Minutes of MLAS Standing Committee
Zoom Meeting
Monday, 30 January 2023, 15.00 – 16.30
(CEST) (Amsterdam)

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1. **Welcome and Introductions (Chair)**

Halo, MLAS Chair welcomes all the Standing Committee Members, NPSIG Convener, and WILSIG Convener and wishes them a Very Happy New Year. The Agenda was confirmed and approved by all the participants with Agenda No.6: Association Council being moved to the MLAS Mid-Year Meeting in Paris scheduled on 23-24 March due to time constraints.

2. **Minutes MLAS Standing Committee Zoom Meeting, 24 October 2022**

The minutes from the last MLAS Standing Committee Meeting held on Monday, October 24th, 2022 at 15:00 -16:30 (CEST) (Amsterdam) via Zoom are approved with no remarks and thanks to Loy Jyoon, the secretary.

3. **Nomination and Election**

   a) **Congratulations to Dijana and Lynn**

   The Chair and MLAS Standing Committee Members and Convenors congratulate and welcome Dijana Machala (Croatia) and Lynn L. Jibril (Botswana) as the new MLAS Standing Committee Members. The Chair informs that MLAS now has 20 Standing Committee Members with Dijana and Lynn.


   Loy Jyoon gave some general information on the IFLA Election 2023 and highlighted the IFLA 2023 nomination and election timeline for Section, Special Interest Group, Governing Board, and other positions as follows:

   - Nominations open 13 January 2023 (Friday)
   - Nominations close 24 February 2023 (Friday)
   - Elections open 13 March 2023 (Monday)
   - Elections close 12 April 2023 (Wednesday)
   - Election results announced 01 May 2023 (Monday)
   - Officer Nominations & Elections...May and June 2023
   - Transition .................................. May - August 2023
   - Onboarding....................................July - October 2023

As of 20th January 2023, there are 419 vacancies in the 42 sections under the eight Professional Divisions. These vacancies are due to Standing Committee Members completing their 1st or 2nd term in their respective sections. MLAS has 14 vacancies with four members comprising Halo, Pascal, Susan, and Alim completing their 2nd term and eight members completing their 1st term (2019-2023).
Loy Jyoon also highlighted that the election of IFLA Officers (Chair, Secretary, Information Coordinator) for the Sections will be held between May and June and not in the business meeting during IFLA WLIC. In this context, Susan enquired whether the current outgoing Standing Committee Member (2019-2023) needs to attend the MLAS Business Meeting during IFLA WLIC in Rotterdam. Halo will discuss further on this matter.

c) Information Election Officer Positions Standing Committee MLAS

Halo informs that there are 3 Officer positions in MLAS Standing Committee. The 3 positions are the Chair who is also an ex-officio in the IFLA Governing Board, Secretary, and Information Coordinator. Halo will be finishing his 2nd term as MLAS Chair whereas Loy Jyoon as Secretary and Loida as Information Coordinator will be completing their 1st term (2019-2023) in MLAS.

d) Sharing information and/or Webcon with candidates for officers MLAS

Loida suggests that MLAS have a joint meeting with the current and new MLAS Standing Committee in the 1st half of May as an opportunity for the candidates to present themselves for the election of MLAS Officers.

e) Personal information

Ute has informed the Chair that she will not be standing for re-election as a second-term candidate in MLAS due to work commitments. Mikhael has also informed us that he will also not be standing for re-election as a second-term candidate in MLAS.

f) Second term candidates

The Chair brings to the participants' attention the list of MLAS Standing Committee Members that will be finishing their first term (2019-2023). The term is renewable once and interested individuals would need to stand again for re-election for the second term (2023-2027).

- Mikhael Afanasyev
- Loy Jyoon Chin
- Marwa El Sahn
- Ute Engelkenmeier
- Loida Garcia-Febo
- Ana Carolina Lopez Scondras
Loida and Marwa have indicated that they will be standing for re-election for the second term (2023-2027) in MLAS.

