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## Genealogy and Local History Section



SECTION 37: Genealogy and Local History Section,  
**Minutes** of the Standing Committee meetings  
Quebec City, Canada

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**SC I (Event #39): Saturday August 22, 2009. 11.30-14.20**

**Standing Committee:** Ruth Hedegaard, Russell Lynch, Laverne Page, Richard Huws, Susan Laura Lugo, Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Elizabeth Melrose, Janice McFarlane, Paul Smart, Wayne Metcalfe

**Excused Members:** Anne Burrows, Lijing Chen, Janet Tomkins, Gui Won Lee, Hsiao-ming Yu

**Visitors:** Mel Thatcher—former GENLOC Chair, Wayne Crosby—USA, Bau-Mei Cheng—Taiwan (attending for Hsiao-ming Yu), Joyce Jelks—USA, Anita Oser—Geography and Maps

### 1. Presentation of Standing Committee and Corresponding Members

Ruth introduced Arun Chakraborty and Susan Lugo as new committee member. Richard Huws, Elizabeth Melrose, and Paul Smart will serve another term (2009-2013) as Standing Committee members.

### 2. Section Activities

Recent activities of our section include the e-meeting in June 2009 and our letter to IFLA addressing our concerns with the move of the 2010 Congress from Brisbane to Goteborg.

Russell Lynch will forward to the Standing Committee members the results of the Division Chair elections.

### 3. Election of Committee Officers

All existing officers were re-elected for service in 2009-2011. Ruth Hedegaard will serve as Section Chair. Russell Lynch will serve as Secretary. Janet Tomkins will serve as Information Coordinator. Janice McFarlane will serve as Treasurer. Elizabeth Melrose will serve as Newsletter Editor.

### 4. IFLA Headquarters and Division Business

Ruth shared items from the Coordinating Board meeting held Friday, 21 August. All satellite meetings in Sweden need a new written proposal even if the purpose from



Australia is the same. The Congress in Italy will have a newcomer meeting. IFLA has some new publications.

**5. Financial Report**

Janice McFarlane shared a financial report.

**6. Open Session Status Report**

Ruth gave an overview of the presenter names and topics for the Open Session. Elizabeth Melrose and Janice McFarlane will count the attendees. Russell Lynch will keep time for each presentation. Russell will e-mail the speakers with the list of our section's activities here at the Congress.

**7. Poster Session Status Report**

Elizabeth Melrose reported on our entry for the Poster Session. We are entry #56. The National Central Library of China is entry #80. Elizabeth showed copies of the printed leaflet that she will handout.

**8. Study Tour Status Report**

Wayne Metcalfe explained the schedule for study tour on Wednesday, 26 August. We will visit the Milano State Archives, the Genealogical Association of Lombardia in Bergamo, the painting of the Last Supper, and the Catholic Diocese of Piacenza. The tour begins at 9.00 hours and will last until 18.00 hours. The cost for the tour is 24 euro. Also, each person will need to pay for their lunch.

**9. Strategic Plan 2009-2010**

We reviewed the 20 July 2009 version of the Strategic Plan. Russell will bring a new draft to the next committee meeting on Tuesday, 25 August.

**10. Increasing Section Membership**

We discussed ways to increase section membership. Ruth reports that we currently have 40 members in the section. We targeted specific libraries in China, Brazil, and Germany. We know the most successful method is personal contact.

**11. GENLOC Web Pages Review**

Ruth shared an e-mail from Janet Tomkins. We complimented Janet on her excellent work. Each standing committee member should look at the website and give suggestions to Janet. We discussed the value of links to other IFLA sections and perhaps linking to member collections.

**12. GENLOC Newsletter Review**

We complimented Elizabeth Melrose for her wonderful work. We discussed the need to print copies and feel that most section members could print their own copy from the IFLA website. Ruth and Russell will ask at the Leadership Forum about the number of printed copies we are required to send to IFLA Headquarters.

**13. FAIFE Support**



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Frank Kirkwood from FAIFE joined the meeting. He expressed their gratitude for our cooperation with the resolution on *Access to Personally Identifiable Information in Historical Records*. FAIFE also appreciated our support in Quebec and Brazil last year. The IFLA Governing Board approved the Resolution. FAIFE will present it to the International Council on Archives. Frank mentioned the local history resources at the Library of the Italian Senate (Senato della Repubblica) that he saw in Rome. The international Crimea conference in 2012 will have a local history section.

### 14. Other Business

Staff at the Library of Congress (USA) have updated our section brochure in Arabic.

Laverne Page brought copies of it.

Ruth will attend the Asia and Oceania Standing Committee on Monday, 24 August to support their concerns with the change of conference venue.

*Minutes prepared by Russell Lynch, October 18, 2009.*



**SC II (Event #132): Tuesday, August 25, 2009. 13.15-14.45**

**Standing Committee:** Ruth Hedegaard, Russell Lynch, Richard Huws, Janice McFarlane, Paul Smart, Wayne Metcalfe, Laverne Page, Susan Lugo, Arun Chakraborty, Elizabeth Melrose

**Visitors:** Mel Thatcher, Wayne Crosby, Stanley Kalkus (Czech Republic)

### **1. Review of Business from WLIC Meetings**

Ruth and Russell shared some items from the Leadership Forum:

- Sections can hold satellite meetings the day before their Standing committee meeting.
- The IFLA website has a Library Success Stories database. All sections should put stories in the database. The submission should be written in the native language instead of an English translation.
- Sections could assign someone to serve as backup to the Information Coordinator.

### **2. Strategic Plan Review**

We discussed the 24 August draft version. We need to strengthen Goal 1 to allow for more advocacy. We will not add a Goal 5; instead the concept will be included as Actions in Goal 2. Rather than wordsmith the document during the meeting, Russell Lynch and Wayne Metcalfe will propose the text for the Strategic Plan.

### **3. Communications**

- GENLOC listserv. We will ask IFLA officers for a traffic report on the listserv.
- GENLOC2 Standing Committee listserv.
- Homepage on IFLA website. Remember to review the Section's homepage.
- Presentations from Open Session. Select the best of the three presentations.

### **4. Review Section Activities for Göteborg 2010 Conference**

The next Congress is in Göteborg, Sweden on 10-15 August 2010. The theme is "Open Access to Knowledge: Promoting Sustainable Progress." The Congress events will not always be on the same day of the week from one year to the next. The Leadership Forums will be Monday, 9 August 2010. The Standing Committees will meet on Tuesday, 10 August 2010. The Opening Ceremony is on Wednesday, 11 August.

We discussed possible topics for the Open Session. Topics include the impact on libraries from the *Who Do You Think You Are?* television series; children; newspapers; passport to information – repatriating information.

### **5. Satellite Meeting in Ålborg with RISS**

Ruth proposes a satellite meeting in Denmark. She wants to coordinate with Reference and Information Services for it. We may hold sessions in Åa Iborg, Hjørring, and Frederikshavn.

### **6. Plan Section Activities for Puerto Rico 2011 Conference**

We discussed our initial plans for the 2011 Congress. We expect to have an event in the Virgin Islands.



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**7. Other Business**

Lunch during the field trip on Wednesday will cost 12 euro per person.

Our section will meet for dinner on Thursday, August 27. Russell will find a restaurant.

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