

Government Libraries Section
Standing Committee Meeting I
11th August 2012
Conventions Centre, Helsinki, Finland

Minutes of the meeting

Officers and Members Present:

Sanjay K Bihani (India- Secretary and Treasurer) – Acting Chair
U. Maria Goeckeritz (Germany-Member)
Mika Lawler (Japan-Member)
Beacher Wiggins (USA-Member)
Elina Kaho (Finland- Member)
Carmen Diez-Hoyo (Spain-Member)
Pavel Kislev (Russia-Corresponding Member)
Jerome Fronty (France-Corresponding Member)
Carmel M. Idim (Nigeria–Corresponding Member)

Guests Present:

S. S. Dhaka (India)
Elena Escolano Rodriguez (Spain)
Alexander Verschinin (Russia)
Jackey Druery (Canada)
Jim Church(USA)
Molly Schwartz (USA)
Maria Elena Dorta (Cuba)
Maria Violeta Bertolini (Argentina)

The meeting was convened by Sanjay K Bihani, Secretary and Treasurer, who is chairing the meeting in the absence of Chair Miguel Navas.

In total 16 persons attended the meeting.

Acting Chair welcomed everyone present and also apologise on behalf of the chair and other members. The acting chair provided a brief overview and background of the work of the section to all the members and others present during the meeting. Each person has introduced him or herself and shared with the group some information about their work and interest in government libraries.

The acting chair reported about the absent of Chair Miguel Navas and Information Coordinator Guillermo García-Capcha due to reasons beyond their control and assured the group that he has been working on day-to-day basis with other officers of the section via e-mail. Acting chair and secretary informed that he has attended PC Leadership Brief in the morning session and briefed to the members about various issues and points discussed during that meeting especially with regard to IFLA's 5 key initiatives, various other announcements of IFLA in the coming months, PC update about funds and other issues including IFLA Elections. He also informed the section members about the Officers Training session during the conference for further improving skills to work for IFLA and within IFLA.

As the main agenda was kept for the 2nd SC meeting, the meeting was closed with the note that everyone will attend the 2nd meeting on 16th August when the chair Miguel Navas will be present.

Submitted by

Sanjay K Bihani
Acting Chair and Secretary