Minutes of meeting: Local History and Genealogy Section, 3 August 2022
Local History and Genealogy Section Standing Committee

3 August 2022, 10:00 PM-11:00 PM Tokyo Time (Japan). Via Zoom

1. Approval of minutes of the previous section meeting on June 9, 2022 10:00 PM-11:00 PM Tokyo Time (Japan).

2. Roll Call – Member present were: Cherie Bush (Chair), Takashi Nagatsuka (Secretary), Lexi Clemence, Cristina Ioana Roiu, Dragan Milosevic, Jennifer Brannock, Joyce Jelks, Anna Petronella Coreejes-Brink, Maja Markhouss, Yukiyo Hasegawa, Jingzhu Wei, Cecilia Salvatore. The number of attendees is 12.

3. The IFLA 2022 Annual Conference in Dublin reported from Chair

• A formal letter was sent from Division A to IFLA headquarters. (the letter don’t include in the minutes)

• I was able to attend the Officer’s meeting session and learned a bit about the upcoming elections. We will all need to be involved in the upcoming elections. We will be getting instructions and deadlines the first part of October. We may need to have a few people work on this as a special project. I suggest that Cecilia be involved as she has experience.

• The Local History and Genealogy committee held a ‘talking stick’ session (that is what it was called this year, terminology may change in the future). It was nice to meet Jennifer in person and see Maja and Cecilia. There were a few other people that came and a couple may be interested in joining our group.

• I attended many sessions including a few meetings of different groups. I had hoped to meet with some of the leadership of the Public Libraries group, but they were very focused on their new initiative with UNESCO (see press release from IFLA) and I was unsuccessful there.

• I also attended the US Caucus which was interesting. The same presentation was given to the Canada group which made us all wonder why efforts were being duplicated. It was suggested that perhaps it makes sense for groups to meet regionally and then break into subgroups for language if needed.

• IFLA/WLIC is being held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands on 21-25 August. Satellite meetings may be held in the following three countries: The Netherlands,
Belgium, Luxemburg. I would like to hold a satellite meeting next year so we will want to be ready to move forward with a plan as soon as possible.

- IFLA is still taking bids for 2024 and beyond- not Europe. A lot of unhappy people and complaints about IFLA being so Europe centric.

- Thinking ahead we will want to be ready for the committee to submit a proposal for the main conference as well.

- Here is the link for the recorded sessions: https://2022.ifla.org/online-sessions-recordings/

- I attended a session to give feedback about the conference. It was not well advertised so I was the only one there for most of the time. It was nice to get to know Helen Mandl a bit better.

- One item that was mentioned in several ‘leadership’ sessions was better use of conference time. Very interesting. Perhaps moving away from meeting after meeting.

- Please be aware that Abeer is no longer available to be the technology specialist. She is now focused on the Middle East regional committee. However, she is looking for a staff member to be on the committee but not as the tech specialist. If anyone is interested in that position, please reach out to Takashi and myself. A HUGE thank you to Takashi for all his work on this committee. He is doing double duty and makes it look easy.

4. The Workshop (Part 1) for highlighting experiences integrating local history and genealogy materials with K-12 students on 16 August 2022.

Jennifer will take the lead in facilitating the event, while Takashi will set up the webinar, posting articles on the website, and publicizing the event.

5. The Workshop (Part 2) for the use and application of SNS in the Local History and Genealogy field on August 23.

Cristina will take the lead in facilitating the event, while Takashi will set up the webinar, posting articles on the website, and publicizing the event.

6. Satellite meeting 2023

Sub-committee for Satellite meeting 2023 started by Cristina and Maja as a member. Additional committee members are being sought.

7. Webinar 2022 Autumn
Dragon will prepare the webinar in November 2022.