



Minutes

Genealogy and Local History Section Standing Committee meetings Seoul, Korea, 2006

SC I: Saturday August 19. 11.30-14.20
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Participants:

Ruth Hedegaard, Vendsyssel Historical Museum, Denmark
Guiwon Lee, National Library of Korea
Janice McFarlane, National Library of Scotland
Elisabeth Melrose, North Yorkshire County Council Libraries
Paul Smart, Family History Library, Utah
Melvin Thatcher, Genealogical Society of Utah
Juergen Warmbrunn, Herder Institute Library, Marburg

In Attendance:

Joe Everett, My Family.com
Raymond S. Wright, Family History Library, Utah
Wang Shan, National Library of China
Wu Shushi, National Library of China
Su Pinhong, National Library of China
Li Xiaoming, National Library of China

Richard E. Huws, National Library of Wales expresses his apology for not attending, his flight was delayed by 24 hours

1. Presentation of Committee and corresponding members

The participants presented themselves

2. Committee membership. 3 officers will end their 4-year period 2007 (Janice, Melvin, Ruth)

We must all try to find more persons willing to serve as committee members and discuss the matter via e-mail in the coming months. Joyce Jelks wants to be a member of our Standing Committee. Laverne and Joe may want to as well.

3. IFLA HQ and Division business (Mel/Ruth)

Mel and Ruth reported from the Coordinating Board that was mostly dominated by the forthcoming special hearing on the Professional Committee's suggestions for change. Nancy

Bolt, chair of The Coordinating Board said that the Section review committee to which she had been appointed had never met. She advised to put our questions in writing and told said there would be no decision until the December Professional Committee meeting.

4. Professional Committee-meeting Sunday on future of sections.

The item was discussed and arguments were brought forward. The suggestion of a minimum membership of sections of 50 was met with especially great dissatisfaction. The question was raised, whether a personal membership counts. Later response from IFLA-headquarter assures that it does, so everybody is strongly urged to persuade colleagues not at least from smaller institutions to join our section as personal members. Everybody was urged to speak up in the special hearing meeting. After lunch some of the participants stayed and put together a paper with questions and comments for the special hearing.

5. Financial report (Janice)

Janice reported expenditure for the year to date amounted to £117.27 for reproduction and posting of newsletters 7 and 8. This included £50.22 which had been carried over from 2005. No invoices had been received to cover the membership mailing carried out by Mel. Janice was still uncertain about the transfer of accounts to HQ and how this would impact on her ability to complete annual reports, highlighting concerns over exchange rate and payment details.

6. Open Session status report (Mel)

Mel reported everything is ready and all speakers are expected to participate.

7. Study Tour and workshop status report (Guiwon Lee)

Thanks to Guiwon Lee this task has been so easy for our committee this year, as she has done a very well planned study tour, and moreover has organised a workshop on Korean genealogy to take place at the National Library. We are very grateful for her efforts.

8. Membership drive (Mel)

Mel has written a letter to the members of the section expressing our gratitude of their support. A survey of our achievement since the first beginning in 1999 was included with the letter.

Mel has sent recruitment packets (letter, leaflet and fact sheet) as follows:

IFLA member national libraries 127.

IFLA member library associations 74

IFLA non-member national libraries 30

IFLA non-member library associations 24

There was some confusion as to the exact membership of the section, as Ruth had got an inaccurate list from IFLA. Ruth will get the exact list after the conference and have it sent to the committee members.

Raymond Wright suggested that a membership-drive letter be sent to public libraries with genealogical and local historical collections. He is willing to send letters to such institutions in USA. Mel will look at the regional level. Janice is willing to look at public libraries in UK. Jürgen will translate the membership-drive letter to German. Ruth will translate it into Danish. Ruth will cope with Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Hopefully others will do the same in their countries, which for most of us will be easier than covering all of USA.

Recruitment letters will be sent out by the end of October. Ray will be in charge.

The rest of the agenda was postponed to Standing Committee meeting 2.

