



**IFLA Section
Science and
Technology Libraries**

Minutes of the Science and Technology Libraries
Section
Meeting
Teleconference (Zoom), 13, October 2022

Attendance:

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The following Agenda was confirmed for the meeting:

- I. Member Update
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Discussion IFLA Updates from Headquarters
- IV. Sub-Committee Reports
- V. Action Plan Update & Annual Report Submission
- VI. WLIC 2023 program discussion (Julia Gelfand)
- VII. Any other business?
- VIII. Next Meeting Plan - Wednesday, December 13, 2022

[Link to Presentation Slides](#)

- I. Member Update
Regrets: Kara, Tara, Margret
- II. Approval of Minutes
Pending, please review by October 26 ([linked here](#))
- III. Discussion IFLA Updates from Headquarters
The 2021-23 Professional Council held its September meeting via Zoom on Friday, September 16, 2022, at 09:00 CEST. Most important issue: The resignation of the Professional Council (PC) Chair, Adjoa Boateng, has left a vacancy for this position. The Professional Council recommends that an election be held according to the Rules of Procedure to fill this replacement. People who can run for this position need to be an officer already. For more information please check the emails from IFLA HQ or take a look at the slides linked above.

Julia asks if there is any news on the legal case against the former IFLA general secretary. Sandy says there are no updates on that. Anna adds that it might have been delayed again due to logistical problems.

Also there are no updates from Division D.

- IV. Sub-Committee Reports
 - A. Professional Development Sub-Committee (Kara)
Upcoming webinar reminder: November 9th 8:00 am PST- Caroline Coward at Director of Library Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) (NASA): open Science and open data initiative JPL / NASA. The webinar will be recorded and put on our YouTube Channel.

Formal registration link via IFLA Webinar Zoom Chanel:
<https://www.ifla.org/events/ifla-scitech-webinar-out-in-the-open-how-the-jet-propulsion-laboratory-jpl-library-is-leading-open-science/>
 - B. Marketing and Outreach Sub-Committee (Sarah)
There has been a lot of work related to the upcoming webinar. Also all the webinars from our previous webinars have been uploaded to our YouTube Channel. A meeting will be scheduled for next month.
 - C. Satellite Meeting Sub-Committee- AI Topic (Marydee/Ana)
Main idea on the structure: starting with an opening keynote (invited speaker), followed by a hands-on workshop, concluding with a discussion on AI ethics. The invited keynote should definitely be there in person, preferably someone from the Netherlands or close such as UK. Anna and Marydee will draft a call for speakers. According to Megan Prize, the list with the approved venues will be out

either end of october or beginning of november. For sponsoring / funding we need to wait for the updated guidelines from HQ. We could put in a funding request to IFLA HQ for the honorarium. We should also cooperate on this with another Section or SIG, preferably AI SIG. The design of the workshop depends on the space available. A room with several round tables where different activities take place would be ideal. Maybe a hackathon-style event. Maybe even two different activities, one in the morning, one in the afternoon. We also need the right activities for the background of the participants: more advanced or beginner? We could set up different tables for the different levels. Anna will contact someone from Wikimedia for an exchange of experiences on formats like this. Please let Marydee and Anna know, if you have ideas for the hands-on part.

V. Action Plan Update & Annual Report Submission

Sandy is working on the completion of the update for the action and to submit the action plan.

VI. WLIC 2023 program discussion (Julia Gelfand)

Julia and Anna drafted a call for speakers on the topic of citizen science (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1egPVwubJD9Xe_FRyJI3CV2iQII7SeQpl4Qq904zy7bl/edit). Potential speakers should submit a case-study approach and give a talk on the topic: What is citizen science? Anna reached out to the ENSULIB for co-hosting (not co-sponsoring, so that we can control the situation), who expressed interest. We have to send out an official invitation and receive an official confirmation.

Next steps: fine tune the draft and submit it for submissions to be granted for the prof. Committee after their call and then post it in November with a deadline in February. Hopefully we attract different places around the world who have explored in different libraries how they've opened it up to citizen science. The call has an emphasis on public libraries and school libraries and not so much on academic libraries as a change.

Comments from the other members: It should be shortened a bit, otherwise great idea.

Also we need to find out how long the session will be, one hour or two hours? We should consider that the conference will be hybrid. Do we want a room lecture style or discussion style? Should speakers submit papers or not? If not papers, then we as a section could do something with the results of the session such as blog article, dashboard, visualization...

VII. Any other business?

- Manika asks for the translations of the Webinars. Sandy says she has all the files for it. It will be done asap. We also have a new funding request for the use of Wordly in our Business Meetings.
- Next year is nomination year, so we should think about how we can attract more members. We should check again the list, that HQ send us, with all the members

of STL. One idea here is to ask Committee members who are in the same region to contact members from the list. We could strategically start with a better geographical distribution, e.g. members from Asia, Africa, Oceania. Sandy also send the link with the nomination information to our guests from last WLIC, but we don't know yet if they nominated themselves. We should form a sub-committee for nomination / membership. First we need to make sure, we understand all the rules and guidelines, because there are so many ways of becoming a member now.

- Sandy's new work email: sandya@spie.org

VIII. Next Meeting Plan - Wednesday, December 13, 2022
Same time 12 noon EST/9 am PST/ 6 pm CEST/9:30 pm IST via Zoom