



IFLA Section  
Management of Library Associations

**Minutes of MLAS Standing Committee Meeting**  
**Teleconference (Zoom), 7 February, 2022**  
**15:00- 16.30 CET**

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**1. Welcome and Confirmation of Agenda (Chair)**

The chair welcome and thank the participants especially Evviva (WILSIG Convenor) and Magdalena (NPSIG Convenor) for their attendance. Ruijuan Huo and Mathilde Koskas send their regrets for not being able to attend the meeting. Currently, MLAS Standing Committee Meeting is held at 3.00pm Central European Time (CET) to cater for the different time zones. The agenda was confirmed and approved by all the participants.

**2. Minutes MLAS Standing Committee Meeting 06 December, 2021**

The minutes from the last MLAS Standing Committee meeting held on December 6, 2021 were passed without correction or addition.

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### 3. Empowering New and Diverse Librarians Leaders Worldwide

The MLAS Action Plans 2021-2023 have been submitted to IFLA HQ on 1 November 2021 for their approval. The Chair inform that the Chair of the Professional Council has reviewed and approved MLAS Action Plans 2021-2023 which is aligned with the IFLA Agenda. There is no decision yet on the project funding as the Professional Council will only be meeting on 15 February to make the decision.

MLAS has requested £2,000 for the service of the print design and layout of the Review of Advocacy Impact Evaluation Process for Libraries and £4,500 for the cost of developing and publishing the video output and the activity report on library leadership and diversity

The Chair invites Loida and Nick to give an overview of the status of their respective projects and then open for discussion.

a) IFLA MLAS, IFLA NPSIG and Regional Council Webinar Series "Empowering Library Leaders and Diversity Worldwide"

Loida gave an overview of the webinar series which is moving forward well in collaboration with IFLA NPSIG. Loida inform that NPSIG will be allocating four of their committee members to run the actual part of the webinar series. The webinar group will start coordinating two webinars. Other webinars will be added later in Spring.

- i) Either 22/23/24 March 2022: North America Region and the language of the webinar will be in English
- ii) Either 07/12/13 April 2022: Europe Region and there will be four (4) breakout rooms in four different IFLA official languages. NPSIG committee members will help in the breakout rooms.

Hella inform that she would like to help to promote the Webinar series in Europe and requested for the title, a short write-up and the link to the webinar series.

Loida define "New Professionals" as having working experience of up to 5 years in the library profession.

b) IFLA MLAS WLIC session proposal "Empowering Library Leaders and Diversity Worldwide"

Nick gave an overview of the status of the project and a meeting with Loida was held on the 13 January and with the working group on 18 January 2022. This project is aligned to the parallel program of webinars on Global Library Leader and Diversity Worldwide led by Loida.

Nick informs that he has received the IFLA WLIC Open Session Proposals for WLIC 2022 and must complete the webform proposal by Monday, 7 March 2022. The provisional congress overview is available at <https://2022.ifla.org/conference>

The Open Session format could be in the form of workshops (90 minutes); Ignite talks (60 minutes) or provocation sessions (75 minutes). Nick will call for a meeting with the working group in the final week of February to discuss the WLIC 2022 proposal paper.

Nick pointed out that the final action of the work program are as follows:

i) MLAS WLIC Open Session will be drawing on the speakers and insights of the webinar series conducted by Loida.

ii) A limited evidence-gathering exercise and report on Library Association support for library leadership and diversity will be email to all MLAS members and Library Associations.

iii) A cohort of 'future leaders' to be interviewed and to help inspire other new professionals into leadership.

#### **4. Special Interest Groups**

The Chair inform that MLAS is the Sponsoring Section for New Professionals SIG and Women, Information and Libraries SIG. The responsibility of MLAS is to appoint the SIG committee members and to elect the convenor. Special Interest Group committees have nine members. Any individual can self nominate for a SIG Committee through IFLA HQ. The term of appointment for members of SIG committees will be two years renewable once.

##### **a) New Professionals SIG**

The Chair inform that there were 11 self-nominations received by IFLA HQ as in the link: [2022 NPSIG with notes from Magdalena\[18662\].docx](#)

Magdalena nominated Assane Fall from Senegal as he is hardworking and active in social media. The MLAS SC agreed to elect Magdalena Gomulka from Poland as the NPSIG convenor. MLAS SC also agreed that all the six (6) re-nominations and Assane Fall to be the NPSIG committee members for the term 2021-2023. As the Sponsoring Section is responsible for appointing a committee that is regionally diverse, two (2) new nominations from New Zealand (Sabine Weber-Beard) and Lebanon (Caroline Ghostine) were elected as committee members.

The IFLA New Professionals SIG Committee Members for the term 2021-2023 is as follows: [IFLA New Professionals SIG 2021-2023.docx](#)

However, after referring to the IFLA Regulation on SIG, MLAS may need to elect one more committee member from the remaining self-nominations as Assane Fall is not officially self-nominated through IFLA HQ. and cannot be appointed in the official NPSIG committee.

The Chair reiterated that nominations which were not officially appointed as committee members can help NPSIG as volunteers to gain experience to be elected to the next term.

b) Women, Information and Libraries SIG

The Chair inform that there were six (6) self- nominations received by IFLA HQ as in the link : [Women Information Libraries Special Interest Group\[17240\].docx](#).

As there were only six self-nominations, MLAS invited 4 more nominations for the WILSIG Committee Members. The 10 nominations (6 self-nominated / 4 nominated by MLAS) for the WILSIG Committee as in the link:  
[IFLA WILSIG nominations JAN 2022 \(4\)\[19312\].docx](#)

The Chair and MLAS SC agreed that an electronic ballot be held to appoint the WILSIG Convenor and Committee Members.

