



Government Libraries Section

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Minutes Standing Committee Meeting I, Saturday, August 19, 2006 COEX, Seoul, Korea

Present:

Nancy Bolt (US, chair)
Christine Wellems (Germany, information coordinator)
Patrick Ryan (UK, newsletter editor)
Inger Jepsson (Sweden)
Rebecca Davies (UK, Wales)
Robert Klaverstijn (Netherlands, secretary / treasurer)

1. Opening and introductions

2. **Review of Standing Committee membership** 2007 is an election year. The present chair, secretary and information coordinator end their second term and are not eligible for re-election. Three other current members end their first term in 2007 and might run for re-election, but it is uncertain if they are willing or able to do so. It is tentatively concluded that for the years 2007 – 2009 only two current members will remain. Further the section has another four likely (new) members, but they have to be nominated. In view of the IFLA proposals (which require a minimum of 10 standing committee members for each section) this still is insufficient. Jerry Mansfield has agreed to chair a subcommittee that will work on getting nominations to the Standing Committee.

3. **Agenda prioritization** item 10 (IFLA Strategic Plan) will be discussed during SCII.

4. **Chair's report** Update on the Guidelines project (see under item 11), paper selection / recommendation to be published in IFLA Journal, several housekeeping announcements (staffing IFLA booth). Seoul program.

5. **Treasurer's Report** 800 euro available for the Guidelines project; 325 euro administrative money available (till end of 2006); no expenses for the section's newsletter.

6. **Information Officer's report**

7. **Editor's Newsletter report** two issues have been published, not much feedback from readers. Regular Newsletter content (December 2006): Section New (Standing Committee election early 2007), Seoul conference (lookback), Wales Conference, Durban Conference (call for papers?) Summary of Guidelines (?). All present compliment the editor for his great job for the section and its members.

8. **Review** activities Seoul

9. **Special report on IFLA Structure** will be discussed on Sunday, 20 August.

10. **Guidelines** update. Contributions from the Parliamentary section and from GIOPS are still missing. The final document needs to be edited substantially. Project money can be used.

11. **Wales** Midterm Conference (Government Libraries: Creating Impact from Information).
12. **Topic** Durban 2000: to be settled during SCII

Minutes Standing Committee Meeting II, Friday, August 25, 2006 COEX, Seoul, Korea
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Present:

Nancy Bolt (US, chair)
Christine Wellems (Germany, information coordinator)
Maria Goeckeritz (Germany)
Alim Garga (Cameroun)
Sarita Bali (India)
Sanjay K. Bihani (India)
Danulat Jotwanid (India)
Robert Klaverstijn (Netherlands, secretary / treasurer)

1. **Debrief conference program:** number in attendance 160, which is good! Three speakers seem to be the maximum for the open session. Communication with speakers must improve: an obligatory speaker's meeting a day before the open session is suggested. To stimulate a more lively discussion, the papers will be distributed before the conference among the standing committee members: questions to the speakers and comments can be better prepared. The paper of Rebecca Davies will be recommended to be published in IFLA Journal (Christine). It is noticed that the IFLA dates of the conference are confusing: they relate to the conference program only, excluding the business meetings prior and after the conference.
2. **Conference program in Durban (2007) Theme: Government Libraries: Approaches to multi-lingual collections and service** (in cooperation with The Library Services to multicultural Populations Section). Call for papers: draft by Nancy. No plans yet for any special library visits (Christine will take a look at any possibilities).
3. **Report of the Guidelines subcommittee** the concept of Government library has proven to be very confusing. A new title has been chosen: Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments. A first draft will be ready in December 2006. It is the intention to have the Guidelines fully done (editing included) at the midterm conference in Cardiff/Wales (19 – 21 April, 2007). Cooperation has been sought with the Parliamentary Section and GIOPS to have an additional program in Durban that will focus entirely on the Guidelines. This has to be confirmed yet.
4. **Wales Conference: 2007 April:** Mid-Term Conference in Cardiff/Wales
Government Libraries: Creating Impact from Information
Hosted by the Welsh Assembly Government, 19-21 April 2007. Target group: European Government Libraries. No call for papers. A separate section on our website will be set (Christine). Administrative money may be used to cover some of the costs (e.g. travel costs keynote speaker).
5. **Membership** as said before, 2007 is an election year, If one wants to be re-elected, be sure to get nominated by (any) institutional member of Government Libraries Section.

Submitted on 19 December 2006
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