



**Minutes of Second Standing Committee Meeting of
Government Libraries Section, IFLA
18th August 2016, Columbus, USA**

Present: Anoja Fernando – Chair (UK), Pavel Kiselev – Secretary (Russia), Beacher Wiggins (USA – Corresponding Member), Maria Goeckeritz (Germany – Corresponding Member), Jonathan Ginn (UK – Observer/potential Corresponding Member).

Apologies: Winny Nekesa Akullo (Uganda – Member), Guillermo García-Capcha – Information Coordinator (Peru), Elina Kähö (Finland - Member), Inger Jepsson (Sweden - Member), Yoriko Sato (Japan), Arun Kumar Chakraborty (India – Member), Sanjeev Kumar (India – Member), Miguel Navas-Fernández (Spain – Member), Sanjay K Bihani (India), Jerry Mansfield (USA).

Guests Present: Kris Kasianovitz (USA), Emmelie Prohète-Milcé (Haiti), Hloele Phafoli (Lesotho), Cynthia Etkin (USA), Richard Huffine (USA), Wadzanai Ndlovu (Zimbabwe), Stephen Wyber (IFLA, policy and research officer), Cliff Cohen (USA), Jacqueline Bella Assen (Cameroon), Raissa Teodori (Italy – Chair Division 1, IFLA).

Welcome: Chair Anoja Fernando welcomed the Standing Committee members and guests to the meeting, announced apologies from members unable to attend and everyone introduced themselves.

Agenda: The remaining agenda items were accepted and the meeting commenced.

10. IFLA Projects 2016-21: the issue of updating Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments was discussed as the major project for the next two years. The objective is to focus on 'Chapter 11 - Advocacy' and to tie it in with IFLA's support for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The meeting in Berlin 2017 will provide an opportunity to arrange a 'GLS Guidelines updating workshop'. The aim is to prepare the final updated version to be completed and presented at WLIC in Kuala-Lumpur, Malaysia . Anoja proposed to use Basecamp Platform to promote co-ordination between the working group members. Beacher proposed the drafting of an outline of this work for everyone could contribute. The group will consist of
 - i. Beacher Wiggins

- ii. Jonathan Ginn
- iii. Pavel Kiselev
- iv. Maria Goeckeritz
- v. Cynthia Etkin
- vi. Richard Huffine
- vii. Amanda Wilson
- viii. Jacquette Bella Assen

During October, Anoja will write to the GLS Standing Committee members to invite their participation.

11. Discussion and Finalization of GL Section Programme for IFLA 2017 in Wrocław



The theme of 2017 WLIC will be “Libraries. Solidarity. Society.” After a group discussion, the meeting agreed on the theme: “Government Libraries and partnerships supporting Sustainable Development Goals”. Everyone agreed on a format of 2-3 presentations followed by a Knowledge café table discussions moderated by SC Members.

12. Planning / Discussion on programmes with other sections, if any: Anoja offered to liaise with the Chair of Parliamentary and Research Libraries to seek collaboration as the co-sponsorship at IFLA Columbus had been a great success.

13. Feedback of GL Section Columbus Programme

Figures released by IFLA recorded 142 attendees at the GLS session. As a result of the GLS program this year we have received several questions we could discuss after speakers presentation, number of new observers attending the Second SC meeting and great potential to enroll more new members in the upcoming election year.

14. Any other issue with the permission of the Chair: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, policy and research officer gave an overview of IFLA’s policy direction in the next few years and commitment to UN Sustainable Development Goals. Stephen guided the Committee members and guest contributors on best ways to approach revision of guidelines, drawing on his experience of working with other Sections undertaking similar exercises

15. Closure of meeting: The Chair thanked the Committee and the guests who had contributed to a full and frank discussion on working together to achieve the objective of revising Government Libraries and Departments guidelines to align it with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Anoja thanked Stephen Wyber and Raissa Teodori for their presence and helpful suggestions to achieve IFLA and GLS objectives.