



Government Information and Official Publications Section (GIOPS)

Standing Committee Meeting I

**Buenos Aires, Argentina
Paccar A Meeting Room, Hilton
Saturday, 14 August 2004, 8:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

**Patricia Aranda-Torres
Beth Clausen
Jacqueline Druery
Eleanor Frierson
Claude Lecrubier
Jerry Mansfield
Catherine Morse
Irja Peltonen
Sandy Peterson, Recording
Peter Raggett
Swanson, Edward, Chair, Division V
Emma Voskanyan
Jane Wu, Presiding**

Preliminary Comment

Bruno Gnassi, Chair of GIOPS, has resigned. GIOPS needed to receive advice from the Coordinating Board as to how to proceed. For this reason, the Chair, Division V, Edward Swanson also attended the GIOPS meeting to provide advice.

1. Review and Approval of Agenda

Jane Wu had distributed the agenda by email. It was reviewed and approved.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the Berlin meeting as published on the web site had been approved by email.

3. Business Arising

The East African workshop for management to raise awareness of information issues was discussed. It was planned for March 2005.

The money for project funding that was unused was returned to IFLA and debited to GIOPS.

4. Report from the Coordinating Board

1. Raffle tickets were distributed to GIOPS members. The raffle raises funds to support librarians who could not otherwise attend the conference. GIOPS was given 100 books of 100 tickets to sell. Each ticket was \$1.00 or 3 pesos.

2. Delegates were requested to wear their badges at all times.

3. The GIOPS program was scheduled for Thursday afternoon. Claude Lecrubier from GIOPS is one of the speakers. The papers will be translated into French and Spanish; some are done already.

The best conference papers should be recommended to journal for publication.

4. An IFLA newcomer's session has been scheduled.

5. The listserv will be transferred to IFLA. A session for information officers is scheduled on Wednesday.

6. The Governing Council has asked that the Officers' Handbook be reviewed.

7. Statistics: 2780 registrations; 582 from Argentina; 122 countries represented; 404 from the United States. Library school students will be attending on Wednesday.

8. While it had been originally decided that the GIOPS Newsletter would only be electronic; Sections were requested to send in paper format unless the recipient had specifically agreed to the electronic-only format. Sections were advised to contact their members to ascertain this fact. In addition, regardless of the format, 8 copies in printed form had to be produced for IFLA Headquarters.

9. It was proposed that each individual section have a poster session. There will be a membership drive to increase membership.

5. IFLA Booth

GIOPS will staff the IFLA booth from 11-12 on Wednesday. Peter Raggett and Emma Voskanyan volunteered to staff it.

6. Subcommittee Reports

a. Conference Subcommittee (Eleanor Frierson)

"Societies Information Toolkit: the role of Government", program will be held in San Telmo Room, Sheraton. It is a large room and there will be simultaneous translation.

There will be five longer presentations, no more than 15 minutes, and two short presentations--- one from World Tourism Organization and one from the Digital Information Infrastructure at the Library of Congress. There are three Latin American participants.

The IFLA deadline for the Oslo program is January 31st. Topic for next year is Voyage of Discovery.

b. Publications

No report.

c. Seminars

A seminar at the Economic Commission on Africa in Ethiopia is planned for March 2005.

d. GIOPS Discussion Group Listserv

The listserv will be moved to IFLA following the conference.

7. Government Libraries Section Presentation (Jerry Mansfield)

Jerry Mansfield, Chair, Government Libraries Section, distributed the Draft Minutes of the Guidelines for Government Libraries Subcommittee. This Subcommittee has members from the Government Libraries and GIOPS and it is hoped the Parliamentary Libraries Section will also be able to participate. The Subcommittee has formulated a draft proposal for guidelines for government libraries and information centers. The proposal is not intended to mandate operational procedures but rather to offer guiding principles. The proposal was prepared by Nancy.bolt@earthlink.com. The guidelines are for development of libraries at the national organizational level, such as ILO, World Bank, WHO, FAO. They are looking for one or two people to help write the guidelines.

8. Elections

This item on the Agenda had been called 'Elections' pending advice on how to proceed. The Chair, Division V informed the Standing Committee that regular elections could not be held but that an Acting Chair could be appointed. Jane Wu was nominated for acting chair of GIOPS; nomination seconded; elected as acting chair by consensus vote. Peter Raggett was nominated and elected as Acting Secretary.

9. Treasurer's Report (Eleanor Frierson for Pamela Tripp-Melby)

GIOPS has 128 members. GIOPS returned the project funds to IFLA. The balance in the account is \$1,777.96. Transfer of funds into GIOPS account is done in January.

10. Other Business

Irja Peltonen announced that there would be a pre-conference in Finland prior to the Oslo conference.

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