



IFLA

School Libraries Section

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings I & 2 Cape Town, South Africa 15-21 August, 2015

Standing Committee Meeting I, 15 August 2015 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Members in attendance: Barbara Schultz-Jones, Chair (USA); Dianne Oberg, Secretary (Canada); Judy O'Connell (Australia); Albert Boekhurst (Brazil); Joanne Plante (Canada); Verena Lee (Singapore); Rei Iwasaki (Japan); Lesley Farmer (USA); Karen Gavigan (USA); Valerie Glass (France); Randi Lundvall (Norway); Annike Selmer (Norway); and Vanja Jurilj (Croatia).

Members not in attendance: Nancy Achebe (Nigeria); Tricia Adams (UK); Lisa Astrom (Sweden); Mireille Lamouroux (France); Luisa Marquardt (Italy); and Danielle Martinod (France).

1. **Welcome:** Chair Barbara Schultz-Jones welcomed the 12 new and continuing members and the 9 observers to Standing Committee Meeting I.
2. **Chair & Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Schultz-Jones summarized the accomplishments of the Standing Committee (SC) over the past year (see Action Update) and thanked the members for their continued participation and support. The SC's 150 euro administrative budget has been spent on workshop photocopying and speaker gifts for our two sessions in Cape Town.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Dianne Oberg's major responsibilities, beyond minutes for meetings and completion of IFLA information requirements, involved the organizing of two sessions for the Cape Town conference, the SC's Open Session on school library guidelines and the joint session with Health and Biosciences Libraries SC on well-being.
4. **Action Updates:**
 - a. **Pre-conference Satellite**, "School Libraries and Guided Inquiry: Taking Stock and Taking Action," jointly sponsored with the Information Literacy Section and supported by LIASA (Library and Information Association of South Africa) and The Bookery, was held August 13 & 14 at The Centre for the Book in Cape Town. Keynote speakers: Ross Todd & Lyn Hay. Total registration: 93. Feedback from those attending was positive.
 - b. **IFLA School Library Guidelines** – The 2-year project to revise the 2002 school library guidelines was completed this year. The 2nd edition was approved by the IFLA Professional Committee and has been published on the IFLA School Libraries website (open access at <http://www.ifla.org/publicatins/node/9512>).
 - c. **Global Action on School Library Guidelines** – This book, co-edited by Barbara Schultz-Jones and Dianne Oberg, was published by DeGruyter Saur in June (17 chapters, 35 authors from Australia, Canada, Ethiopia, France, Malaysia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United States).
 - d. **Midyear Meeting** of the School Libraries SC in Austin, Texas – Held 13 April 2015 and hosted by Barbara Schultz-Jones. Our work focused on revision of the IFLA School Library Guidelines (January 2015 draft). We also discussed plans for WLIC 2015, communications strategy, and new initiatives for the incoming leadership

team. SC members also attended the IASL Regional Conference and part of the Texas Library Association Conference.

- e. The Chair and Secretary participated in the **IFLA Policy and Planning Webinar**, 17 June 2015, presented by IFLA President-elect Donna Scheeder.
 - f. The Chair created a **Section Brief** to support IFLA's work on the Lyon Declaration Response and on the contributions of school libraries to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SL Section Brief was recognized in several IFLA venues for its quality.
 - g. **IFLA Strategic Plan 2016-2021 and Key Initiatives 2015-2016** – The new Action Plan of the School Libraries SC will be aligned with this key document.
 - h. **School-L listserv** – Information Officer Tricia Adams revitalized this listserv as a venue for disseminating news about school library matters worldwide, of interest to School Libraries SC members and observers and all friends of school libraries.
5. **New Initiatives:**
- a. Propose for session of School Libraries, IFLA 2016 Ohio, USA
 - b. Propose for Satellite session, Europe 2017
 - c. Update Action Plan 2014-2016
6. **Election of New Officers:** Chair Lesley Farmer; Secretary Annike Selmer. Albert Boekhorst was appointed as Information Officer.
7. **WLIC 2015:** Members and observers were reminded of sessions and events to attend, related to our section:
- a. Monday, 17 August, 2015 4pm to 6pm Session 101 – School Libraries Section: ***Global Action on School Library Guidelines: Development and Implementation***
 - b. Wednesday, 19 August, 2015 1:45pm to 3:45pm Session 189 – Joint Session, School Libraries and Health and Biosciences Libraries Sections: ***Well-being: School libraries and health libraries working for access, development and transformation***
 - c. Wednesday, 19 August, 2015 7pm to 14:00pm **No host dinner** at Mama Africa Restaurant to celebrate our sessions and debrief.
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting closed with a feedback roundtable from members and observers attending.