9. Review of sections (Ruth/Mel)
10. Section's strategic plan and action plan review (1) (All)
 - Library association survey report (Janice)
 - National libraries survey discussion (Richard)
 - Guidelines for best practices (Colette)
 - Data privacy and FAIFE (Mel)
 - Letter to genealogical magazines
11. Any other business (Mel)

SC II: Friday August 25. 8.30-10.50
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Participants:

Ruth Hedegaard, Vendsyssel Historical Museum, Denmark
Richard E. Huws, National Library of Wales
Guiwon Lee, National Library of Korea
Janice McFarlane, National Library of Scotland
Elisabeth Melrose, North Yorkshire County Council Libraries
Mattye Laverne Paige, Library of Congress
Paul Smart, Family History Library, Utah
Melvin Thatcher, Genealogical Society of Utah

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1. Open Session review (Mel)

Thanks to Mel for a well organised Open Session with 90 participants.

2. Study Tour and workshop review (Guiwon)

Thanks to Guiwon for a good study tour with 16 participants in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. Guiwon had also taken the initiative and organized a workshop on Korean genealogy held at The National Library of Korea with 85 participants. The National Library provided simultaneous translation and distributed the presentation papers in a bilingual volume to all the delegates. Moreover they had produced the most magnificent banners both outside and inside. We are indeed very grateful to The National Library and to Guiwon. The workshop got a whole page of mention in IFLA express, issue 7 of Thursday 24 August.

3. Communications

Colette has sent her report previous to this Committee Meeting. Elizabeth will send her notes from the Meeting for Information Coordinators

- GENLOC listserv

- **GENLOC2 standing committee listserv**

Colette is asked to distribute address list with e-mail addresses of the committee to Genloc 2

- **Homepage on IFLAnet**

- **Newsletter (Elizabeth)**

We are very happy about the newsletter and want to express our thanks to Elizabeth for all her work with it.

- **Section leaflet (Mel)**

Elizabeth reported that at the meeting for Information Coordinators our leaflets were shown as a good example. Mattye will try and ask for translations into Zulu, Afrikaans and Arabic. Joe will ask for translations into other languages. Mel will check if the leaflets need updating and put the names of the translators on the leaflets as well as a remark that the leaflets are also available in the following languages.

4. Strategic plan and action plan review (2) (All)

5. Plan Section activities for Durban 2007 conference

- **Theme**

The theme of preserving and communicating oral history and traditions was agreed upon.

- **Programme assignments.**

Janice will follow up with Multimedia Section on cooperation.

Mel has taken the lead in organising a study tour.

6. Selection of conference paper for the Editorial Committee

The Chinese paper: Cooperation on local history and the concept of network building between libraries, museums and archives in China by Wu Shushi was chosen

7. Publication of conference papers (Ruth)

Ruth reported. She has sent letters to the authors and got several answers. She, Elizabeth and Richard will continue the work.

8. IFLA conference 2008

- **Preconference**

Prior to the conference Janet Tomkins has sent suggestions for a pre conference and meetings in Canada. We want her to go on with the planning. Janice and Ray are to attend the Reference Section's Standing Committee meeting to pursue cooperation then report back.

From Standing Committee Meeting 1

9. Review of sections (Ruth/Mel)

Most of our debate is already mentioned in the minutes from SC1. It was decided that we will write about our concerns concerning the reviewing of sections and send it to IFLA headquarter. Mel will be responsible for this item.

10. Section's strategic plan and action plan review (1) (All)

- **Library association survey report (Janice)**
There has been no response. Richard will work with Janice to make it online. Richard and Janice will put questions to the Library Associations survey about the advantages of having local history groups.
- **National libraries survey discussion (Richard)**
Richard has got 15 answers that he will send to the committee members.
- **Guidelines for best practices (Colette)**
New England Historic and Genealogical Society has good guidelines. If you know of any guidelines, please pass them on to Colette O'Flaherty.
- **Data privacy and FAIFE (Mel)**
There has been very little interest on the FAIFE-discussion list, only Frank Kirkpatrick, Mel and Elizabeth have contributed.
- **Article to genealogical magazines**
We expressed our thanks to Janet for taking the lead in this matter. She has sent a report and the contents of the letter to Genloc 2 prior to this Committee Meeting. Everybody is asked to send magazine suggestions to her. Joe will contact her about Ancestry magazine.

11. Any other business

The IFLA booth where the sections can have one hour scheduled for promoting business was not very well attended, and we do not find that it has any purpose to be there. Ruth will bring the matter up at the Coordinating Board meeting (she did, and the other sections had exactly the same opinion).