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Section V: Section of Social Science Libraries
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Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting

Members Present: Jakob Andersen, Kari Gulbraar, Hans-Christoph Hobohm, Barbara Kemp, Agnetta Olsson, Jean Porter, Myoung C. Wilson (Chair)

Members Absent: Yvonne Abitbol-Touboul, Mireille Fomenko, Vera Z. Grigorieva, Margaret Robb

Visitors Present: Jacqueline Dellaert, Dahrl Moore, Paul F. Smart, Mel Thatcher, Pham Bieh Thuy, Wayne Metcalfe

Discussion of the Section's mission statement, strategic plan and action plans was added to the agenda. The Standing Committee approved the documents proposed by the working group.

Myoung Wilson thanked Jean Porter for organizing one of the most successful workshops held by the Section. While attendance tended to vary as new people arrived and some left, the head count was approximately 80 – 100. It was noted that planning time to meet and network informally as well as traveling together to the off-site location seemed to be effective in promoting attendance.

Mel Thatcher reported on the Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group activities. Approximately 40 people from nine countries attended the workshop. Feedback was very positive. Twenty people toured the local genealogical libraries, with best attendance being in the morning. Mr. Thatcher mentioned the possibility of hosting a meeting at the Mitchell Library at the University of Strathclyde during the next conference.

Hans-Christoph Hobohm reported on the start-up meeting of the Knowledge Management Discussion Group. More than 100 people attended, with 78 supporting signatures being obtained. With such support, the group will continue. Karen Muller from the American Library Association will act as convener.

Ms. Wilson reported on the Open Forum co-sponsored by the Section. She noted that Dr. Hobohm had been an effective moderator. Many people commented that they liked having the same theme running from the forum to the Discussion Group and on to one of the guest speakers. Having only a half-day forum also seemed to work well. It was agreed that Monday is the best day for these activities.

Dr. Hobohm said that both the Coordinating and Professional Board elections will be formally announced at the Council meeting. The new chair of the Professional Board is John Meriton, Secretary of the Art Libraries Section. He also noted that the new Professional Board is heavily weighted to UK and US representation.

The working title of the Open Forum session will be "Explore Yesterday and Discover Tomorrow." Ms. Wilson will check to be sure of any copyright implications. Previous suggestions for content/presentations were reviewed. Work will continue via e-mail, with a deadline of February or March. While each section is not required to sponsor a workshop, Mr. Andersen asked those present to send him any ideas a workshop presentation. Kari Gulbraan noted that many people seem to like the size and format of a workshop.

Mr. Thatcher thanked Dr. Hobohm and Ms. Wilson for all of their support and encouragement of the Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group and its move to section status as Genealogy and Local History Services.

Ms. Wilson asked Standing Committee members to take copies of the revised Section brochure home to help publicize the Section.

Mr. Andersen and Dr. Hobohm led those present in thanking Ms. Wilson for her hard work, dedication and leadership for the Section for the past two years.