

Minutes of Standing Committee meeting 2023-01

Local History and Genealogy Section Standing Committee

9 February 2023, 10:00 PM-11:00 PM Tokyo Time (Japan). Via Zoom

- 1. Approval of minutes of the previous section meeting on 6 December 2022, 10:00 PM-11:00 PM Tokyo Time (Japan).
 - Cristina wanted to remind us that in-person attendance is only one part of the success of webinars. Many people watch the recording after the 'live' event. Views are important to measuring interest.
 - The monitor needs to remember to do a sound check/microphone check of all presenters
 - Minutes approved
- 2. Roll Call Member present were: Cherie Bush (Chair), Takashi Nagatsuka (Secretary), Jennifer Brannock(IC), Cristina Roiu, Dragan Milosevic, Anna Petronella Coreejes-Brink, Maja Markhouss, Yukiyo Hasegawa, Jingzhu Wei, Laila Hussein, The number of attendees is 10
- 3. IFLA 2023 Open Session on AUGUST 21-25, 2023 in Rotterdam
 - Lots of comments around this topic
 - Reminder the committee is made up of Takashi, Jennifer and Cherie- assignment was made several months ago, question was asked if anyone else wanted to be involved and there was no response. Therefore, we moved forward with an idea.
 - Keep in mind that we do not have budget nor authority to pay for people to travel to the conference which causes some delicacy about asking people to come present. We are able to make them aware of the opportunity but nothing else.
 - An email was sent to the Rotterdam Archive requesting a presentation about a local history project they did on colonialism. https://stadsarchief.rotterdam.nl/zoek-enontdek/themas/koloniale-en-slavernijver/- no response from them yet. This is local so no travel costs incurred.
 - Cecilia suggested another museum to reach out to on the topic as well: https://www.tropenmuseum.nl/en (Amsterdam)
 - Do we want to see about arranging a time for a visit to this museum? People would have to get there themselves, but might be worth the trip.
 - Is there interest in visiting the archive in Rotterdam?
 - Several people suggested to reach out to other areas for presentations on this topic or open it for submissions.

- I will reach out to IFLA/WLIC committee to see what other similar calls are being requested on this topic. Perhaps partnership opportunity with another section?
- If we go in another direction, what topic(s) are you interested in pursuing. I need to know immediately as we do not have much time to put things together. Submissions are due to IFLA for approval by 24 March which is closer than you think.
- 4. Satellite Meeting of IFLA 2023 at the KU Leuven University Library in Belgium on 17-18 August 2023, a Thursday and Friday.
 - IFLA approval was given for LOCGEN to hold a satellite event.
 - A link to the host institution (University Leuven library) needs to be added to the announcement (Jennifer please post a link)
 - Cristina and the committee (Jennifer, Dragan, Maj) will send a draft to the standing committee by 6 March (or earlier) for review and comments.
 - Waiting for contract from University Leuven Library to be sent to IFLA (Cherie following up)
 - Cristina and team: next steps include drafting a schedule for the 1.5 days including possible tours in the area- definitely the University library, a registration page, hotels in the area, transportation, etc... (Committee please determine when to open registration). This information is required to really be able to properly promote the event to a wider audience.
 - Now that we have IFLA approval, I will reach out to my connections with different companies for sponsorship money for the University to offset costs of printing and coffee breaks. If anyone knows of organizations that would be willing to donate, please let me know and let's work together.
- 5. Election of Section Members for the next term 2023-2026. Election will be scheduled from April to May in 2023.
 - Takashi and Cecilia are working on the elections of new members
 - Have two slots to fill
 - Would like individuals outside of NA and Europe
 - If you have any questions or potential new members, please reach out to Takashi
- 6. The future plan of Section Webinars: Providing new Insights in the field of Genealogy in Asia at 10:00 am (China time) on March 15, 2023.
 - Please share information about this presentation, invite others in your areas know about it

- Questions? Reach out to Takashi as he is the host
- Upcoming webinar ideas? Please email Takashi and Jennifer. I know Petro has an idea for a webinar for South Africa

7. Additional thoughts:

- Is there a local history or genealogy event happening in your country or region? We can help promote it
- Are you aware of a new resource that might benefit libraries? A new book? Website? Help us gather that information so we can share it. Perhaps in a blog post?