



**73rd IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL  
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND OFFICIAL  
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**Standing Committee Meeting I, Durban, South Africa  
18<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

**Present:**

Jane Wu (Chair)  
Marcy Allen  
Jackie Druery (Secretary)  
Nancy Hyland

Nerisa Kamar  
Takashi Koga  
Irja Peltonen  
Alice Ramohlola  
Emma Voskanyan  
Hak-Myung Woo

**Observers:**

Narios Mpholefole  
Giovanna Gossage  
Frank Kirkwood  
Jerry Mansfield

**Regrets:**

Yu-jin Choi  
Eleanor Frierson  
Irina Lynden  
Peter Raggett (Treasurer)  
Junko Sato  
Ursula Stanek

1. Jane Wu welcomed the committee members and observers to the 1<sup>st</sup> GIOPS standing committee meeting of 2007.
2. Regrets for absence were noted as listed above.
3. The agenda for the meeting was adopted.
4. The minutes of the meetings of GIOPS at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Ifla General Conference and Congress in Seoul were previously adopted by email.
- 5 Treasurer's report

Peter Raggett distributed the financial report by email prior to the meeting. There is a balance of 610 EUR in administrative funds and 113.54 EUR in project funds.

#### 6 Report on meetings of Governing Board, Professional Committee and the Coordinating Board

Jane Wu reported on these meetings. IFLA has adopted an open meetings policy and it will no longer be necessary for conference participants to seek the permission of chairs to attend meetings. There will be a hearing on the proposals for changes to the IFLA professional structure on Sunday, August 19 at 11:45. IFLA proposes reducing the number of divisions from eight to four. Jane encouraged everyone to attend this meeting and informed the group that copies of the proposal titled "IFLA Professional Structure Review Committee – Report and Recommendations" are available at the paper handling office. IFLA will put forward a resolution at the general meeting on Thursday declaring that IFLA does not support any political party. There will be a meeting for new officers on Monday, August 20 that Jane encouraged new officers to attend. South African authors will be reading from their works in the exhibit hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 noon to 2:00 pm.

#### 7. IFLA Booth Schedule

Jane Wu reported that the practice of assigning sections to the IFLA Booth had been discontinued this year.

#### 8. GIOPS Activities

Jane Wu reported on GIOPS activities for 2006/2007. GIOPS has cooperated with the Government Libraries and Library and Research Services for Parliament Section on the draft of the Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments. Jerry Mansfield spoke to the guidelines explaining that they have been five years in the making and that the draft that will be presented at the meeting on Tuesday, August 21, is the 14<sup>th</sup> version. The draft presents adaptable ideas that government libraries can use when they are asked to justify their existence.

Jane reported that work on the publication of best papers from past GIOPS programs is proceeding well. She has been working with Irina Lynden on editing and encouraging authors to update the papers. She thanked the authors for their cooperation.

The CD-ROM of the papers from both the 1994 and the 2006 Africa Seminar is now available for distribution. The CD-ROM was produced and will be distributed using GIOPS administrative and project funds. Frank Kirkwood distributed the CD-ROM at the meeting. It was agreed that it should be distributed at the GIOPS program free of charge but that Jane would encourage only those who intended to keep them permanently to take a copy.

Jane thanked Irja Peltonen for putting together such an exciting program of speakers for the GIOPS program on Tuesday and encouraged everyone to attend.

9. Activity Reports

Standing Committee members and observers reported on projects and developments in their respective organizations. J. Druery asked that those present send summaries of their reports for publication in the newsletter.

10. Annual Reports, Strategic Plans and Financial Reports

Jane Wu reported that outgoing Chairs are responsible for these reports and that she will work on them.

