



Approved Minutes  
Professional Council Meeting I  
**Sunday, 24 July 2022, 08:30 – 10:00 IST**  
WLIC 2022 Dublin Conference Centre, Dublin, Ireland

**Present:** 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), Camille Callison (Chair, Division H), Nthabiseng Kotsokoane (Chair, Regional Division Committee), Barbara Lison (2021-2023 IFLA President)

**Staff:** Helen Mandl (Deputy Secretary General and Director, Member Services), Megan Price (Professional Support Officer)

**Observers:** Four observers were present

### **Welcome and Apologies**

The Deputy Professional Council Chair Jan Richards welcomed the Council, and those in attendance as observers.

Apologies: Adjoa Boateng (Chair, Professional Council), Te Paea Paringatai (Chair, Division G).

### **1.0 Approval of agenda**

**Resolution:** The Council approved the agenda.

### **1.1 Approval of Minutes from April PC Meeting**

**Resolution:** The minutes from the June 2022 meeting were approved.

### **2.0 \*For information – Strategic Items determined outside PC meeting**

#### **2.1 Unit updates**

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

The Council noted the report.

#### **2.2 Guidelines, Standards, Unit Publications**

A confirmation of guidelines, standards and unit publications endorsed or approved was provided. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of *Guidelines for Parliamentary Libraries* was endorsed and published. An update on the *IFLA Journal* was provided, which will also be shared with the Governing Board.

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 was provided.

The Council noted the report.

### **2.4 SIG Co-opting process sent to GB**

The PC-approved SIG Co-opting process was sent to the Governing Board to be approved at their July 29 meeting.

Clarity on the elections process was provided, regarding the ability to be on multiple IFLA Committees. This information will be clarified and provided to Units in advance of the nominations process.

The Council noted the report.

### **3.0 Strategic matters for discussion (60 minutes)**

#### **3.1 Committee on Standards Chair Victoria Owen**

The Committee on Standards Chair will be invited to a future PC meeting.

#### **3.2 Pending Action Items from previous meetings**

Pending action items from previous Professional Council meetings were reviewed and discussed. The Professional Council made adjustments to several long-term action items:

#### **Resolutions:**

1. The Action item to develop a process involving LIS schools, faculty to LIS students more aware of IFLA, in collaboration with LTR/SET, SDGs and LMW will become an IFLA HQ project.
2. The Action item to improve communications between the Professional Council and the Officers is removed as Division Chairs regularly bring items to the Professional Council for discussion and practices are adjusted based on this feedback.
3. The Action item to manage the development of Professional Unit Digital Records Management and Preservation Policies via an appointed working group was reconfirmed as a valuable project, and will be passed to the 2023-2025 Professional Council to undertake, with details provided in the 2023 Professional Council handover document.

The main reason for this postponement is that the current Council does not have the capacity to complete this project in the next year. In the meantime, a reminder will be provided to Units of the Interim Storage Guidance provided by the 2019-21 Professional Committee which is stored in the Officers Basecamp.

4. The Action item requesting written Division Reports at PC meetings will be removed and that items regarding Unit work from the Divisions be raised and discussed either during the Strategic Discussion section or Division Matters section of the agenda.

### **3.3 WLIC Overview**

An overview of the Professional Council Sessions - Officers Briefing, Acknowledgement and Appreciation of 19-21 Officers and the session on SIGs, Networks and Working Groups led by Division D Chair, Patrick Danowski - was provided.

A request that business meetings for Regions, Professional Units and Advisory Committees not be scheduled against each other, so different committees are able to attend the meetings of other structures.

An overview of the other related Unit sessions - IFLA Strategy Sessions and Talking Stick Sessions was provided. A discussion regarding the naming of the Talking Stick Sessions was held, which focused on the desire to use the methodology of the Talking Stick, but to change the title. Concern was raised that use of the Talking Stick as a title was not respectful of this Indigenous facilitation practice.

Division Committee Chair B, Anoja Fernando, volunteered to replace Jan Richards as the third member of the 2022 Best Poster jury.

#### **4.0 Division matters - Discussion**

##### **4.1 Managing Divisions - How is the model working? Best practices?**

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed to the second WLIC business meeting. Preliminary notes included the need for all Divisions receive the same level of information. It was suggested that part of the PC Basecamp be set aside for Communications to be passed on to the Divisions.

##### **4.2 Division items not in 3.0**

#### **5.0 Other matters**

##### **5.1 Other matters not in 3.0**

#### **Confirmed 2022 dates**

Governing Board Friday, 29 July – 10:30 – 16:00 CEST, Dublin, Ireland