



Law Libraries Section
Standing Committee Meeting
Via Zoom

- Wednesday July 22, 2020 9:00-10:00 am EST

Attendees:

Anne Burnett
Heather Casey
Sonia Smith
Sally Holterhoff
Yolanda Jones
Margo Jeske
Leslie Street
Mark Engsborg
Carole Hinchcliff
Sonia Poulin
Jane Sanchez
Joan Liu (corresponding member)
Pushya Veeramachaneni (corresponding member)
Raj Bhardwaj (corresponding member)

1. Welcome
2. Update on IFLA governance review
 - Survey was due last week
 - Meeting of the GB tomorrow (July 23) morning
 - GB has received letters of concern regarding the possible reduction of GB members and changes to Professional Committee and units.
 - Sonia P. spoke to GB issues and asked for feedback
3. Update on tentative workshop in conjunction with Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries
 - Confirmation that the 2021 meeting will be virtual if it happens at all. Joan shared that the outlook is not promising at present
4. Report re new Association of African Law Library and Information Professionals (AfLLIP)
 - Anne, Heather, and Sonia P. attended the inaugural meeting of AfLLIP and sent regards on behalf of the section.

- Sonia recommends writing a letter to the GB (Gerald specifically) to document the involvement of our section, through the workshops, in the formation of this new association. Heather offered to draft a letter for Anne's review.
5. Report re IFLA Access to Justice briefing relying heavily on the work of several Law Libraries Section members https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/topics/libraries-development/documents/access_to_justice_article.pdf
- Stephen Wyber wrote a briefing that included references to several papers from members of our section and he thanked the section for its work
 - Yolanda spoke about how useful IFLA has been to her regarding access to justice since she became a member
 - Leslie and Sally spoke about the AALL program they worked on with Stephen (virtual, pre-recorded – will be available for general viewing of AALL members in January).
6. Updates to the Action Plan
- Carole asked about modifying the planned survey in light of COVID changes to the way we're doing things professionally
 - Margo voiced similar concerns over how to figure out who the new members to our section, and IFLA broadly, might be for purposes of the mentoring plan
 - Some discussion of plans in various jurisdictions for those who are teaching or returning to work on campus