11. Elections of officers for 2007-2009

Jackie Druery was elected Chair, Marcy Allen, Secretary, and Peter Raggett, Treasurer. Takashi Koga agreed to take on the responsibility of Information Coordinator. Alice Ramohlola and Irja Peltonen volunteered to be the program planning coordinators for 2008.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

**Standing Committee Meeting II, Durban, South Africa  
24<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

**Present:**

Irina Andreeva  
Marcy Allen (Secretary)  
Jackie Druery (Chair)  
Nerisa Kamar

Takashi Koga  
Irja Peltonen  
Alice Ramohlola  
Ursula Stanek  
Emma Voskanyan  
Jane Wu

**Observers:**

Narios Mpholefole  
Giovanna Gossage  
Frank Kirkwood  
Jerry Mansfield

**Regrets:**

Yu-jin Choi  
Eleanor Frierson  
Nancy Hyland  
Irina Lynden  
Peter Raggett (Treasurer)  
Junko Sato

1. Jackie Druery welcomed the committee members and observers to the 2<sup>nd</sup> GIOPS standing committee meeting of 2007.

2. Regrets for absence were noted as listed above.

3. The agenda for the meeting was adopted.

4. Conference Review and Section Report on Conference

(a) **GIOPS open session**

Jane Wu reported that five excellent papers had been presented at the GIOPS program on Tuesday. The program was well-attended with approximately 200 participants and there was lively discussion and questions regarding the issues raised. Jane thanked Irja Peltonen for putting together such an interesting set of papers and speakers.

(b) **Guidelines for Government Libraries**

Jane Wu reported on the session on the latest draft of the Guidelines for Government Libraries. The session was well-attended and the discussion helpful with many good comments made and questions asked. October 1, 2007 is the deadline to submit comments on the guidelines. Send your comments to the contact person indicated on the IFLA web site, to the GIOPS chair (Jackie Druery) or Jane Wu.

(b) **Access to Information Network Africa (ATINA)**

Many positive comments were made about the papers that were given at the ATINA program. Francis Kirkwood reported that as of the Durban conference ATINA will be solely under the Africa Section of IFLA because it can administratively only be under one section but can still have relationships with the other founding sections. The UNECA librarian in Addis Ababa will be taking over organization of the network. It was decided that Nerisa Kamar and Narios Mpholefole will act as GIOPS representatives to ATINA.

**5. Remaining Business from first session and Other Business**

(a) **Information Coordinator**

Takashi Koga needs some information for the GIOPS newsletter. Short descriptions of news from libraries that were given at the first GIOPS Standing Committee meeting can be sent to Takashi for inclusion in the newsletter.

(b) **Pre-conference proposals**

A joint pre-conference proposal for a satellite conference on government serials was put forward by Francis Kirkwood - the Serials section will be taking the lead, with possible collaboration from Government Libraries. The committee was told that GIOPS would need only to provide a representative and that the local arrangements committee would take care of the rest. A firm proposal has been written and will be submitted to the Professional committee for approval in December. Even though the deadline has passed,

if a firm proposal is brought forward it has a good chance of being approved. The Serials section itself has not said it would do the pre-conference and they were going to decide at their afternoon meeting. Concern that the GIOPS committee, which is already involved in a pre-conference for 2008, might be overcommitted was expressed by a number of members. After much reassurance that GIOPS would just need to provide a representative, our approval and our name for the joint pre-conference a motion to accept the pre-conference was made stating that we would support the pre-conference if and only if the Serials section AND the Government Libraries section also signed up. The motion passed with six votes for and one vote against. Giovanna Gossage offered to represent GIOPS should the pre-conference be given approval.

**(c) 2008 Conference Program**

Parliamentary Libraries section has suggested a joint program but the topic has not yet been decided. GIOPS decided to proceed with a proposal and if Parliamentary Libraries approached us later we would entertain their proposal. After much discussion it was decided that the topic for the 2-hour session would be *Globalization of Government Information: Creating Digital Archives for Increased Access*.

Jerry Mansfield suggested that we might want to entertain inviting speakers instead of a general call for papers. He explained that Government Libraries has not had sufficient response to their call for papers in the past and has decided to invite speakers instead. Jane Wu explained that GIOPS has not had a problem with lack of response to our call for papers. There was further discussion on the issue and it was decided that we would continue to issue a general call for papers. Alice Ramohlola and Irja Peltonen, Conference Coordinators, will issue a call for papers later in November. Topics that could be talked about include the changing face of depository programs worldwide and how different countries create digital archives.

**6. Recognition of retiring members**

The new Chair, Jackie Druery gave special thanks to outgoing Chair Jane Wu for her service to the GIOPS committee.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.