



IFLA School Library Section

IFLA School Library Section Standing Committee Minutes Guangzhou, China – Sun Yat-Sen University April 9, 2019

School Library Standing Committee (SC) Members in attendance: Joanne Plante (Chair) (Canada), Bella Jing Zhang (China), Karen Gavigan (USA), Melissa Johnston (USA)

Observers in Attendance: Annie Tam - School Librarian and IASL Regional Director, Hong Kong, Yang Changjun - High School Library Director, Ren Yong - High School Library Director, Wang Hongfei - Middle School Library Director, Lin Quing Li - Librarian, Sun Yat-Sen University (SYSU), Li Siyu - Master Student, SYSU, Cheng Jinghai - Master Student, SYSU, Naiyi Yang – Master Student SYSU, Carolyn Rankin - Visiting Fellow, Leeds Beckett University, UK, Luo Jinglin - Master Student, SYSU

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair, Joanne Plante welcomed the standing committee members and the 10 observers in attendance. Everyone introduced themselves. Joanne thanked Dr. Bella Jing Zhang, her students, and others who helped her for hosting the International Symposium of Children Reading Learning and Empowering: Professional, Standards and Collaboration (ISC 2019)

The minutes from the 2018 SC meeting at the IFLA Congress in Kuala Lumpur were approved.

2. Chair Report from Joanne Plante

Updates from the IFLA Division One Meeting - Discussion about having the IFLA satellite meetings become once two years. Also, some standing committees are inviting speakers for their SC sessions at IFLA, rather than having a call for papers.

School Library SC Action Plan Update - Reviewed the SL SC timetable –completed all of the tasks on the list.

SL SC Satellite in Athens –August 23rd – morning session like the one on SL Guidelines best practices in Kuala Lumpur, followed by library tours in the afternoon.

Session with Statistics Committee at IFLA in Athens - 2 hour session – received 22 paper proposals.

Only one SC business meeting at IFLA in August, normally we have two - Joanne will be sending out the day / time.

Collaborating with IASL – Katy Manck, IASL President, and Joanne working on School Library Manifesto - – have made calls for input on listservs. 20th anniversary this year, would like ideas to celebrate. Would like for UNESCO to endorse it. April 21st meeting with Katy and Joanne - draft should be ready in time for our August SC meeting. We

will also have a discussion in August to see how that we can officialize a SL Month with UNESCO.

Discussion of publishing more articles for additional publicity for the SC. Joanne and Melissa Johnston are writing articles about the conference and SC meeting in Guangzhou.

New IFLA SL Guidelines book – came out in December - *Global Action on School Library Education and Training* – Edited by Barbara Schultz Jones and Dianne Oberg - we need to promote it. There will be a session about the book at IFLA.

3. Communications Coordinator's Report

Joanne reported for Albert Boekhorst – Important for us to let him know when we have a paper published, so that he can publicize it on the website / social media.

Over 15 translations of the SL SC Guidelines are up on the website. Plan to have the Greek translation up before the Athens Satellite. There were copies of the Chinese translation of the Guidelines for everyone attending the conference. Thank you to all who have been involved with the translations

4. Member report and Election

New members joining the SL SC – welcome them at the SC meeting in Greece – total of 19 SC members for the upcoming term, 13 countries are represented.

Elections in Athens for Chair, Secretary, and Communications Coordinator – Joanne Plante, Valerie Glass and Albert Boekhorst's terms are ending. Call for nominations forthcoming. Slate of officers elected in August.

5. IASL Meeting

Dubrovnik, Croatia – October 21 – 25, 2019

6. Mid-Year SC Meeting

Discussion of the value of meeting face-to-face / professional development and school tours.

Joanne offered to host the 2020 one in Canada – working on dates / events with Canadian library leaders – possibly a March meeting.

Other SC members may be interested in hosting the mid-year meeting in 2020, so we will discuss the options in Athens.

7. Additional Business

Discussion of the request from Daniel Becerra in Shanghai, who would like for the SL SC to list mandates / criteria for school library programs worldwide. The

concensus was that the SC is unable to provide specific criteria, since school library programs are so unique around the world. The Guidelines are to be used as guidelines, not mandates, in ways that are helpful to each country, since all countries have different goals and situations – everything is local.

Discussion of a future handbook / brochure that serves as a toolkit for school librarians to use as a resource of suggestions for how to implement the Guidelines. Possibly a Best Practices document that could be a PDF on the SC website.

Joanne encouraged people to email her articles they have written for publication in the Canadian SL Association Journal and APSDS. They will translate the articles.

The meeting was adjourned.