



Management of Library Associations Section

Standing Committee Meeting I

Saturday 18 August 2007

Durban, South Africa

Present were incoming and outgoing standing Committee members Tore Andersen, Joanna Ball, Maria Cotera, Loida Garcia-Febo, Pedro Hipola, Sue Hutley, Janice Lachance, Jill Martin, Jennefer Nicholson, Tuula Ruhanen, Aliya Sarsebinova, Sinikka Sipila, Sabine Stummeyer, Jan-Ewout van der Putten, Maya Shaparneva and Winnie Vitzansky.

Also present were observers Hasbollah Atan, Rashidah Bolhassan, Cathleen Bourdon Don Butcher, Michael Dowling, Miguel Esteban, Barbara Flores, Marie-Claire Germanaud, Anne Hustad, Maimunah Kadir, Marian Koren, Meri Kuula-Bruun, Russed Lynch, Cynthia Mouanda, Doug Newcomb, Natalia Verbina and Dató Zawiyahbaba.

Chair Keith Michael Fiels welcomed attendees, and introduced incoming and outgoing standing committee members. He thanked outgoing members for their service.

Apologies for absence were received from Tamina Noddy and Silvia Stasselová.

No minutes were yet available from the Zagreb (Midwinter 2006), Seoul (August 2006), or Chicago (February 2007) meetings. Secretary Jill Martin will submit Zagreb and Seoul minutes, and Jan-Ewout van der Puten, who agreed to serve as secretary for Chicago, will submit those minutes.

Report on Tsunami Reconstruction

Zawiyah Baba of the Malaysian Library Association presented an update on reconstruction efforts in Bande Ache, where many libraries were destroyed by the December 2006 Tsunami. Reconstruction efforts have been supported in part by donations from the American Library Association, Canadian Library Association and other national associations.

Overviews of Standing Committee Member's Associations

The Chair invited new and old members to provide brief overviews of their respective associations, Standing Committee members provided overviews of associations in Great Britain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Australia, Spain, Kazakstan, Finland, Norway, Germany and Russia, as well as the Special Library Association.

Report from the Governing Board

The Chair of the MLAS Section has served as a co-opted member of the Governing Board for four years. Co-opted members are appointed on an annual basis by the GB based on their ability to contribute special knowledge or skills to the GB.

A key discussion item at the March meeting was the Review of the IFLA statutes. A special committee has made recommendations for changes in the statutes. One is that the existing Divisions be reconfigured so as to reduce the number, which would also impact the number of members of the Professional Committee and the number of PC members on the Governing Board.

The proposed changes in the statutes would also provide for the Chair of the Management of Library Associations section to become a permanent member of the Governing Board. The Section has supported this provision and the proposed statute changes, and has communicated this support to the Board following the Mid Term meeting in Chicago.

Special meetings of the Professional Committee, Council and Governing Board have been scheduled at the Durban conference in order to allow for approval and implementation of the proposed changes.

Other matters on the agenda for the GB at Durban included the move of the FAIFE office to the Hague, the move of the IFLA offices within the Royal Library, the search for a new Secretary General to replace Peter Lor, the establishment of new regional offices and language centers, and a draft rule of procedure relating to an open meeting policy for IFLA.

MLAS Standing Committee Meeting II Friday 24 August 2007

Keith Michael Fiels called the meeting to order.

Present were Standing Committee members Tore Andersen, Edita Bacic, Joanna Ball, Maria Cotera, outgoing member Carla Funk, Loida Garcia-Febo, Rosemary Gitachu, Pedro Hipola, Sue Hutley, Janice Lachance, Hellen Niegaard, Johnny Rod-Larsen, outgoing member Tuula Ruhanen, Barbara Schleihagen and Sinikka Sipila.

Observers present were Amadou Diop, Eulalia Espinas, Miguel Esteban, Barbara Flores, Anne Hustad, Bengt Kallgren, Jesus Lau, Claudine Nahayo, Doug Newcomb, Thordis Thorarinsdottir.

