

IFLA/IASL Jamaican Pre-Conference

Minutes of meeting by Skype 21st October 2010

Attendees: Dianne Oberg (Chair), Lourense Das, Myrtle Harris, Randi Lundvall, Paulette Stewart and Karen Usher.

Apologies: Helle Barrett and Luisa Marquardt

Karen has edited minutes and NOT included negative answers e.g. no comment or comments that did not add substance/ideas to discussion – simply for the sake of brevity

Dianne asked for a round up of current events.

Randi (R): her Union has published 1000 copies of the Section Brochure. She has contacted Joyce Valenza to be the Section's keynote Speaker in Puerto Rico.

Lourense (L): wondered if Joyce might be able to speak at both Conferences and that possibly a sponsor could be found from the Exhibitors (EBSCO, Softlink)

Dianne (D): asked who would organise this Jamaica or Karen Bonanno?

L was not sure but could find out who would make initial contact with sponsors

Karen (K): explained that the Section has a sponsor for Joyce Valenza at IFLA

D said we would go through the Agenda and she would ask people in turn to speak. If someone interrupted they must give their name before they made their point.

Keynote speaker

K said she thought we were going to try and find someone to speak about 'The Environment for Youth Today'

D felt that the theme was going to be around elearning and that a panel on it would be good.

L felt that Stephen Heppell from the UK might be an appropriate speaker but also knows a Dutch speaker living in the USA – will get details

(Myrtle (M) and Paulette (P) joined the discussion and D paraphrased the discussion so far and said we need to forward possible keynote Speaker names to M)

D felt we should discuss administration details. L asked what the breakeven point was in Brisbane. The Pre Conf cost \$88 Australian, translates to 7244JMD, 62Euros, 88CAD. She will talk to Luisa about its success. It was agreed that M and P will get as many costs as possible for the next Skype meeting. D will try the budget on the rest of the group.

M pointed out that with regards to the panel discussion that the Jamaican contribution on elearning should be one and that others should come from different countries.

Call for papers. L suggested where the call should appear – IASL-Link, IFLA-L, ENSIL, we should all think of other places. K pointed out that Helle and Luisa had volunteered to write the Call.

R explained that in Norway elearning was a classroom based activity and did not usually involve the Library and she thought the Gothenburg discussion was more about electronic resources. D asked M & P about the connection of their elearning project with the Library. M said R's comment was valid as the project was classroom based but that librarians were looking into opportunities to tap into the project.

D asked for comments from all re elearning. L – new in Netherlands, D – Canada school libraries are involved in delivering services online, managing eresources. Tis is also done at regional level and involves specific projects. There are few virtual schools with just virtual learning.

Suggested title “Elearning and School Libraries”. K felt this should be part of Pre but not overarching theme. All agreed. L felt we needed a title covers both elearning and school library development, connects the two, how to enhance elearning through a school library or virtual school library. **All to think of title and themes to be included in Call and to be sent to D over the next week.**

D likes an academic title. All members willing to review papers, I asked for criteria.

D rounded up what we are all going to do

M & P – venue costs to include technology and meals

R – revision of themes and idea

K – minutes and theme (discussed with R who will forward ideas to D.) – **apologies from K that minutes have taken so long – family commitments**

L – to contact Karen B. about sponsorship, elearning people names and Luisa about Brisbane.

D – keynote speakers ideas and correlate all contributions – to her by 28.10.10. Track down adjudication form and compile a schedule of events.

D thanked everyone for contributions and everyone thanked D for organisation!

Next Meeting – Thursday 4th November at the same time. Please confirm with D your ability to attend.