4. MLAS Web Conference

a) Review on the two first MLAS Web Conferences 2022-2023

The Chair invites Loida and Loy Jyoon to give a review on the two first MLAS Web Conferences Series for members and library associations. The link to the MLAS Web conferences 2022-2023 can be accessed via https://www.ifla.org/events/mlas-webconference-december-2022/ The same Webcon was presented at two different times that is at 8.00 am and 8.00 pm (CET) (Amsterdam) to benefit those in different time zones.

The purpose of the first event on December 12, 2022, was to share with members what MLAS is, activities and resources developed during our last term, and activities for the current year 2022-2023. The Webcon can be accessed via this recording: https://youtu.be/rJixkyqkB. The webcon was well attended and there was a lot of interaction between MLAS and the participants.

The purpose of the second event on January 10, 2023, was to share with our members general information about nominations and elections within IFLA: Governing Board, committees, sections, and Special Interest Groups (SIGs). There were 4 participants in the 1st session and 18 participants in the 2nd session. The low number of participants may be due to the web con being held before the IFLA nomination opens on 13 January. However, the participants were very interactive and even asked for the PowerPoint presentation of the webcon.

Halo, MLAS Chair who will be finishing his second term in MLAS informs that he will be standing for election for the position of President-Elect for the term 2023-2025 and will be delighted to receive any nomination and votes. His motivation link is Nomination as President-elect IFLA.pdf and link to the nomination form is https://hub.ukevote.uk/iflanominators/president
Ms. Megan Price, IFLA Professional Unit Officer, and Ms. Kristine Pabērza-Ramiresa, IFLA Member Engagement Officer were also present for the Questions and Answers Session during the webcon. The recording of the event can be accessed via this recording https://youtu.be/0uvX6fAy EzA. There were 54 subscribers to the youtube.

Halo as Chair of the MLAS Webcon Working Group thanks NPSIG for their effort in the recording of the two MLAS Web Conferences and Loida, Loy Jyoon, and Magdalena as members of working group.

b) Forecast March Election Panels

The Chair proposed new dates for the Forecast March Election Panels as the voting starts on 13 March. The proposed new dates for the MLAS Webinar Series which was also agreed upon by the MLAS SC are as follows:

- 17 March 2023, 8.00 am and 8.00 pm (CET) (President-elect, Treasurer)
- 20 March 2023, 8.00 am and 8.00 pm (CET) (Members Governing Board at large)
- 21 March or MLAS Mid Term Paris, 24 March 2023 : (Standing Committee MLAS)

The Chair suggests that Loida be the moderator for the President-elect, Treasurer Election Webcon on 17 March as Halo is a candidate for the President-elect position.

c) Promotion

Loida informs that various platforms were used for the promotion of the MLAS Webcon. Among the platforms were IFLA list-serv, MLAS Webpage, and MLAS Twitter.

d) Information Governing Board

The Chair mentioned that we had a similar idea already in 2021. Secretary General took the idea and stopped our project. The realization as video-statements was not what we planned: a live panel discussion. Therefore he suggest that the SC supports, that we this time do not retract our idea of live panel discussion. The SC agrees and the Chair is asked to inform the IFLA Governing Board of the WebCon by MLAS.
The Chair proposed that MLAS collaborate with IFLA HQ and suggests that MLAS request from IFLA HQ the list of candidates seeking election for the position of President-elect, Treasurer, Governing Board members at large, and Standing Committee Members for MLAS in the IFLA elections so that MLAS can invite them as panelists in the Webinars.

The Chair requested Loy Jyoon to contact IFLA HQ to set up the link for the Webinars on the election and promotion of candidates on the 17 March, and 20 March and during the MLAS Mid-Year Meeting in Paris.