However, the electronic ballot cannot be held as according to IFLA Regulation, only the 6 people who nominated in the official call for nominees may be appointed to the WILSIG Committee. The process of co-opting is still to be determined by the Governing Board and the Professional Council.

The Chair is pleased that Evviva has agreed to serve as convenor for the transition period until 2023 at the latest. MLAS will formally propose Evviva for election at the next MLAS meeting.

**5. MLAS Mid-Term Meeting : Switzerland/St. Gallen (19 & 20 May 2022)**

<https://www.stadt.sg.ch/home/welcome.html>

Halo invites all MLAS Standing Committees to attend the MLAS Mid-Term Meeting at St. Gallen, Switzerland to be held on the 19 and 20 May 2022. Among the agenda will be the discussion on MLAS Action Plans and visits to some institutions in St. Gallen. There will be an excursion on 21 May and Halo will made arrangement for accommodation during the meeting. The Swiss Library Association has agreed to host a reception for dinner.

The work group for the Mid Term Meeting and programme will be Halo, Loida and Loy Jyoon. MLAS SC are also welcomed to join the work group

The Chair inform that the Mid-Term Meeting will be held in Paris in 2023 if the health situation worldwide is back to normalcy.

**6.Next Meetings: Planning the first half of 2022**

IFLA will be holding its 87<sup>th</sup> IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC), in person, in Dublin, Ireland from 26-29 July 2022. Participants agreed that the MLAS SC Business Meeting be held on 25 July (Monday) at 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm (CEST) in Dublin, Ireland.

The schedule for the next MLAS meetings is as follows:

Date /Time	Event	Remarks
21 April	Work Group Mid-Term Meeting	Participants: Halo,Loida,

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<b>(Thursday)</b> 3.00 pm (CET), Zoom	via Zoom	Loy Jyoon
<b>19 and 20 May 2022</b> (Thursday and Friday) St Gallen, Switzerland	MLAS SC Mid-Term Meeting, St. Gallen, Switzerland	Participants: MLAS SC
<b>13 June 2022</b> (Monday) 3.00 pm (CEST), Zoom	MLAS SC Meeting via Zoom	Participants: MLAS SC
<b>6 July 2022</b> (Wednesday) 3.00pm (CEST), Zoom	MLAS-WLIC Open Session 2022 Preparation Discussion	Participants: Chair and Work Group MLAS-WLIC Session
<b>25 July 2022</b> (Monday) 1.00pm to 3.00pm (CEST) Dublin, Ireland	MLAS SC Business Meeting I Dublin, Ireland	Participants: MLAS SC and MLAS Members
<b>26-29 July 2022</b> (Tuesday to Friday) Dublin, Ireland	IFLA WLIC 2022, Dublin, Ireland	Participants: IFLA Members Non-Members
<b>29 August 2022</b> (Monday) 3.00 pm (CEST), Zoom	MLAS SC Business Meeting II via Zoom	Participants: MLAS SC and MLAS Members

## 7. Miscellaneous

- a) The IFLA MLAS Review of Advocacy Impact Evaluation Process for Libraries  
The Chair invites Dijana to give an update on the IFLA MLAS Review of Advocacy Impact Evaluation Process for Libraries Project.

Dijana informs that IFLA Section on Education and Training (SET) would like to collaborate with MLAS advocacy working group for their Webinar Series on Advocacy. The MLAS advocacy working group invites all MLAS Standing Committee to join in the literature review in writing the IFLA MLAS Review of Advocacy Impact Evaluation in the library field practice.

- b) News from the IFLA Governing Board (GB)  
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Halo inform that the IFLA GB Meeting was held in December 2021. Among the matters discussed is the shortening of the duration of IFLA WLIC 2022 due to the pandemic and the registration fees for Early Bird registration. The coming IFLA GB Meetings will be held in Mid-February and Mid-March 2022.

- c) Appointment of MLAS SC to replace Alicia Cristina Ocaso-Ferreira  
The Chair will check with IFLA HQ whether a non-elective person can take the seat vacated by Alicia Cristina Ocaso-Ferreira, MLAS SC who has resigned due to work commitment.
- d) Volunteers for IFLA WLIC 2022  
Magdalena enquire whether it is possible to be a volunteer in the IFLA WLIC 2022 as it help overseas participants to attend WLIC. The Chair will check and the information to be put online if there is a call for volunteers.

News from the GB meeting: Due to negotiations on the implementing company, the call will not be published until early March; volunteers from outside Ireland are welcome.

- e) Visa Requirement for IFLA WLIC 2022  
Marwa enquire about the visa requirement for Dublin as Ireland is divided into two parts and Dublin is not under the United Kingdom. The Chair will check on the visa requirement.

The requirement are now published: [General Information A-Z - IFLA WLIC 2022](#)

- f) Virtual Participation for IFLA WLIC 2022  
Pascal enquire whether there will be virtual participation for participants during IFLA WLIC 2022.

No. Due to the technical, financial and time zone-related problems, a virtual offer must be dispensed with.

- g) MLAS Shared Reading Session, 14 January 2022  
The Chair thank all participants for the MLAS Shared Reading Session via zoom on 14 January 2022 (Friday) at 1.00 pm and 3.00pm (CET). Barbara Lison (IFLA President), Steven Wyber (IFLA HQ), Magdalena, Loy Jyoon and Halo attended the session.
- h) World Expression Forum [www.wexfo.no](http://www.wexfo.no).  
Vidar Lund informs that there is a new initiative World Expression Forum with the purpose of promoting free speech. He proposed to put it on the agenda for the next MLAS SC meeting.

#### **8. Closing remarks by the chair**

The Chair thank all the participants for their active and fruitful engagement and also their great commitment to MLAS. The Chair closed the meeting wishing all participants a healthy year ahead full of antibody and full recovery.