



IFLA

School Libraries Section

Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, Lyon, France

16 August 2014 09:45 AM – 12:15 PM (Room: Bureau Terreaux)

20 August 2014 08:00 AM – 09:30 PM (Room: St. Clair 3b)

Chair: Barbara Schultz-Jones (USA)

Secretary: Dianne Oberg (Canada)

Attendance - Elected members: Tricia Adams (UK), Lisa Astrom (Sweden), Karen Gavigan (USA), Rei Iwasaki (Japan), Mireille Lamouroux (France), Randi Lundvall (Norway), Luisa Marquardt (Italy) Danielle Martinod (France), Annike Selmer (Norway). **Corresponding member:** Diljit Singh (Malaysia)

Regrets - Elected members: Nancy Achebe (Nigeria), Lesley Farmer (USA). **Corresponding members:** Lourense Das (Netherlands), Patience Kersha (Nigeria), B.N. Singh (India).

1. The Chair welcomed all Standing Committee (SC) members and observers and invited them to introduce themselves. Over thirty observers attended one or both meetings. The largest number of observers came from France, Dubai, and Namibia.
2. Action Update:
 - a) Renewal of Joint Agreement on Collaboration IFLA School Libraries/IASL: Collaboration between the two international school library groups continues to be beneficial to both organizations, and the agreement will be renewed in 2015.
 - b) Building Strong Library Associations: The joint 2-year project (2012-2014) to develop online learning materials on school library advocacy for the IFLA Learning Platform, entitled "School Libraries on the Agenda," has been completed. The School Libraries Section's Open Session, "Advocacy Initiatives from Around the World," was a culmination and celebration of that project.
 - c) Blog: Blog/newsletter editor Lesley Farmer (USA) has been posting items on the School Libraries Blog <http://blogs.ifla.org/school-libraries/> for the past year. Members and observers were invited to subscribe to the blog.
 - d) Action Plan 2013-2015: The action plan has been updated and posted on the School Libraries Section website.
 - e) Membership and leadership: Members and observers were reminded that IFLA elections will be held in 2015. The Call for Nominations will go out in October 2014. The School Library Standing Committee can have 16 members elected for 4-year terms and five corresponding members appointed by the Chair: 8 Standing Committee members are continuing to 2017; 4 Standing Committee members are eligible for re-nomination for second 4-year terms; and a minimum of 4 positions are available for the election of new SC members. The Secretary reviewed the processes of nomination and election for positions on the Standing Committee.

3. New Initiatives:

- a) Global Action Book: At the Singapore conference, IFLA's publisher, deGruyter Saur, invited the School Libraries SC to propose a new book. The proposal for a joint IFLA School Libraries/IASL book co-edited by Barbara Schultz-Jones and Dianne Oberg, titled *Global Action on School Library Guidelines*, was accepted. A Call for Proposals for Book Chapters was distributed in June and will be sent out again in September. Planned publication date for the new Book is June 2015.
- b) Satellite session Capetown, SA, 2015 IFLA: The School Libraries section will be co-sponsoring, with the Information Literacy (IL) section, a 2-day satellite conference on school libraries in Capetown Aug 13-14, 2014 (a pre-conference event). Planning began with IL section members Sharon Mader and Albert Boekhurst in Lyon and continued with the local organizing committee from South Africa at the IASL conference in Moscow.
- c) Joint session with Health and BioSciences Libraries, Capetown, SA, 2015 IFLA: The Chair and Secretary met with the Brian Galvin, Chair of the Health and BioSciences Libraries section. The plans are for a Call for Papers for a 3-hour session themed on health and well-being, literacy, and the role of special and school libraries.

4. School Library Section Session on Guidelines: Session 183, 20 August, 2014 11:45am to 1:45pm (Room: Gratte Ciel 1-3 Ballroom) – "IFLA/UNESCO School Library Guidelines: Review and Recommendations."

Members of the School Libraries SC served as facilitators for the session, a workshop on the draft international school library guidelines (a revision of the 2002 IFLA/UNESCO School Library Guidelines). We expected about 35 participants for the guidelines workshop: 185 showed up, including about 50 French-speakers. We organized them into 15 groups by language and topic. After working on the documents, the participants reported back, one from each French-speaking group, whose words were then translated into English, and one from each English-speaking groups, whose words were then translated into English, by one of the conference volunteers.

5. School Library Section Session on Advocacy: Session 213, 21 August, 2014 10:45am to 12:45pm (Room: Gratte Ciel 1-3 Ballroom)— "School Libraries: Confluence for Knowledge - Advocacy - Strong Libraries. School Libraries on the Agenda: Advocacy Initiatives from Around the World."

Members of the School Libraries SC served as facilitators for the session which was a culmination and celebration of the completion of our joint advocacy materials project with 8 presentations followed by roundtable discussions. We expected about 60 participants for our second session: 90 showed up. We had the 8 speakers each give a 5-10 minute overview of his/her paper, and then organized the participants into 8 roundtable groups for discussions with the presenters. Presenters came from France, Norway, USA, Sweden, Malaysia, and South Africa. Presenters from Nigeria and Argentina were unable to come to Lyon, unfortunately. However, all ten of the papers on school library advocacy are available on the IFLA conference website and in the IFLA Library.

6. Feedback was invited from members and observers.

7. A no-host lunch was held at Ciel 33, a restaurant at the Lyon conference centre, after the second SC meeting, to debrief and celebrate our work at IFLA Lyon 2014.

Approved as distributed, September 8, 2014.
Dianne Oberg, Secretary, School Libraries SC