Minutes of Management of Library Associations SC Meeting
Teleconference (Zoom), 28 February, 2023
15:00 – 16:30 Rotterdam, CET

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Halo, MLAS Chair rang the bell and welcomed all the Standing Committee Members, NPSIG Convener, and WILSIG Convener for their attendance today. The agenda was confirmed and approved by all the participants.

The Chair then proceeded to inform the participants regarding the IFLA Governing Board preposition and the MLAS Web conference as follows:

The IFLA Governing Board Meeting was held on Monday, 27 February 2023 via Zoom. The Governing Board confirmed its responsibility for the IFLA elections as provided for in the Statutes and Rules. The role of ensuring that electors can acquaint themselves adequately with candidates cannot be assumed or taken on by another part of the organization, particularly as it relates to the major roles of President-elect, Treasurer, and Members at large of the Governing Board.

To be certain that all candidates for these key roles have an equal opportunity to present themselves, IFLA HQ would be asking them to submit video motivations where they speak to a common set of questions. These would be loaded onto the IFLA website and YouTube for electors to view. It was felt that this gives all members regardless of location, the same access to additional information.

Loy Jyoon informed that she received an email from the IFLA Acting Secretary-General on 9 February regarding setting up of webinars for MLAS election information sessions. Loy Jyoon was asked not to do any more promotion with the MLAS committee until the IFLA Governing Board has discussed it.

In this context, Chair also informed that MLAS would probably have to refrain from holding an event for the SC MLAS candidates, since according to the latest information, there were fewer candidatures than vacant seats, so there would probably be no election at all. Halo requested Loida to check with IFLA HQ that MLAS does not need to have an election for the Standing Committee Members (2023-2027).
2. **Session Ideas WLIC Rotterdam**

   a) **Advocacy Impact Evaluation**

   Dijana informed that the MLAS paper proposal for the IFLA WLIC Open Session in Rotterdam was a combination of two topics, advocacy impact evaluation from Dijana and SDGs from Loida. Dijana also informed that the duration of the Open Session would be 75 minutes with Dijana and Loida sessions 35 minutes each. The guidelines for IFLA WLIC Open Session Proposals can be accessed via this link [Guidelines for Session Proposals WLIC 2023](#).

   b) **SDGs Webinars**

   Loida had also prepared the proposal paper on SDGs and agreed that the SDG Webinars would be a joint session with Dijana Proposal Paper. She highlighted that SDGs were an added value to our IFLA WLIC MLAS Open Session's main theme.

   c) **Contribution New Professional Special Interest Group (NPSIG)**

   Magdalena informs that NPSIG will be doing their session and would be sending a proposal paper for the IFLA WLIC Open Session in Rotterdam. The proposal paper was about how to help librarians to upgrade and apply their skills by stages in foreign countries. It would be an hour session and MLAS support was needed in finding librarians with interesting stories on how they found their jobs.

   In this context, Halo informed that there was an enterprise in Switzerland that was supporting libraries and has a grant for people to go outside of Switzerland for half a year. Halo would send the address of the enterprise to Magdalena and requested the link to the NPPSIG paper proposal so that all MLAS Standing Committee can help. Loida also would send the info to all the MLAS members via MLAS-Listserv.

   Naamutenya expressed that it was a very interesting session that Magdalena was proposing and she has our full support. Naamutenya would be very happy to share the information with our librarians in Namibia.
d) HQ plans: Association session, program for politicians

Halo has contact with Stephen Wybers about a program for politicians during IFLA WLIC in Rotterdam. If anybody has such guests please inform the Chair.

3. Discussion

MLAS Chair and the participants agreed that advocacy goes hand in hand with SDGs. Halo highlighted that SDGs were instruments for advocacy. Dijana and Loida would work on the doodle documents and would be submitted to IFLA HQ by MLAS Chair before the closing date on 13 March 2023 at 09:00 CET

4. Conclusion

MLAS Chair and the participants concluded that there would be one proposal paper from MLAS for the IFLA WLIC 2023 Open Session in Rotterdam. The MLAS proposal paper would be a combination of Dijana and Loida proposal papers with the proposed main theme of advocacy and SDGs in Library Associations. NPSIG would be hosting its Open Session with support from MLAS. Dijana thanks Loida and Susan for helping with the IFLA WLIC MLAS Open Session Proposal paper.

