



School Libraries and Learning Resource Centres Section

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Minutes of the Committee meetings held on 19th & 25 August 2006

1. James Henri (Chair) welcomed everyone and distributed various papers.
2. Attendees introduced themselves. Standing Committee members James Henri, Helle Barrett, Madeleine Duparc, Suzanne Hammargen, Barbara Immroth, Dalia Naujokaitus, Yuriko Nakamura, Karen Usher and visitors Lesley Farmer, Thordis Thorarinsdottir and Seyed Ali Asghar Razavi.

Apologies were received from Lourense Das, Niels Damgaard, Vincent Liquete and Bruno Vermeeren.

3. James outlined the order in which the Agenda would be taken, adding that Lesley would talk to us about the Information Literacy Sections proposal on an international logo for I.L. He also announced that Bruno had taken over from Julie Talmund (?) as Information Officer. The term of Officer only has a short time to run.
4. James read through the Minutes of the last Conference Committee Meeting and explained that other Sections accepted their minutes at their mid-year meetings. Our Section did not realise this and therefore there were two sets of minutes. James proposed that our Section moved to the standard IFLA procedure of confirming minutes at the next meeting, whenever it is. The only thing against this is the reduced numbers of Committee members who attend mid-year meetings but James felt that if members were vigilant about checking the website and their was continuity of members on the Committee this should not be a problem.

Barbara commented that the minutes were a little brief. For example the Oslo minutes did not contain the request that her colleague, Prof. Bill Lukenbill should be considered as a speaker for Durban. Lesley commented that if the minutes were on the website it was up to attendees to check and correct them. James said the full minutes had been sent to IFLA but had not been posted on the website.

Barbara asked for a correction to the Oslo minutes.

James felt that working towards a mid-year meeting would result in more productive involvement.

Confirmation of the Oslo minutes was proposed by Helle and seconded by Madeleine. Barbara moved for confirmation of her corrections.

Barbara also proposed a motion to ask for expanded minutes but there was no seconder. Lesley suggested we cross check each other.

Karen proposed acceptance of the Copenhagen minutes with minor alterations and Helle seconded.

5. (a) James then explained the difficulties in planning the Seoul Session. It was originally planned that our section would run a Session with Asia and Oceanic Section. Both Sections

would provide 2 hours towards a 4 hour Session. However the AOS told James we would need to provide all 4 hours as it had agreed to partner another Section. James negotiated the extra hours with IFLA HQ. James then organised the Call for Papers and the vetting of the papers (Copenhagen). AOS were upset about the acceptance of the papers and also could not provide refreshments due to financial problems. James became exasperated at this point and asked IFLA HQ to remove mention of AOS from our Session. As a result we had a 4 hours Session with lots of speakers and Posters – which may affect audience numbers. James acknowledged the AOS version of events might differ from his.

(b) The AOS Regional Officer encouraged James to propose a satellite meeting on Policy Planning. James sent a proposal for funding to the Regional Officer and incoming Regional Officer but follow up from Lourense elicited the response that Singapore had not received anything. Without the proposal there was no funding and, therefore, no satellite meeting. There were also difficulties in finding an air-conditioned venue at a weekend in Seoul. James felt a lot of effort had been expended for no result.

The lesson to be learned that, given IFLA timelines, decisions re Durban must be made and submissions forwarded.

6. Lesley talked about a research grant from the ISL. An on-line survey would look at predictors for success for School Librarians. How to prepare School Librarians to be successful would be looked at and recommendations on how to optimise success would be made.

7. James outlined events relating to the Section.

Madeleine and Helle volunteered to assist James in manning the IFLA booth for an hour.

He encouraged us to attend the Division Session that, unfortunately, was at the same time as the School Tours.

He invited us to attend the meeting with IBBY and other Sections to discuss planning for Durban.

Details re the Opening Ceremony were passed on.

Lesley reminded us the IL Sessions were on Sunday and Tuesday.

8. Diane Oberg, editor of the Journal of School Libraries Worldwide, had agreed with Anne Clyde to publish a selection of the Oslo Conference Session Papers. All speakers had been invited to submit their papers to be refereed.

9. Durban 2007

It has been agreed that each section in Division 3 will give up an hour so that the Section can run a one day programme. The theme to be Social Responsibility and Inclusion. The hope is to synergise the Section and attract non-IFLA delegates for a day. Planning for the day will involve Chairs and the Chair of the Division will negotiate the date with IFLA.

Several Sections have discussed what to do with their remaining hour. We have talked to Public Libraries and the Read Section (who have 2 hrs) about a Session possibly on the theme of HIV/AIDS. Lesley said that IL were looking for partners in a theme of multi-modality and they were hoping our Section might be interested. James said that we have a spoken agreement with PL and Read and we would have to pursue this. John Wentworth, Outreach Centres in Durban, has ideas he wished to discuss. Lesley said IL were looking for partners not hours.

