

Government Libraries Section
Standing Committee Meeting II
16th August 2012
Conventions Centre, Helsinki, Finland

Minutes of the meeting

Officers and Members Present:

Miguel Navas Fernandez (Spain –Chair)
Sanjay K Bihani (India- Secretary, Treasurer)
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:

Elena Escolano Rodriguez (Spain)
Alexander Verschinin (Russia)
Molly Schwartz (USA)
Maria Elena Dorta (Cuba)
Maria Violeta Bertolini (Argentina)
Leena Palmer (Finland)
Heta Oksanen (Finland)
Jaana Punmalainen (Finland)
Joel Kavetuna (Nigeria)

Chair Miguel Navas welcomed everyone and introduced himself to the new members and guests. Everyone has introduced his or herself. Chair informed about the apologies of the members who could not attend this meeting.

The Agenda, which was also circulated to all the members, was adopted for the meeting.

Committee members confirmed the minutes of the meetings held in Puerto Rico. There was no matter arose for these minutes.

Chair reported about the activities of the section since he has taken over last August and also informed the members about the recent activities of the section. He said that we are communicating to each member via email on all issues of the section on regular basis. He thanked his team for coordination of all the work of the section.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mr Sanjay K Bihani has reported that during last one year efforts was made to get more funds from IFLA for various projects. Available IFLA funds were used to support various translations of the guidelines. Some funds were

spent on preparing section brochure and feedback forms for the conference and distributed the brochure to the members.

Report from Information Coordinator was read by the Chair in the absence of the Mr Guillermo.

Chair has discussed the projects with the members and also asked for suggestions for the new projects, which can be forwarded to IFLA in the coming months. IFLA has not supported the projects of GL section in the past.

Theme for the next GL section programme at Singapore was discussed during the meeting and left for finalisation after the conference. It was informed by the chair that this time we may have a round table programme instead of regular paper presentations. It was also informed that we can invite some of the experts in the field to speak during our session. It was also informed that we may contact other sections like Law Libraries, GIOPS and Social Science Libraries to hold a joint programme as in the previous years.

It also came to discussion if we can organise a mid-term conference during 2013 or pre-conference during IFLA 2013. No concrete proposals received during the meeting.

It was briefly discussed about the feedback we have received during our session and the chair informed that the complete picture of feedback will be sent by mail after scrutiny. Chair thanked everyone for the successful conduct of the session and the meetings and announced the closure of the meeting.

Submitted by:

Sanjay K Bihani, Secretary and Treasurer