AGENDA

Present:
Miriam Linda Akeriwe, Mimi Calter (Chair), Karen Downing, Adefunke Ebijuwa, Adriana Cybele Ferrari, Antonio Cobos Flores, Jerôme Fronty (Information Coordinator), Joanna Hare, Lorraine Haricombe, Sarah Kaddu, Lily Ko (Secretary), Jayshree Mamtora, Jim O’Donnell, Shaharima Parvin.

Apologies:
Ursula Arning, Bianca Amaro, Siviwe Bangani, Marisa King, Xin Li, Mary Ngure, Tuelo Ntlotlang, Tiui Tarkpea, Astrid Verheusen.

1. Welcome
   1.1. Introductions & Apologies
   Mimi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda
   Mimi called for additional items. The agenda was approved.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting
   3.1. Mid-term Meeting Possibilities and Arrangements
   Mimi thanked to the volunteers who agreed to work on the mid-term meeting:
   Adefunke Ebijuwa, Nigeria; Karen Downing, US; Adriana Ferrari, Brazil; Mimi Calter, Chair (as available); Jim O’Donnell, Mentor (as available)
   Call for scheduling went out from Ann Okerson on December 1 to schedule a planning meeting.
   Questions to be discussed at the first meeting:
   Date: the available dates are June 5-7, or possibly the following week.
   Venue: Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey
   Potential partners: ACD, ARL, LibPub, SciTech might be the potential partners.
   Theme: members discussed the key topical interests and agreed that multiple literacy as well as examples and use cases in different countries could be a good theme for this year.
   Country themes are relevant here!
   Setting planning deadlines.
4. Professional Committee
   4.1. Announcements from the Professional Committee
   Nov 24 update from the PC has been copied into our ARL committee Basecamp site: [https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/4958023/messages/6812970880](https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/4958023/messages/6812970880)
   Links to the PC minutes document and video of their meeting are included for those who are interested.
   PC has set dates for their calls for the rest of the year. Division calls are being set up to trail the PC calls by about a week.
   The PC was exploring the possibility of having their own in-person mid-term meeting. Travel funding would NOT be provided. Not sure how that impacts the set dates for virtual calls.
   PC was looking at governance
   Looking at the unit review cycle and its role
   Reviewing time limits and review process for SIGs
   PC was looking at tools
   Surveying leadership around needed tools for support
   IFLA Strategy Survey Results – this is from HQ, not PC
   Loaded into our basecamp [https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/4958023/messages/6812970880](https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/4958023/messages/6812970880)
   There are 15 core questions identified
   Inconsistent results across regions

4.2. Request for items to be raised to the Professional Committee
   Mimi would call for items.

5. Country Trends Report (Tiiu and Lily)
   Lily thanked members who had submitted their country trend reports. She also reminded other members to submit their country trend reports once ready.

6. ARL Action Plan Development for 2023-25
   6.1. Infinity Platform
   Platform has been up and running: ARL Action plan has been submitted!
   It was noted in the division call that the measurability of outcomes was inconsistent and sometimes lacking across units.
   Only chairs were trained in the initial round.
   Jerome attended the Infinity training in December 2023.
   Much easier to use than the old spreadsheet! But potentially harder to share the inputs since there’s no document

   6.2. Strategic Direction 1: Strengthen the Global Voice of Libraries
    6.2.1 Mid-term Meeting Possibilities
    Discussed above.
    6.2.2 Blogs
    Mimi thanked to Miriam for taking the lead and to Antonio for supporting.
    Would move to 2 postings per month beginning in January 2024.
This will enable us to include LibPub content among our postings, but we still want to be sure we’re getting our own content up there.

Blogs are a pain point; this is one of the tools that the PC will be looking at.

6.2.3 Hot Topics (Lead: Lorraine)
Date: August 2024
Format: webinar in 90 minutes
Lorraine called for additional volunteers for the Hot Topics team.

6.3. Strategic Direction 2: Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice
6.3.1 IFLA Journal Special Issue (Lead: Jayshree / Bertil)
Jayshree updated the progress in the meeting.
Deadline: 31 December 2023
One article has been submitted in early December. Having eight to ten articles is ideal, but not necessary be that number.

6.4. Strategic Direction 3: Connect and Empower the Field
6.4.1 Webinars (Leads: Xin Li / Reggie Raju)
Call went out over the weekend for a topic for a spring webinar. Particularly interested in those willing to host/coordinate, but suggestions for topics were also welcome.

6.4.2 Travel Grant (Lead: Astrid)
Mimi confirmed that no grant would be issued this year because there is no WLIC. May consider using some of our banked funds to sponsor individuals to attend the mid-term. Need to see how those plans shape up first.
SAGE remains committed to sponsorship; No confirmation from Ex Libris.
Revised application form for the travel grant – for review
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nzim5qp1YEiEc9rBzK5ldalwdWZsyVOpTrylV0UTho/edit?ts=64e86deb
Would use this form when we next have a WLIC

6.5. Strategic Direction 4: Optimise our Organisation
6.5.1 Communications Plan (Lead: Marisa/Jerome)
Mimi thanked Jerome continued to do an excellent work. She also thanked Marisa for preparing the Newsletter.

6.5.2 Social Media
Mimi thanked to Shaharima for establishing our ARL page on LinkedIn!
She encouraged everyone to join.
Adefunke continued to do good work on Facebook.
Antonio has been monitoring X.
Are there other platforms we should be investigating?

7. Additional Business
8. Next meeting
Our next business meeting will be held in February 2024. More information to follow.