James said he would report back on developments at the second Committee Meeting.

10. Chairs Report – acceptance was moved by Madeleine and Helle.**

The Secretary's Report was presented, Lourense is dealing with a very large IFLA workload - acceptance was moved by Helle and Dalia.

Information re the Newsletter editor and Information Officer would be on the website shortly. Niels had volunteered to be Editor in Oslo and was doing a magnificent job. He asks us to alert colleagues to the Newsletter on the website. He also requires input and photographs and would like details of the following people in forthcoming Newsletter – Helle, Karen, Barbara, Dalia and Yuriko. He also needs biographies of Lesley and Seyed (Speaker and Poster Presenter respectively). The next issue will focus on information Literacy.

He would like Country News and comments about IFLA. His deadline was 15th Sept (Sorry Folks). Barbara would write a piece on South Africa, which would contain ideas, the outcomes of the planning and links by 5th October.

Yuriko and Lesley proposed a vote of thanks for Niels. This was supported by the whole Committee. James asked to email comments and views to Niels. He has some workplace support but needs encouragement. The Newsletter has been entered for an IFLA Award and is definitely in the running.

Bruno has cleared up the List-Serve. There are issues re changes of address and he is trying to track down changes. He wishes to promote advocacy on the website. He has asked for Powerpoint Presentations on advocacy. He will also include links to existing sites e.g. the Californian website on advocacy. He is keen to have presentations in many languages on advocacy and promoting school libraries. He also proposes to revise the Section Brochure.

Karen and Madeleine proposed a vote of thanks to Bruno, which was vigorously supported by the whole Committee.

** James brought up Membership later in the meeting but asked that the minute be inserted as an addition to his Chairs Report. An IFLA Review has decided that Sections of less than 10 members will be disbanded. In future Sections of less than 50 members will be disbanded. Our Section has only 80 members and James asked us to encourage our National bodies to become members of the Section.

11. Review of the Strategic Plan.

James led us through a quick review of our Strategic Plan – what has been done or not done, who has done what, who will do what and what will we add. James mentioned the possibility of a Joint-Steering Group between the School Section and the IASL.

James encouraged Seyed to see if he could promote International School Library Day in Iran by using the website and talking to Bruno.

Madeleine will communicate with her French colleagues and will get information to Bruno re websites. Lesley will forward links on the UNESCO School Librarians site to Bruno. Barbara will forward anything she can find in Spanish. Yuriko will forward links to her National Association and James will forward information re China and Taiwan.

A revised Strategic Plan will be drawn up.

12. Lesley Farmer – Information Literacy Section.

Lesley explained that the Information Literacy Section wanted to come up with an International Logo for IL which can be used for documents or workshops so that people will understand that the content refers to IL. Did our Section think this was a good idea? If a competition were run to find a logo would we endorse the winner?

It was pointed out that some languages do not have a translation for 'Information Literacy'

James asked the committee to endorse the idea that we support the IL Section and Lesley in working towards the production of a logo in Durban. It was agreed we wished our voice to be heard and our comments would be passed onto Jesus Lau.

SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

First Committee members able to attend were James, Barbara, Dalia, Karen, and Madeleine

New attendees: Helen Boelens (The Netherlands), Young S. Kim (S. Korea), Ibrahima Lo (Senegal), Françoise Martinelli (France) and Margaret Tye (UK)

Many items that follow include reports from other meetings held during the Conference week.

13. Quebec 2008

The possibility of a satellite meeting at the Quebec Conference was discussed. Dalia explained that there was no national agenda re the IFLA Conference in Canada and that there was no local support available for a pre-conference in Quebec. James has been talking to Ontario SLA (Biggest SLA in Canada and most active) and Toronto has been suggested as a possible venue. Dalia said she would like to be involved but that she had no connections with Toronto. James will identify key people in Toronto and forward information to Dalia. He will remain key person re the contact between organisations.

Themes discussed included the changing role of the school librarian. James felt we should be pro-active about the position of school librarian within a school.

James will pursue this for the Section.

14. Treasurers Report

James is the Section Treasurer. The Section budget is 620 Euros and it has to be claimed against approved expenses. These are administrative – room hire, postage and refreshments.

A letter will be sent to Niels and his organisation thanking them for their support, in kind, of the Section. Helle to scan and then send on to Niels. Bruno is also supported by his organisation.

Helen asked if we could pay a translation of documents. James replied that special project funding would have to be applied for to do translations but we could claim for the printing of documents.

15. Document re Joint Steering Committee between IFLA and the IASL.

James explained the history of the document. The document had been produced by the IASL in Portugal by the Executive Committee of the IASL, Officers of the Schools Section and Sjerd Koopman (IFLA Office). The purpose of the document is to develop synergy

between IFLA and the IASL. This preliminary document does not guarantee from of agreement. IFLA has agreements with other organisation e.g. IBBY and the IRA. These agreements have financial implications in that one free registration is available for each organisation at their main Conference. It is hoped that a similar arrangement would be possible if there was a formal agreement between the IFLA and the IASL. The main aim of an agreement would be the mutual support of joint projects. The steering committee proposed would be a working party.