Election of New Officers

The first order of business was the election of new officers. The following officers were elected for two year terms (2007-2009):

Chair: Sinikka Sipila
Secretary/Treasurer: Keith Michael Fiels
Communication Coordinator: Sue Hutley

Following the election, Keith Fiels passed the gavel to Sinikka Sipila, who conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Report from New Professionals Discussion Group

The MLAS has served as the “parent” section for the New Professional Discussion Group since it’s inception three years ago.

Loida Garcia-Febo, Joanna Ball and Andrew Cranfield, serve as co-convenors of the group and are co-opted members of the MLAS Board. Loida and Joanna reported that the group had an e-mail distribution list of 400 persons. They also reported on the New Professionals Discussion Group program, which attracted approximately 400 attendees.

Report from the Women, Information and Libraries Discussion Group

The MLAS also recently agreed to serve as the “parent” section for the Women, Information and Libraries Discussion Group, which had formerly been a separate section. Co-convenor Maria Cotera reported that their program, “Women, Information and Libraries in relation to the UN Millenium Development Goals” was attended by approximately 200 people..

Approximately 25 people attended a follow up meeting on planning for the formation of a Special Interest Group within IFLA, and to discuss a theme for the next year’s program. They also discussed a mentoring program for women at the next IFLA conference. The group also discussed a possible newsletter.

Report on Global Library Association Development Program

Keith Fiels provided new Standing Committee members with some information on the history of the program and the GLAD Twining program, which allows associations to partner with other associations in order to help support their IFLA participation, or to provide other forms of assistance, including mentoring.

He recommended that a committee be formed to work on the development of the program and work with IFLA staff to identify more mentor and menthe associations. Helen Niegaard and Rosemary Gitachu agreed to serve on such a committee, and Keith Fiels agreed to serve as Chair for a year.

Keith Fiels reported that the American Library Association is helping to support the participation of the Bulgarian Library Association in IFLA, and the Special Libraries Association is also supporting the Polish Library Association. Tore Anderse reported that

the Norwegian Library Association was now working with the Palestinian Library Association.

Regional association development is another key component of the GLAD program. Keith Fiels and Winnie Vitzansky reported on their participation in an ALP-funded SCECSAL association-development funded workshop in Tanzania the previous summer. Keith Fiels and Michael Dowling reported on their participation in an ALP-funded advocacy workshop for the Pacific Islands Association for Libraries and Archives in November 2006.

Keith Fiels discussed the need for a calendar of regional library conferences, and Barbara Schleihagen said that she would send Standing Committee members a link to a database that the German Library Association has developed of international library association conferences.

Pedro Hipola indicated that the umbrella Spanish association is considering sponsoring two Latin American associations, and expects to make a decision in November or December.

Report from Communication Coordinator

Communication Coordinator Sue Hutley reported on her plans for expansion of the MLAS newsletter, including regular profiles of library associations. Plans are to issue the newsletter twice a year, with an issue of the newsletter planned for October. An April/May edition is planned with a report on the Mid Term Meeting and the Quebec Program.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Keith Fiels reported that the Section has approximately \$1,200 remaining in an account in Chicago from a grant received a number of years ago from SLA.

Report on MLAS Durban Programme

Durban Program Committee co-chair Carla Funk reported on the MLAS program "Library Association Leadership Development". 150 people attended the morning session presentations, and 50 people returned for the afternoon round table discussion session. Attendees indicated that fundraising and advocacy were the topics of greatest interest. The program was developed jointly with the Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section.

Quebec Program Committee members Tore Anderson, Sinikka Sipila and Barbara Schleihagen indicated that the Public Library Section had expressed an interest in a possible cooperative program. Helen Niegaard and Barbara Schleihagen will contact Public Library Section Chair John Lake.

Strategic Plan Update

The Section's Strategic Plan is in need of updating. Sinikka, Tore and Barabara will work on an update to the plan for review in Granada.

Mid Term Meeting

Pedro Hipola has invited the Standing Committee to meet in Granada, Spain. The meeting is scheduled for February 14-16, 2008.

Jesús Lau approved to a corresponding member of MLAS SC

Jesús Lau requested in writing to be a corresponding member of MLAS SC. The request was approved.

Minutes submitted
by MLAS Secretary
Keith Fiels
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