Standing Committee Meeting II, 18 August 2015 11:30am – 1:00pm

1. **Welcome:** Chair Barbara Schultz-Jones welcomed members and observers.
2. **Feedback on School Libraries Open Session:** The Global Action on School Library Guidelines received positive appreciation (5 papers and 7 chapter introductions from authors from the SC's new book). Attendance: over 100. A few members of the audience used the Simultaneous Interpretation (SI) service. SI is only available for sessions that involve the delivery of papers, not for workshop or roundtable sessions. SC sessions are assigned SI on a rota basis. SI sessions are held in large auditoriums and involve considerable costs.
3. **SC Communication:** Information Officer Albert Boekhorst is responsible for the SC website and the SCHOOL-L listserv, as well as Facebook, Twitter and Linked-In. He will be assisted by Valerie Glass and Lesley Farmer on the blog.
4. **2016 WLIC Session Planning for Columbus, Ohio:**
 - a. **2016 Joint Session** with the Literacy and Reading Section and Libraries for Children: Incoming Chair Lesley Farmer and incoming Secretary Annike Selmer met with these two other SCs to begin the planning of a 3-hour joint session for WLIC 2016 in Columbus, OH. Several themes and topics are being explored: e.g., developing a culture of reading; the impact of book and other literary awards.

- b. **2016 Open Session:** This session is intended to build on the guidelines and might involve a workshop on implementation of the guidelines. It could address one of the concepts that are new in the guidelines, such as community engagement (e.g., community engagement to develop a culture of reading).
- 5. **2017 WLIC Session Planning for Wroclaw, Poland** (pronunciation vrotslof)
 - a. **Satellite Meeting:** Plans for a 2017 Satellite Meeting will have to be developed in Fall 2015. Dianne Oberg will initiate contact with the Polish author from Global Action of School Library Guidelines; Alberta Boekhorst will initiate contact with the Polish colleague on the ENSIL Board.
- 6. **New Initiatives:**
 - a. **2016 Midyear Meeting:** SC Member Lisa Astrom has informed the SC that she will be unable to host the 2016 meeting in Uppsala, Sweden, but she may be available to do so in 2017. SC Member Vanja Jurilj may be able to host the 2016 Midyear Meeting in Zagreb, Croatia.
 - b. **Book proposal for DeGruyter Saur:** Barbara Schultz-Jones and Dianne Oberg will be proposing a co-edited book on the education and training of school library personnel, with a possible call for chapters for October 2015. The Joint Committee of IFLA School Libraries and IASL will be asked to serve as the Editorial Committee for this project.
 - c. **Joint Committee IFLA/IASL:** SC Member Karen Gavigan is the new Chair of the Joint Committee. The tasks for the committee for the coming year include:
 - i. Scope of work, including development of training related to the new IFLA guidelines
 - ii. Venues to consider: Webinars, videos, IFLA online learning platform, mobile technology.
 - iii. Standing committee participation needed
 - iv. Language is a challenge, but could expand to French given our current SC membership.
 - v. Train-the-trainer model likely to be best, emphasis on how to mobilize local resources, to prepare leaders for work in diverse linguistic and cultural settings (Note: SC member Verena Lee suggested that she could share professional development content from her work in Singapore with school library facilitators that might be adapted to this approach).
 - vi. Basecamp project management software will be available from IFLA later this year.
 - d. **Action Plan 2014-2016:** To be updated by the incoming leadership team.
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