

# Government Libraries Section

## MINUTES

Standing Committee Meeting II  
Friday, August 19, 2005,  
Radisson Plaza, Oslo, Norway

### Present:

Nancy Bolt (US, chair)  
Christine Wellems (Germany, information coordinator)  
Patrick Ryan (UK, newsletter editor)  
Maija Jussilainen (Finland)  
Robert Klaverstijn (Netherlands, secretary / treasurer)

### Corresponding members:

Maria Goeckeritz (Germany)  
Lamine Camara (Mali)

### Observers:

Amin Carga (Cameroon)  
Justine Ssempebwa (Uganda)

### 1. Opening and introductions

**2. Debrief Government Libraries Open Session** There were 80 people in attendance. The overall quality of the papers was high (though very different). Once again 5 papers proved to be one to many. Next year the number of papers will be limited to 4. This will create more time for discussion. We will also try and collect names and e-mail addresses of people who attend (maybe a basket for business cards). A review committee will be installed. The paper of Gladys Ann Wells (From bibliographer to curator: archival strategies for capturing web publications) will be recommended for publication in IFLA Journal. Jerry will inform the authors of the non recommended papers (this gives them the possibility to publish their paper in non-IFLA journals). Summaries of the other papers could be published in the section's Newsletter. Maija agreed to ask Seppo Määttä who spoke at the pre-conference if he would like to write a paper for the IFLA Journal.

**3. Report from IFLA Coordinating Board and officers meetings** Nancy has been elected chair of Division II (Special Libraries). With this she becomes also a member of the Professional Committee and IFLA's Governing Board. A new system for the handling of the Sections' finances was approved by IFLA's Governing Board last March. This applies to administrative money only and has no effect on the height of amount allocated to our section.

**(NB At Coordinating Board meeting II, which took place after the Standing Committee II meeting, Robert was elected secretary of Division II).**

**4. Selection of topic for Seoul (and Durban)** The theme of our Open Session is: Customer Needs: the engines of change for Government Libraries and Information Centres. Papers

will focus on the determination of customers' needs, the actions taken to meet these needs and the results of these actions. Nancy will prepare the text of the call for papers to be published on the IFLA web. In Seoul we have an Open Session only. Together with our Korean contacts (Juliana? Others?) we will try to arrange a half day visit tour to government organisations and their library and information centres. Some preliminary ideas about Durban were put forward. A pre-conference satellite in (maybe) another part of South Africa is considered. Both our two African observers are willing to cooperate.

- 5. Report of the Guidelines Committee** Draft of the different chapters is due on February, 1<sup>st</sup> 2006. Funding by IFLA for publication and translation is necessary. Nancy will send the minutes of the Guidelines committee meeting to all section members
- 6. Brochure on Government Libraries Section** We do need an updated brochure. Robert will send the existing brochure to Patrick.
- 7. Establishment of Membership Committee** Jerry Mansfield (North and South America) is willing to chair this committee. Other members are Maija (Europe), Amin (Africa) and we will ask Juliana for Asia.
- 8. Strategic Plan 2007 – 2007** Nancy will distribute a cleaned up version among the Standing Committee members.
- 9. Newsletter** Patrick will make a draft and send it to all Standing Committee members. Suggestions and comments are welcome.
- 10. Web log** Maija has created a weblog for the participants of the Stockholm pre-conference. It is decided to extend participation to all members of the section. Non members can join upon invitation of members. Maija remains the administrator (with possible transfer to Christine and or Robert during her sabbatical in 2006).
- 11. Mid-term meeting** The group discussed having a min-term meeting in the Spring of 2007, probably in western Europe. Patrick will follow up with Rebecca Davies from Wales and Suzanne Burge from London about the possibility of a meeting.

Final version Submitted by *Robert Klaverstijn*  
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