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**Minutes**

**Standing Committee I  
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**Chair: Cristobal Pasadas  
Secretary: Frances Groen**

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### **Notes on Standing Committee I**

The chair welcomed members of the Committee and observers. He invited each member to introduce herself or himself to other members of the Committee, presenting information on their expectations of involvement in IFLA and the Standing Committee and their areas of professional interest and expertise.

The agenda was followed as previously distributed electronically.

The Chair suggested that the Committee deal with all agenda items as quickly as possible to provide more time for reflection on issues prior to the second Committee meeting.

The secretary requested and received approval to interrupt the agenda at 2 pm to permit Larry Woods, Section on Information Technology, to discuss a joint program for the Korea meeting in 2006 on Institutional Repositories.

### **Reports from the Chair**

The Chair stressed that new and continuing members would be responsible for creating a new strategic plan and further, that he was pleased to see the expertise in planning that existed on the Committee. He emphasized the importance of information literacy as well, and the fact that there were a number of sections in IFLA with which SCUL could collaborate on this issue. These included but were not limited to the Sections on Information Literacy, Information Technology, and Measurement and Evaluation. There followed general discussion of issues of interest to members that the Section might wish to address; the items briefly discussed included:

1. preservation in the digital environment
2. e-science
3. the relevance of education for the profession to professional practice
4. copyright (a priority)
5. human resource management in academic libraries
6. scholarly communication

Turning to the matter of copyright, the Chair recognized the expertise of Jim Neal in this priority area. He noted that 8 years ago IFLA determined that copyright was so important that a unique committee on this issue was needed. IFLA also wished to develop expertise in the area and a presence at an international level and to represent the interests of the global library community.

## **REPORTS**

The Chair proposed that the new executive to be elected prepare the annual report for 2005.

### **Financial Report**

The Chair reported that the new officers of the Standing Committee will have 2,067 Euros. However, money will not be held in the Section as previously but will be available through Headquarters. Invoices must be submitted for processing. Money available to the Section was used to fund four registrations but only three were actually used due to communication difficulties. The Chair hoped that the Committee would continue the practice of supporting colleagues from the developing world by funding their registration.

### **Overview of Governing Board, Professional Board and other Activities**

The Secretary reminded all members that the minutes of these meetings were available on the IFLA web site and encouraged members to review them.

The Communications Officer reminded members of the IFLA hierarchy that the Coordinating Board for Division One includes 3 Sections (National Libraries, Parliamentary Libraries and University and Other General Research Libraries).

The Chair stressed the current problems in IFLA financing, and commented that if revenue does not increase programs will need to be eliminated.

### **Issues Regarding Future Conferences**

Concerns regarding the acceptance of papers at IFLA Section meetings: The question of calling or of failing to call for papers presented at IFLA Section meetings has arisen. A refereeing process is seen as more fair but can result in problems of imbalance in presentations from a diverse geographic representation. Invitations could be sent to plenary speakers and a call for papers issued. One problem that will exist is that the Sections have no funding to invite speakers who would expect to have their expenses paid.

The WSIS and the pre-WSIS meetings in Alexandria in 2005 were noted. The database of “success stories” originating at the WSIS pre-conference in Geneva in 2003 demonstrates the value of libraries and is being enhanced. Members of the Committee were encouraged to help in developing this resource by contributing information on library success stories. This database will be used to demonstrate the value of libraries to governments and other decision makers.

Attendance at WSIS: IFLA is a member of the Civil Society which has a seat at the WSIS meeting. Barbara Ford continues to act as the Section liaison on WSIS.

Returning to the question of IFLA, the Chair again emphasized that the most critical issue facing IFLA was the financial crisis and he urged members of the Standing Committee to be pro-active in recruiting new IFLA members. Referring to the section on Parliamentary Libraries, he stressed how well-represented this group was within IFLA. He felt that there was room for growth in academic library membership and urged members of the Standing Committee to recruit new members from this sector. The IFLA budget receives 80% of its budget from member fees.

### **Election of New Officers**

The nomination of Sue McKnight for the office of Chair and Treasurer and Jim Neal for Secretary had been received. The current Chair called for further nominations from the Committee and there being none, these members were elected unanimously. The Standing Committee members expressed their appreciation to outgoing Officers, Cristobal Pasadas and Frances Groen, and to new Officers for their willingness to serve.

### **Review of Oslo Program**

A document was previously distributed regarding sessions during the Oslo meeting that were sponsored by the Section and in collaboration with other Sections. Members of the Standing Committee will be present at all sessions and will return evaluations at the post-conference meeting of the Standing Committee.

### **Planning for Korea, 2006**

At this point Larry Woods, representing the Section on Information Technology joined the meeting and described a proposed four-hour joint session on site on institutional repositories. The plan is for a two-part approach: the first part concerned with policy and governance...a conceptual model, and a second part on the technology supporting repositories. The Standing Committee enthusiastically endorsed this idea and general discussion followed. The need to engage speakers from the Far East, if possible, was emphasized.

### **Strategic Plan for the Section and Member Questionnaire**

The Chair reminded members that the Strategic Plan should include an environmental scan and that a survey of the entire membership of the Section had been undertaken to provide this background. Sue McKnight reported that responses thus far had been too few to be considered statistically valid and no conclusions could be drawn. However, she did report some tentative findings thus far. There have been considerable difficulties which include the length of the questionnaire, e-mail addresses and the receipt of the questionnaire by the appropriate person within the institution.

The pre-conference meeting closed with the reminder that at Standing Committee II committee members would be asked to recommend the best paper presented at the sessions in which the Section was involved.