

**IFLA News Media Section Standing Committee
Business Meeting
Via Zoom
March 11, 2021**

Attending: Ann Okerson (Chair), Mary Feeney, Ana Krahmer, Jeffrey Knapp, Michael Luetgen, Ralph Marshchall, Pär Nilsson, Nina Servizzi, Deborah Thomas, Anke Winsmann, Frederick Zarndt.

I. Catch-up. As in previous meetings, the group spent time reviewing their pandemic situations and activities. We learned which countries and regions were progressing with Covid-19 vaccinations and when there might be some promise of returning full-time to places of work. All these matters vary quite a bit. With increasing experience of Zoom, we're fortunate to be coalescing into a highly functioning virtual IFLA team!

II. IFLA Nominations and Elections. A great deal of time was spent on developing a fuller, shared understanding of how the nominations process works, who can nominate, and eligibility. In short, any Personal Affiliate with a News Media section membership or any Institutional Member with a News Media section membership should have received forms or links that enable them to nominate for our committee. Committees have 20 slots, and we have 11 slots we can fill, and we will be looking for nominators for several slots, where the individual does not have access to a personal or institutional membership of their own. Here is the current nominations status:

A. The following members' terms don't expire until 2023, so they don't need to be renominated at this time. They will continue on the committee:

Mazelan Anuar
Ana Krahmer
Ann Okerson
Perlia Olivia Rodriguez
Nine Servizzo
Frederick Zarndt

B. The following members' 2nd terms have ended and they're not eligible for renewal. However, each of their national libraries is a News Media Section member, and they have stated that there will be a nomination for a successor from each institution:

Minna Kaukonen
Sofija Klarin
Pär Nilsson

C. The following need to be nominated to continue their service for a end term:

Kopana Terry - her institution is a member and will re-nominate
Anke Winsmann - her institution is a member and will re-nominate
Deborah Thomas - both she and her institution are members and will renominate.

D. The following are currently Corresponding members who wish to become formal committee members and need nominations.

Mary Feeney - Is a Personal Affiliate so she can self-nominate
Jeffrey Knapp - Institution is a member, so will nominate him
Michael Luetgen - We need to identify a nominator
Rich Richie - We need to identify a nominator

With the above, assuming we're successful in locating two nominators (for Luetgen and Richie) we will have 16 members.

In addition, we would like to recruit 4 more! Interest has been expressed by a librarian from New Zealand -- we will follow up with her. Frederick has reached out to a colleague at the National Library of Chile. We were hoping that Perla has Latin American contacts whom she could encourage!

We will continue working on this so we have a full committee complement before the closing of nominations on April 12th.

III. WLIC 2021 Program Planning

This year's WLIC session will be entirely virtual, and the IFLA planners have developed a different approach, which offers 5 options of briefer and more varied sessions. The committee reviewed these options and possibilities. Michael proposed that we have a session that synthesizes the presentations from the News Media (+CLM + FAIFE + Digital Humanities) lecture series and discusses solutions/ideas for what the News Media Section, as well as the IFLA library community can/should do as followups.

The theme of the WLIC conference is "Let's work together for the future," and there are also sub-themes. "Libraries Enable" appears to be a strong option. Several members offered to collaborate together on the conference program: Mary Feeney, Minna Kaukonen, Ana Krahmer, Michael Luetgen, Ann Okerson, Frederick Zarndt. Others are welcome to join. Mary Feeney will send out an initial convening message and will create a working folder in Google drive. The committee will share a document with the rest of the committee by the end of March.

IV. The meeting was adjourned.