



IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Standing Committee

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Business Meeting

On 8th May 2022

In Oslo, Deichman Bjørvika and over Zoom

1. Welcome, attendance, general introductions, apologies

Present in Oslo: Brian Bannon (NY; USA); Jonas Fansa (Berlin, Germany); Mathilde Servet (Paris, France); Neeza Singh (Chandigarh, India); Knut Skanson (Oslo, Norway); John Spears (Buffalo, USA); Ton van Vlimmeren (Utrecht, Netherlands); Katri Vääntinen (Helsinki, Finland); Lucia Werder, Secretary (Bremen, Germany)

Present via Zoom: Carolyn Anthony, Chair (Public Library Association, USA); Suzie Gately (Newcastle, Australia); Ivancica Dukec Kero (Zagreb, Croatia); Flippie Van der Walt (Cape Town, South Africa);

Observers: June Garcia (USA); Carme Galve Montore (Spain); Theo Kemperman (Netherlands); Suzanne Payette (Kanada);

Apologies: Nick Buron, Information Coordinator (NY, USA);

The SC meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. MEZ.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The committee accepted the proposed agenda.

3. Welcome to any new members

No new members of the SC were present, all observers were welcomed warmly.

4. Confirmation of minutes of MetLib meeting 7/4/2022

Minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2022 were confirmed.

5. WLIC 2022 in Dublin (26-29 July 2022) – Finalizing Program plans of the MetLib SC

Joint program with the Statistics and Evaluation Section "Outcomes and Impact: State of the Art": Carolyn reported that a draft of a survey about outcomes and impact has been send out to the people who are involved in the program planning process. There's a focus

on skills the colleagues have and need as the statistics and evaluation section plan training or webinars.

A pretest of the survey is planned and then thoughts of the SC may be added.

As the survey also focuses on national and academic libraries, Ton suggests that 3 different surveys may offer a better targeting than one survey for all library types.

John suggested an extra part with questions about the barriers in measuring regarding aspects like staff experience or political opposition.

Carolyn will ask Eman for the national library perspective.

There is also planned an open call for presenters at the WLIC session to offer micro presentations about the state of the art regarding measuring in their libraries.

The results of the survey are planned to be presented on the Metlib website. Brian is interested in curating the research as they are doing research on the same topic in their library.

"The Impact of Libraries in a Democratic Society" has been approved. Three speakers have been confirmed:

Ton Van Vlimmeren (EBLIDA)

Vickery Bowles (Director of Toronto Public Library)

Neeza Singh (member of the International Network of Library Innovators (INELI) and of the MetLib SC)

As Neeza unfortunately can't participate at the conference a third presenter is missing. Any suggestions can be send to Carolyn as the program has to be fixed by June 10.

6. Review of the composition of the MetLib SC regarding new IFLA policies for Co-opting new members and Removal of inactive members (see information on Basecamp "Four Official Texts from IFLA" from Nick on 14th April 2022)

New rules have been approved by the IFLA Professional Committee and Board will allow us to co-opt an additional member because we are down one. We can also follow a process to remove non-participating members of the Standing Committee.

Carolyn contacted our three inactive SC members and asked them about their perspectives on the SC and upcoming engagement. Otherwise the removal process may start and we can put out a call for co-opting new members.

7. Other items for discussion & Committee member updates

Public library of the year: Mathilde and Flippie reported that they received 20 applications of libraries for the award after the deadline has been expanded.

Expansion of engagement: 120 participants are part of the Metlib conference this year. This is a great opportunity to expand engagement and make advertising for the SC.

A spot for the Metlib conference next year is still missing. It would be great to have the next conference in Asia, (South) America. The process of finding Metlib conference hosts should start much earlier and involve the current planning committee.

Suzie promoted MetLib at the Australien Library Conference.

8. Next Meetings

Next meeting of the MetLib Standing Committee is scheduled for June 9

9. Adjourn

Carolyn thanked Knut and his team for organizing this amazing conference in Oslo. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. (MEZ).

Respectfully submitted,

Lucia Werder
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