5. MLAS Mid-Year Meeting Paris, 23-24 March 2023

a) Overview Programme

The Chair invites Pascal as host and organizer of the MLAS Mid-Year Meeting scheduled to be held in Paris from the 23-24 March 2023 to give an overview of the program as follows:

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<td>(National Museum of Modern Art), Centre Pompidou</td>
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<td>The Landscape of Library Associations in France: brief general overview and focus on 3 or 4 of these associations.</td>
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b) Survey who plans to participate

Pascal has designed a questionnaire on the attendance for the Mid-Year Meeting as in the link: [MLAS in PARIS](MLAS-in-PARIS). MLAS SC are kindly requested to fill in the questionnaire and confirmed their attendance before 23 February 2023. The quorum for the meeting is 11 MLAS Standing Committee Members excluding the convenors.

Halo, Loida, Vidar, Pascal, Susan, Dijana, Hella, and Magdalena have confirmed their attendance at the meeting whereas Marwa, Loy Jyoon, and Ute have confirmed that they will not be able to attend the Mid-Year Meeting.

Pascal has also prepared the list of recommended hotels to stay in during the Mid-Year Meeting and information on the mode of transportation and weather in Paris.

c) Wishes for agenda items

The Chair and Pascal invite the SC Members to suggest any wishes that they want to be included in the Mid-Year Meeting Program.

d) Demands from the host

The agenda for the MLAS SC Zoom Meeting II with external MLAS SC scheduled to be held on the 24 March from 9.15 am to 10.45 am CET need to be prepared. The Chair proposed that the discussion on the review of IFLA Governance Reform 2019/2021 and the follow-up of the Association Council be included in the agenda.

e) Thank

The Chair and SC Members thank Pascal and his committee in Paris for their hard and meticulous work in preparing an excellent MLAS Mid-Year Meeting program.

6. **IFLA WLIC Rotterdam 2023 Contribution**

   a) IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project Results (AIWEG) Results
Dijana as leader of the IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project supports the participation of MLAS in the IFLA WLIC Rotterdam 2023. However, Susan and Pascal inform that the results of the Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project are not ready to be shared yet and will not be a topic for the Open Session or Work Café during IFLA WLIC 2023. Dijana informs the next AIWEG Meeting is on Friday, 10 February.

b) Content: AIWEG others?

Loida suggested another topic that could be proposed for the WLIC 2023 Open Session is the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Library Associations. Pascal also suggested the topic of local government authority in enriching SDGs and what Library Associations can do with legislation.

c) Cooperation with HQ / Association session

The Chair and Standing Committee Member is of the opinion that MLAS may not be able to collaborate with IFLA HQ for the Association Session as MLAS has proposed to host an Open Session / Work Café during IFLA WLIC 2023.

d) Format: Open Session, Work Café

The Chair requested Dijana, Loida, and Magdalena to put together a paper for the Open Session / Work Cafe during IFLA WLIC 2023. The Chair proposed that a meeting with all the MLAS Standing Committee to discuss the proposal paper and the format be held on 28 February 2023 at 3.00 pm (CET). Pascal informs that he is not sure whether he can attend the meeting.

e) Registration and responsibility

The Chair informs that the closing date for registration for the Open Session WLIC 2023 is Monday, 13 March 2023 at 09.00 CET. The Chair will send the Guidelines for Sessions Proposals for WLIC 2023 and A pdf copy of the web form for your review to all the MLAS Standing Committee. The Chair requested Dijana to provide information about the Open Session / Work Café MLAS is proposing to hold in connection with WLIC 2023 in the webform proposal.

f) Filing out the program in Paris
The AIWEG working group is planning to have a day-long meeting to work on the project with a concentration in Paris on Tuesday, March 21 before the MLAS Mid-Year Meeting.

g) Mail Stephen: Invitation for Legislators /Governments

Marwa informs that she has recommended a famous English lawyer to Stephen Wyber, IFLA Manager on Policy and Advocacy, but he wants a politician or government legislator. Loida suggests that MLAS collaborate with Stephen focusing on different aspects of advocacy around the world based on the IFLA advocacy capacities grid

7. News from our SIG

a) New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG)

Magdalena informs that Nurfarawahidah Badruesham from Malaysia is now a committee member and three new volunteers have joined NPSIG that is, Rita Aleixo, Nadina Yedid and Jakob Schloemer.