5. Miscellaneous

a) IFLA Handbook

Alicia Selles as MLAS representative in the IFLA Handbook Working Group informed that the IFLA Handbook includes revised information on the IFLA Nomination and Election. She suggested that we clarify with IFLA HQ whether MLAS should follow the revised information.

Pascal informed that MLAS need not follow the revised information on the IFLA Nomination and Election in the IFLA handbook as the IFLA Election 2023 started on 13 January 2023.
b) Information on World Expression Forum at Lillehammer, Norway: [https://wexfo.no/](https://wexfo.no/).

Vidar informed that the Information on World Expression Forum would be held in Lillehammer, Norway: [https://wexfo.no/](https://wexfo.no/). The programme would be held on the 22nd-23rd of May and was launched at [https://wexfo.no/wexfo-conference/program-2023/](https://wexfo.no/wexfo-conference/program-2023/).

Vidar also informed that the Norwegian Library Association would host a side event in the morning on the 23rd of May with the title “Is there a shrinking of civic spaces, and if so, is it a threat to democracy?”

c) IFLA WLIC MLAS Business Meeting, Rotterdam, 20 August 2023

The Chair brings to the attention of the participants that only one MLAS Business Meeting would be held on the 20th of August during IFLA WLIC in Rotterdam. The second MLAS Business Meeting would be held one month after the first MLAS Business Meeting via Zoom. The new MLAS Standing Committee Members (2023-2027) would start after the IFLA General Assembly which was scheduled to be held at the end of August 2023.

Pascal suggested that MLAS invites the outgoing and incoming Standing Committee Members for the first MLAS Business Meeting on 20th August. Loida supported Pascal’s suggestion and proposed that MLAS invite the new Standing Committee Members as observers with no voting rights.

d) Election of MLAS Officers

The Chair informed that the election of officers, that was the Chair, Secretary, and Information Coordinator would be via electronic vote.

The timeline for the election of the Standing Committee Officer was as follows:
- Nomination of new officer: 1-19 June
- Election of new officer: 26 June - 10 July
Pascal brings to the attention of the Chair and participants that the Committee election for the position of Chair of the MLAS was held after the result of the elections for the Section Standing Committee was announced as stated on page 33 in the IFLA Elections Guide 2023. Only members of the elected Standing Committee can vote.

6. Next Meeting

a) MLAS Standing Committee Meeting, Friday 24 March 2023 (Hybrid / Zoom)

The Chair informed that the next MLAS Standing Committee Meeting would be held on Friday, 24 March, 09.15 – 10.45 am CET in Paris, France. It would be a hybrid (Physical/Zoom) meeting with participants attending the MLAS Mid-Year Meeting in Paris, and MLAS Standing Committee members who were unable to attend the meeting physically in Paris. All MLAS SC members and convenors were invited to join the hybrid meeting.

Pascal brings to the attention of the participants that the MLAS Standing Committee Meeting would start at 09:15 – 10:45 (CET) and not 09:30 -11:00 (CET) as in the previous programme.

The Chair would discuss with Loy Jyoon and Loida to prepare the agenda for the MLAS Standing Committee Meeting in Paris.

b) MLAS Standing Committee Mid-Year Meeting, 23-24 March 2023, Paris, France

Pascal reported that Halo, Pascal, Hella, Susan, Alicia, Dijana, Vidar, Magdalena, and Loida would be attending the MLAS Mid-Year Meeting in Paris from 23 to 24 March 2023.

Dijana requested that the Advocacy Working Group Meeting to be held in Paris on the 22 March be included in the MLAS Standing Committee Mid-Year Meeting programme

7. Closing remarks (Chair)

Halo, MLAS Chair thanked all the participants for their great commitment and valuable input in this fruitful meeting. On this note, the Chair rang the bell and ends the meeting.
at 16:30 (CET) (Amsterdam).

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