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Approved Minutes

Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage
Tuesday 18 April 16:30-17:30

Zoom

Attendees: Ramesh Gaur, Liisa Savolainen, Carlos, Daryl Green, Helen Vincent, Stacy, Johanna Lilja, Russell Lynch, Ry Moran, Claire McGuire

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda: Chair

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of February Minutes: Chair

No comments were received on the minutes and they were approved.

3. Update on CCH Projects: CCH members

Memory of the World

The chair provided an update on the final review meeting for Memory of the World nominations, the recommendation was made by the international advisory committee (IAC), which will go to the Executive board for decision in May or June 2023. Announcements are expected in June or July. The new nominations cycle will be announced in July or August.

Regarding regional MoW committees, the MoW committee for Asia and the Pacific announced its nominations for this cycle in March, with the due date of 15 September. There could be publication of this announcement, IFLA HQ will follow up.

The IAC has discussed possibilities for a more specific role for IFLA in the future.

Libraries in War

A series of videos from the RBSC committee's meeting in Uppsala in March 2023 on libraries in times of war is on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBYQKlYaRyOH1zSpalPVfalQeVe4VDkjc&themeRefresh=1>

This conference noted interest in working with Blue Shield on disaster preparedness work. This could be a recommendation to the Governing Board.

WLIC

RBSC and IM Section have put out a save the date for their satellite conference in Leiden, 18-19 August, titled “Empire, Indigeneity and Colonial Heritage Collections”. A call for papers is coming quickly.

Trafficking

EGATTT (ICA’s Expert Group Against Theft, Trafficking, and Tampering) on which a committee member acts as liaison, is beginning collaboration with Interpol on improving training and information and liaison with Interpol on documentary heritage.

The “Loss Registration and Information Tool With and For Law Enforcement Agencies and Archives and Libraries” project will run for rest of 2023. The liaison will ensure this work includes libraries and will communicate on developments.

A webinar between RBSC and ILAB is coming up.

IFLA HQ asked those involved to think about larger outputs from these pieces of work, which can share information more broadly with the field.

Disabilities

The chair raised the issue of access to culture for people with disabilities based on a recent seminar. This could be a topic to consider.

Repatriation

There was interest expressed on knowing more about work on international legal context and framework on repatriation and tracing down stolen material, seems to be the next level for repatriation, beyond moral actions.

There seems to be a disconnect between language being used in regards to contemporarily looted/trafficked objects and other objects, such as objects stolen as acts of colonialism.

ACTION:

- Coming out of Libraries in Times of War Conference, draft a paragraph of recommendation for future action for the Governing Board – to be included in a future GB paper.
- Share regional MoW Calls with relevant groups
- Share information on EGATTT’s engagement with Interpol

3.1 Open Culture: Johanna Lilja

A committee member will attend the Creative Commons Open Culture Roundtable in May 2023. The member gave a presentation on the goals of the roundtable and her planned input and asked for the committee's additional points to consider.

Committee members shared insight for possible inclusion in the discussion. This included input from a member's previous engagement with CC on this topic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TuX-LSsVMYE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I72VUkBE1o8>

It was suggested to raise the following in the roundtable's discourse:

- Are you considering open culture and open data?
- There is a gap of work to be done on open data specifically related to open culture. Question around copyright to be considered.
- From Indigenous perspectives, there are problems with concepts like public domain when it comes to indigenous knowledge and culture. There is no such thing as coming out of copyright in indigenous worldview. Considerations around public domain do not fit well with indigenous knowledge.
- Open GLAM principles have been working to ensure considerations for ethical practice are made within the open movement.
- We need to layer on issues around indigenous data sovereignty, traditional knowledge, other considerations.
- Perhaps reference the IEEE standard on provenance on indigenous data which is going to consultation with indigenous communities. Will enable capturing of provenance data to travel with materials, implement provenance on data not just images.

4. WLIC 2023 Open Session: CCH members

The committee was asked to review the Open Session proposal and make changes to the title or session description. The Committee was requested to make decisions on speakers to invite, with the goal of sending invitations as soon as possible. The committee might choose to designate an individual or small group to lead the organization of the conference session.

The RBSC and IM section's satellite meeting will include keynote and locknote speakers, who will summarise the discussion and offer provocations for their conference. It was suggested that this person might also bring those provocations to the main conference as well. There could be synergies if this speaker is invited to take part in the CCH session.

This might look at collections as spaces for reconciliation. It could examine what does access, including structural access, such as:

- What does access look like?
- How difficult is it for people seeking access to collections to gain access?
- What are the barriers?

- What are the responsibilities of the profession to be ready, to ready collections that contain record of human rights failures, how can we be moving towards work on a proactive stance?
- How can we deepen professional standards around this?
- What can libraries and archives be doing on a proactive basis to be ready? What are the responsibilities of the libraries?

CFP: Identifiers for identities: Rectifying the (mis)representation of demographic groups (SAA Open Session at WLIC 2023) – IFLA

There is synergy with this session. Could gather sections around this related topic.

It was noted that the 2022 session had a very good discussion. A mix of sharing ideas and storytimes could be good to provoke discussion.

It was felt someone from the committee should Chair. Suggestions included both Ry and Rashidah.

There was a suggestion for a speaker from Northern Ireland who had experience from their library that fit the topic well.

An idea was raised to look at the infrastructure and background of political crises, and maybe ask a researcher to talk about their collection and its impact. This could be a pre-recorded speech.

It was noted that only 1/3 can be pre-recorded videos.

Action:

- HQ to put these notes on Basecamp for input and decision
- HQ to help contact speaker from North Ireland
- Deadline is end of May

5. AOB

There was no other business.

6. Closing