NPSIG’s main activities are Webinars, Congress sessions and Satellite meetings, IFLAcamp, and Online communication – blog and web page, social networks, and apps. NPSIG will be collaborating with Goethe Institute for the IFLA camp during the IFLA WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam.

b) Women In Library and Science Interest Group (WILSIG)

Evviva highlights that WILSIG’s mission is around the promotion, development, and support of library and information services for the benefit of women, and society as a whole. In this context, WILSIG will be happy to help in the NPSIG Programmes and activities if needed.

Evviva also informs that WILSIG will be collaborating with the IFLA Academic and Research Libraries Section in the Satellite Meeting during IFLA WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam.

8. Miscellaneous

a) Report from the working group on the Code of Ethics
Loida reports that she is happy that MLAS has a representative in the Code of Ethics Working Group which allows members to share their voices. She also reported that the documents on the Code of Ethics will be sent to the IFLA Governing Board for approval.

Halo enquire for whom the Code of Ethics will be? Loida informs that the Code of Ethics will be for the IFLA Governing Board as most Library Associations have their own Code of Ethics.

b) Report from the working group on the IFLA Handbook

The Chair informs that Alicia Selles is the MLAS representative for the IFLA Handbook Working Group and she is involved in the review of the IFLA Handbook which includes everything about IFLA (General Assembly, Governing Board, Sections, Councils, etc.).

c) Support/Coordination for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Webinars

Loida informs that MLAS and NPSIG are coordinating a new webinar series about "Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations." The MLAS Working Group comprises Loida (Chair), Halo, Loy Jyoon, Magdalena, and Vidar Lund. The Chair reiterated that MLAS needs more volunteers to help in the coordination of the webinar series.

MLAS aims to collaborate with IFLA Divisions to present webinars featuring each one of the IFLA regions between January to June 2023. MLAS is confident this webinar series jointly with IFLA NPSIG and IFLA Divisions will be of interest to library associations around the globe and will contribute to strengthening library associations.

To date, five Regional Divisions namely North America Regional Division, Asia-Oceania Regional Division, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Division, Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Division, and the Europe Regional Division have agreed to collaborate with MLAS for this webinar series. Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Division have yet to confirm their participation. The order in which the regions will be featured on the webinars will be according to the order in which we receive confirmations from the Division Chairs.
Marwa has volunteered to coordinate the MENA and Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Division and the Chair thanks Marwa for her contribution and commitment.

d) Report from the Chair on the IFLA Governing Board

The Chair reported on the following matters on the IFLA Governing Board:

- A Letter of Apology and Declaration to the IFLA GB by MLAS Chair

  “On 28 November 2022, I wrote an email to the SC MLAS to end a further discussion by email within the SC on the publication of the Swedish Library Journal. At the same time, I informed the SC about my assessment of the situation of IFLA and the GB, which I consider my duty as Chair, especially in difficult times.

  Unfortunately, in doing so, I unintentionally hurt my colleagues in the GB with a formulation because I questioned their willingness and competence to solve the crisis. I formally apologized for this at the December meeting in The Hague.

  The GB attaches great importance to the fact that it cooperates well, whereby there are different opinions on various decisions, and these are by no means always taken unanimously. I am happy to comply with this request, as I did not want to hurt or disparage any of my colleagues. “

  Halo Locher, January 2023

- Stichting IFLA Global Libraries (SIGL) [https://www.sigl.nl/]

  Stichting IFLA Global Libraries Board will keep Gerald Leitner as the Secretary General of SIGL IFLA Foundation. Christine MacKenzie has resigned from the SIGL Libraries Board with immediate effect.

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**10. Closing remarks**

Halo, MLAS Chair thanks all the participants for their great commitment and valuable input in this fruitful meeting. The Chair thanks Loida and Loy Jyoon for preparing today’s meeting agenda with him. On this note, the Chair ends the meeting at 4.30 pm (CET) (Amsterdam).

12.02.23