Karen raised the issue of the Section not being mentioned. Barbara supported the query into this omission.

Margaret Tye, who had attended a joint IFLA/IBBY meeting had got the impression that IFLA wanted Sections to work co-operatively with other organisations. She wondered if this would affect the proposed agreement. James said the IBBY agreement was separate and was to do with literacy. It was a model agreement but had a separate purpose. The purpose of the proposed agreement was to increase the scope of all the bodies involved. Take, for example, the School Library Guidelines which are endorsed by IFLA and UNESCO but not by IASL. A Joint Steering Committee would ensure all organisations could endorse such documents.

It was pointed out that the IASL website was a huge resource but is likely to become a 'member only' resource. The possibility of joint conferences and documents was discussed.

The discussion ranged over purpose and Section involvement. Karen and Barbara believe IFLA want the Section involved. Division 3 is happy to support what the Section wants. Helen believes the two organisations have a wonderful opportunity to become more wide ranging in their effect and flexibility. Hopefully IFLA would give IASL access to material in different languages. James felt the different mix of people attending the Sections as opposed to the IASL Conference would bring up language issues.

James brought the discussion to a conclusion by asking if the document should reflect the role of the Section. If the answer to this was 'yes' we could ratify the document with amendments or notes. He also asked ho represented IFLA on IBBY and the IRA.

Margaret felt that IASL wanted an immediate decision and that the Section should make its recommendation to the Governing Board.

James sad we had two options:

- (a) A formal reporting process through IFLA
- (b) Members for the Steering Group should come from the Section. The Group can then decide what members should do but they would be required to communicate with the Section and could be removed by the Standing Committee.

Terms of Reference. There was a vast amount of discussion leading to an amendment of the document

Barbara then proposed acceptance of the document with amendments, particularly that membership of the Steering Committee would involve Section Standing Committee members This was seconded by Dalai.

James will take the document to Division Three.

Margaret raised queries about the Terms of Reference and James responded that ongoing concerns would be monitored.

16. Advocacy Kit – Bruno has requested help and assistance with the contents. Please send any relevant materials

Statement re Information Literacy –James and Barbara reported back on this, there will be no action yet by IFLA as the IASL would like to be involved. Lesley Farmer is heavily involved in Information Literacy with IASL and is the driving force re the logo.

17. (a) Guidelines – James has made a bid for finance for a new revision of the School Library Guidelines.
(b) Review of the Guidelines – Helen and Karen would be glad to hear comments from other members of the Standing Committee re the School Library Guidelines.

18. (a) Durban 2007: Barbara reported back on the broad discussion about the contents of both Sessions and possible pre-Conferences. There will be an emphasis on Africa or HIV/AIDS. Possible title for a satellite Conference is “Libraries in Good Health”. As we will be working with the Read and Public Library Sections there will be a common call for papers.

Relevance to Africa should be a component of papers. Please send any names and a synopsis of projects or talks to Barbara. Gwynneth Evans, Chair of the Read Section, will play a lead role in the call and selection of papers.

Both Barbara and Karen attended the Children and Young People’s Session, done in partnership with Read. It was a very inspirational session and included a live performance.

(b) Quebec 2008: James led discussion on the question of joining with another Section. He will talk to the Multi-Cultural, Children and Young People and Educational and Training Sections on our behalf.

19. Zagreb – the Division Three mid-year meeting will take place on the 2nd and 3rd March 2007 in Zagreb. The suggested date for a Standing Committee mid-year meeting is 4th March. James will explore the possibility of a Schools orientated Workshop for local librarians and Committee Members on 5th March. Standing Committee Members who said they would probably be able to attend include Helle, Madeleine, Karen and Lourense.

20. James asked Committee Members who wished to carry on to make sure their national bodies nominated them by February 2007. He hoped the Section could attract members from Australia, the Middle East and India.

21. A.O.B.

(a) Madeleine asked for Best Practice Projects information to be forwarded to her.

(b) The Section Newsletter won the Best Newsletter Award and Committee congratulations and thanks were sent to Niels.

(c) Assessment of Section Session – James thanked the Speakers who presented interesting and thought provoking papers. Other comments included disappointment that many of the chosen Posters did not turn up. This placed strain on the break in the Session as many delegates did not stay for the second half – also the layout of Programme did not make it clear the Session was in two halves. Helle counted 85 delegates for the first part and 55 for the second part. James (from his vantage point on the rostrum) counted 144 delegates across both parts of the Session. He also felt that simultaneous translation into Spanish, German and French was essential for the success of the Session.

The second Committee ended on the positive note that Seoul had been an excellent Conference and host.

James looked forward to seeing as many standing Committee Members in Zagreb and Durban.