



Approved Minutes
Professional Council Meeting
Friday, 24 June 2022, 06:00 – 08:00 CEST
Teleconference

Present: Adjoa Boateng (Chair, Professional Council), Leslie Weir (Chair, Division A), Anoja Fernando (Chair, Division B), Dilara Begum (Chair, Division C), Patrick Danowski (Chair, Division D), Jan Richards (Chair, Division E), Man Yi Helen Chan (Chair, Division F), Te Paea Paringatai (Chair, Division G), Camille Callison (Chair, Division H), Nthabiseng Kotsokoane (Chair, Regional Division Committee)

Staff: Helen Mandl (Deputy Secretary General and Director, Member Services), Megan Price (Professional Support Officer), Halo Locher (Delegate of the Governing Board)

Observers: Five observers were present

Welcome and Apologies

The Professional Council Chair Adjoa Boateng welcomed the Council, the Division Committee Secretaries and the IFLA Member Engagement Officer, Kristine Paberza-Ramiresa who were in attendance as observers.

1.0 Approval of agenda

Resolution: The Council approved the agenda. Item 2.2 was moved to the discussion section under 3.0.

1.1 Meeting norms

The Professional Council Chair discussed the new format of the PC agenda, identifying the method for meeting facilitation, voting, starred items, length of meeting and presence of observers.

1.2 Approval of Minutes from April PC Meeting

Resolution: The minutes from the April 2022 meeting were approved. When uploaded to the Professional Council webpage and repository, the link to the minutes will also be posted in Basecamp.

2.0 *For information – Strategic Items determined outside PC meeting

2.1 Unit updates

An update on the Professional and Regional networking event, Units + IFLA Strategy coverage, Professional Unit Virtual Events, and Standing Committee changes was provided.

The Council noted the report.

2.3 Funding update and funding requests

A confirmation of funding requests and an update on allocated, spent and remaining funds for 2022 were provided.

The Council noted the report.

2.4 Dynamic Unit and Impact Award

The winners and special mentions of the 2022 Dynamic Unit and Impact Award were identified.

The Council noted the report.

2.5 SIG Updates

An update on matters related to SIG decisions between the April 2022 and June 2022 PC meetings was provided. These items had also been shared with the Governing Board at their April 2022 meeting.

The Council noted the report.

3.0 Strategic matters for discussion (90 minutes)

2.2 Guidelines, Standards, Unit Publications

An update on Professional Unit Guidelines, Standards and other publications was provided. SAGE Publishing had returned responses to the Professional Council's questions and the matter of the SAGE contract was raised and discussed.

Resolution:

- 1) The Professional Council approved a revised contract to be signed with SAGE for the IFLA Journal for the period 2023-2027 to include a 3-year break clause.
- 2) During the first two years of the new contract, a study of the value proposition of the Journal will be undertaken by the Professional Council.
- 3) An existing Open Access (OA) project team consisting of several IFLA Units, formed to oversee transition to Open Access as per the 2011 Governing Board decision, will be meeting to discuss progress at WLIC. The Division D Chair and Regional Council Chair, existing members of this team, will propose to this team that they work together to develop a proposal on IFLA's adoption of Open Access that will then go to the Governing Board.

3.1 Professional Unit Action Plans - project support

The question was raised as to what support the specific Professional Units might need regarding their planned outputs from 2021-23 Action Plans. There were no comments to this point. A request for an easier-to-edit and update plan was noted.

Resolution: A working group consisting of the Professional Support Officer, Division D Chair, Division F Chair and the Secretary of Division A will be formed to identify an alternative method or platform for collecting and distributing Action Plan data. Additional members for this working group will be sought at the Officers Briefing.

3.2 Professional Unit Reviews

The IFLA Statutes require that *all sub-committees, working groups and other meetings, councils, advisory, professional and regional units, groups, committees, offices or other bodies established under Article 14.3 ... be reviewed every five years to ensure that they are achieving the intended role and remit. (R14.3)*. To this end, a sample process for developing these reviews and potential self-study content were proposed, with the aim to begin reviews at the start of 2023.

Resolution: A sub-committee consisting of the Division A, Division C and Division E Chairs will be formed to progress this matter.

3.3 **SIGs, Networks and Working Groups, etc.

The Division D Chair presented initial ideas for the lifecycle of SIGs and the tie in of the remit of the new Networks and Working Groups. The Division D Chair will briefly present this information at the Officers Briefing at WLIC 2022, and will seek input from the Officers at a Special closed WLIC Session on the topic.

The PC Subcommittee proposal for co-opting and removal of inactive SIG members will be sent to the Governing Board for discussion at their meeting in July.

3.4 Congress Update and Questions

As the Professional Council Chair will not attend WLIC, the Deputy Chair (Chair, Division E) will take the lead on planning the sessions for WLIC: 1 x two-hour Officers Briefing, 1 x 75-minute closed Session to recognise the 2019-2021 Officers. An additional 60-minute workshop session to discuss SIGs, Networks and Working Groups has been scheduled into the programme. The content of the three PC-hosted sessions will be discussed and finalised outside of the PC meeting.

It was agreed to use one session to invite and recognise the 2019-2021 Officers who were not able to physically meet except briefly in Athens and to provide refreshments if possible.

The hybrid version of the 25 August 2022 General Assembly in August was discussed. The Division G and H Chairs indicated the importance of members' ability to engage around proposals and to ask questions about proposals that are put forward in advance of the General Assembly. It was clarified that the decision to hold the General Assembly outside of WLIC, was taken during 2021 because the timeframe for the WLIC was shortened to four days including the day for library visits.

In Dublin, a session has been planned where there will be allocated extra time for dialogue and questions about governance developments at IFLA. It was recommended that the General Assembly be held in an interactive format and that the process for providing feedback and input be made clear to all members, so they can participate.

Resolution: A quote will be sought on the cost for refreshments at WLIC to recognise the 2019-2021 Officers. This quote will be brought forward to the Professional Council for approval via Basecamp, and whether PC funds will be spent to progress this.

4.0 Division matters

4.1 Division items not in 3.0

No items were raised.

5.0 Other matters

5.1 PC member attendance as observers at GB meetings, Dublin

The PC Chair proposed that observers be encouraged to attend upcoming and future GB meetings as a facilitation of transparency, and that clear and information on the processes be required.

The PC Chair requested that the Governing Board Delegate ask that GB meetings be made explicitly open to observers.

The June PC meeting being opened to observers served as a pilot and template that can inform the GB meetings logistically.

It was clarified that all Governing Board and Professional Council meetings (at WLIC and throughout the year) are open to IFLA Members and Affiliates. The Chair may invite others to attend as observers. Meetings may be organised to allow for sessions held in camera. The Professional Council were in favour that all future Governing Board and Professional Council meetings be held in a hybrid format.

There will be seats available at both the WLIC 2022 Professional Council and Governing Board meetings for observers to attend.

Confirmed 2022 dates

- Professional Council Sunday, 24 July – 08:30 – 10:00 CEST, Dublin, Ireland
- Professional Council Friday, 29 July – 08:30 – 11:00 CEST, Dublin, Ireland
- Governing Board Sunday, 24 July – 15:30 – 18:00 CEST, Dublin, Ireland
- Governing Board Friday, 29 July – 13:00 – 17:00 CEST, Dublin, Ireland
- Professional Council October
- Professional Council December