *Guide to the Governing Board*, has been provided to the incoming Governing Board. It can be updated or amended as required.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

2.6 Operational Plan for 2023

The dashboard and notes provided an update on the activities of staff at IFLA HQ and with the core activities identified for 2023.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

2.7 IFLA Handbook amendment

Changes to the existing IFLA Handbook were requested relating to the general information introducing Review Groups and the ISBD Review Group's terms of reference.

Resolution: The Governing Board approved the requested changes to the IFLA Handbook.

2.8 IFLA Regional Offices 2024-2026

Resolution: The Governing Board endorsed the following IFLA Regional Offices for 2024-2026:

- Asia-Oceania: National Library Board, Singapore
- Latin America and the Caribbean: Library of Congress, Argentina
- Middle East and North Africa: Qatar National Library, Qatar
- Sub-Saharan Africa: University of South Africa, South Africa

2.9 RDA-RSC-COS Liaison Protocol

Resolution: The Governing Board approved the official liaison relationship with the RDA Steering Committee.

3.1 Headquarters Update

The Secretary General reported on her work with staff over the last months and the completion of the Whistleblower policy.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

4.1 2023 Half year financial report and forecast

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

4.1.1 2023 Half year financial report and forecast – analysis

Resolution: The Governing Board accepted the report of the Treasurer.

4.2 Proposal to increase membership fees 2024

The IFLA membership fees are set each year by the Governing Board. The inflation rate in the Netherlands for the period July 2022 – June 2023 averaged 9%. The Governing Board took into consideration global inflation rates and noted that in some regions and countries they were still very high.

Resolution: The Governing Board resolved to set the annual membership fees for 2024, representing an increase of 4% for all categories of membership and related services.

4.3 SIGL update

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.1 WLIC 2023 Progress Report – GB sessions at WLIC

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.2 WLIC 2024

The results of the Advisory Referendum had been published and HQ has received a range of views in response.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

5.3 WLIC 2025

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.1 Professional Council report

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.2 Regional Council report

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.3.1 Advisory Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.3.2 Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.3.3 Advisory Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.4 Strategic Direction Highlights

The Secretary General delivered a powerpoint presentation outlining in a more visual style highlights from IFLA's work on the key initiatives over the last three months.

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.5.1 KI 1.1 Show the power of libraries in the SDGs

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.5.2 KI 1.2 Build a strong presence internationally

Resolution: The Governing Board appointed Anna Bohn as IFLA's representative to CCAA for two years until August 2025.

6.5.3 KI 1.3 Identify key legal challenges and advocate for action

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.5.4 KI 1.4 Shape public opinion

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.6.1 KI 2.1 Key resources that inspire the profession

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.6.2 KI 2.2. High quality campaigns to engage libraries

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.6.3 KI 2.3 Develop standards to foster best professional practice

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.6.4 KI 2.4 Provide tools to support the work of libraries

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

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

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.7.2 KI 3.2 Support virtual networking and connections

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.7.3 KI 3.3 Empower the field at national and regional levels

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.7.4 KI 3.4 Targeted learning and professional development

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.8.1 KI 4.1 Foster long-term stability of organisation

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.8.2 KI 4.2 Effectively mobilise human resources

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

6.8.3 KI 4.3 Increase, diversify and engage our membership

Resolutions:

1. That the Governing Board noted the report.
2. That the Governing Board resolved to admit the new members for the period 15 March to 30 June 2023.

6.8.4 KI 4.4 Increase visibility through communications

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

7.1 IFLA External Representation

Resolution: The Governing Board noted the report.

7.2 Any other business

The President thanked members of the Governing Board for their work over the last term and presented each with a small gift.