



## Government Libraries Section

Minutes of the Standing Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

Saturday, August 18, 2008 Durban, South Africa

**Present:** Nancy Bolt (U.S. Chair)

Christine Wellems (Germany, Information Coordinator)

Patrick Ryan (UK, Newsletter Editor)

Inger Jepsson (Sweden)

Dr. S.S. Dhaka (India)

Maija Jussilainen (Finland)

Emma Voskanyan (Russian Federation)

Jane Wu (Italy)

Marfia Goekeritz (Germany)

Lamine Camara (Mali)

Robert Klaverstijn (Netherlands (Secretary/Treasurer)

1. Opening and Introductions
2. Agenda approved without alterations
3. Review of Standing Committee Membership – In light of the 2007 elections, chair Nancy Bolt recapped the current membership as—  
**Continuing:** Maija Jussilained (Finland), Patrick Ryan (UK), and Linda Sjogren (US)  
**New:** Rebecca Davies (Wales), Gundula Felten (Germany), Maria Goeckeritz (Germany), Sanjay Kumar Bihani (India), Jerry Mansfield (US), Fonkam Azu'u Samuel (Cameroon), Emma Voskanyan (Russian Federation), and Jane Wu (Italy);  
**Retiring:** Nancy Bolt (US), Robert Klaverstijn (The Netherlands), Hye Kyeong Yi (Korea), and Christine Wellems (Germany).
4. **Election of Officers 2007-2009**

Jerry W. Mansfield was elected unanimously as the chair and Rebecca Davies was unanimously elected secretary/treasurer. Patrick Ryan will continue as newsletter editor and also assume the role of Information Coordinator.

5. The **Minutes** of the Seoul meetings were reviewed and approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Rob Klaverstijn reported that all of the project money will be spent this year on the *Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments*. There is the amount of 325 euros reserved at IFLA HQ in administrative funds for this purpose. The treasurer's report was approved.
7. **Information Coordinator's Report** – Christine Wellems was complimented and thanked for the great work she has done. Christine stressed the importance of establishing a good working relationship with the IFLA HQ staff.
8. **Newsletter Report** – Patrick Ryan reported that two issues had been published. In order to make the newsletter more global, more input is needed from Asia and Africa. Efforts will be made to achieve this more global approach. A Government Libraries Section brochure has been created in English in which we use our new logo that identifies our section for the first time. Translation into other official IFLA languages will be needed as time allows.
9. **Guidelines Update** – Nancy Bolt reported that it has taken four years for the *Guidelines* to get where they are today. The main concern is that they be suitable and recognizable to developing countries. After the first hearing during the mid-term conference in Cardiff, the *Guidelines* have become substantially better. A second hearing will take place this week in Durban. It is the intention to publish the *Guidelines* as an official IFLA document after approval and adoption by the Governing Board since IFLA will be paying for the publication costs. The continuing and incoming SC members should consider the *Guidelines* to be adopted by UNESCO as the Manifesto for Government Libraries. The contributions of all contributors and writers were greatly appreciated.
10. **Report of the Wales Conference** – See the extensive report in the July Newsletter
11. **Review of Activities in Durban** – Program: Government Libraries: Approaches to Multi-Lingual Collections and Services, Monday, August 20; Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments: a hearing on the draft *Guidelines*, Tuesday, August 21.
12. **Proposal to Reorganize IFLA Sections** – A special meeting of the Professional Committee will be held Sunday, August 19
13. **Program for Québec** – Incoming chair Jerry Mansfield stated that a committee will be working throughout the conference to come up with a program theme for the Government Libraries Section that fits with the overall 2008 conference theme.
14. **Section Lunch** – The section will meet for a group lunch on Tuesday, August 21 at a yet to be determined place.
15. **Adjourn**

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