

## Government Libraries Section

### MINUTES

Standing Committee Meeting I  
Saturday, August 13, 2005, Oslo, Norway

#### Attending:

Jerry Mansfield, Chair  
Nancy Bolt  
Maija Jussilainen  
Patrick Ryan  
Maria Gockeritz  
Linda Sjogren, liaison from Special Libraries Association in the U.S.  
Inger Jepsson  
Robert Klaverstijn

The Chair first conducted the election for officers.  
Nancy Bolt was elected Chair of the Standing Committee  
Robert Klaverstijn was elected Secretary/Treasurer  
Christine Wellemis was elected Information Coordinator  
Patrick Ryan was elected Newsletter Editor

#### Chair's Report

Jerry Mansfield explained the IFLA organization. The Standing Committee Chair and Secretary go to the Division 2 Coordinating Board. The Chair of the Coordinating Board goes to the Professional Committee and is also on the IFLA Governing Board. Jerry said he would nominate Nancy Bolt to be chair of the Coordinating Committee.

Jerry said that he is leaving the Government Libraries Standing Committee and offered to mount a recruiting effort to get members for the Standing Committee. We currently have 88 institutional members and 6 to 7 individual members. The group decided to share the list of members and recruit both new members for the section and working with Jerry, new members for the Standing Committee.

#### Newsletter

Patrick Ryan asked for suggestions for the content of the newsletter. The following was suggested:

Election of Section officers  
What happened in Oslo  
Report of the Pre-conference in Stockholm  
Report of outgoing chair, Jerry Mansfield  
Message from incoming chair, Nancy Bolt  
Highlights from minutes  
List of Section members  
Photos from the conference

The group discussed sending the newsletter out by e-mail or by regular mail. They decided to send it out by regular mail and make it available online on the website as well.

The deadlines for the newsletter are:

September 30	all content
October 15	Final draft for approval
November 15	Mailed to members

### Treasurer's Report

Rob Klaverstijn gave the Treasurer's report. Our budget is the same as last year with no significant expenditures. We receive a specific amount from IFLA each year. If we spend funds during the year, we receive new funds up to the allowed total each year. We cannot carry funds over from year to year.

We can provide for special project funds for special projects. These are decided on by the Professional Committee and submitted when the budget is submitted. The group decided that we might ask for Special Project funds for our Guidelines Committee.

### Coordinating Board Report from Division 2

Jerry reported from the Division 2 Coordinating Board meeting. He said that Sections were to be cautious about only having Standing Committee members deliver papers at IFLA and should recruit widely for papers. Jerry said that the Government Libraries Section had always done that.

We are reminded that we can use Standing Committee funds to pay one day's registration for speakers.

We are also being asked to cooperate with Division 8 and to look at their annual reports for ideas for cooperation.

There will be a reorganization of the way finances are handled. All finances will be handled centrally at IFLA. All treasurers are asked to close their Standing Committee accounts and forward the Section's funds to IFLA. All expenses will still be approved by the Section Treasurer and the amount of funds allocated to each Section at the beginning of the year will remain the same. This change is to save money on currency exchange.

There have been several Sections that have been asked to merge with other Sections because of lack of membership. There is a membership requirement for the Section and for the Standing Committee. Nancy will check on what these requirements are and how they apply to the Government Libraries Section.

Maria suggested that we send a letter of invitation to all Section members to recruit members of the Standing Committee. Jerry said he would do this as part of his committee on new members.

### Report on the Stockholm Conference

Maija Jussilainen reported on the Stockholm Conference. There were 35 people in attendance, most from Europe with 1 from the U.S. and 2 from India and one with strong ties to Africa. The preconference was quite successful with very positive response from the participants. A Web Blog for the conference has been set up to continue discussion of the topics initiated by the papers. The Committee voted to thank Maija Jussilainen and Inger Jepsson for their hard work in the preconference. Maija agreed to write a short article on the preconference for the newsletter. Inger and Maija will write thank you letters to the speakers.

### Government Libraries Program

Our program is scheduled for Monday at 13.45. The theme is "Destination Unknown? Piloting innovation in government libraries". There are 5 speakers. We have been invited to submit one of the papers to the IFLA Journal.

### IFLA Program Review

IFLA is conducting a program review of all Sections. Jerry distributed the questions being asked. Nancy will complete the review the deadline in November. Robert will work to get the statistical information we need from IFLA.

Guidelines for Government Libraries

Nancy reported on the Guidelines for Government Libraries project. She said that there are first drafts of about half the topics. There are new representatives from the Parliamentary Librarians. There will be a meeting this week about the Guidelines.

Seoul, Korea program

The topic for Seoul is: "Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society." We will discuss an open session at the next meeting.

Other

Christine Wellems was appointed to the IFLA Journal Editorial Board.

Submitted by *Nancy Bolt*, August 2005