



Approved Minutes
August 2024 Professional Council Meeting
Thursday, 22 August 2024, 12:00 – 14:00 CEST
Virtual

Present: Te Paea Paringatai (Professional Council Chair), Marian Morgan Bindon (Chair, Division Committee A, and Professional Council Vice-Chair), Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe (Chair, Division Committee B), Karin Byström (Chair, Division Committee C), Russell Lynch (Chair, Division Committee E), Samira Zahra (Chair, Division Committee F), Edmund Balnaves (Chair, Division Committee G), Athena Salaba (Chair, Division Committee H), Ayanda Lebele, (Chair, Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Division)

IFLA HQ team: Helen Mandl (IFLA Deputy Secretary General), Megan Price (IFLA Volunteer and Community Mobilisation)

Apologies: Ann Okerson (Chair, Division Committee D), Saif Aljabri (Chair, Middle East and North Africa Regional Division), Diane Koen (Chair, North America Regional Division), Vicki McDonald (IFLA President), Sharon Memis (IFLA Secretary General)

Observers: There were 11 observers present

1.0 **Approval of agenda**

Resolution: The agenda was approved.

1.1 **Approval of Minutes from July 2024 meeting**

Resolution: The minutes were approved.

2.0 ***Items for information only**

2.1 **Professional Unit updates**

The Council noted the report

2.2 **PC Funding update**

The Council noted the report

2.3 **Actions from previous meetings**

The Council noted the report

2.4 **Standards and publications**

The Council noted the report

3.0 **Strategic matters for discussion (90 minutes)**

3.1 **IFLA ANBI (Charity) Status**

The approval of the ANBI Status was Cultural ANBI) by the Dutch Tax and Customs Administration. ANBI stands for Algemeen nut beogende instelling in Dutch, or “Public Benefit Organisation” in English. An ANBI is an institution that serves the general interest of society.

Attaining charity status will make it easier for IFLA to partner with other organisations, and contribute to our wider efforts to ensure financial sustainability.

A question was raised as to whether registration fees for committee events could be claimed as a donations by attendees. The Deputy Secretary General explained that this would only be possible if the fee is listed as a donation (and not a registration fee) and only if the event is taking place in the Netherlands.

3.2 **Trends Survey**

The IFLA Trends Survey which will support the IFLA Trends report, will close on 28 August. Committees were invited to participate.

3.3 **Governing Board Working Group update**

Code of Conduct for Volunteers

An update on the Code of Conduct for Volunteers was provided. Broad trends in discussions included whether it should be directive to shape behaviour and determine consequences and/or shape the relationship with volunteers.

A draft will be finalised in November, to be circulated amongst Committee Chairs.

Engagement was then discussed broadly, including the importance of having an engaged and active volunteer cohort, and the importance of general or gentle guidelines for enforcement of engagement.

WLIC Review

The outcome of the second survey has been sent to the Chair of the committee, Julius Jefferson – there will be a virtual townhall to discuss the results of the surveys and to get feedback and additional input.

3.4 Subcommittee Discussion

Data Management

An additional member will be sought via Basecamp and the possibility to merge Tools and Planning and Data Management

Governance

3.4.1 Section Review Process 2024-2025

The Section Review process for 2024-2025 was discussed, continuing on from the discussion and suggested edits from the July PC Meeting.

The next steps of the process are to create the template for reporting and to communicate with those Sections that will be reviewed during this first review in 2024-2025.

The process, with general timeline, will be published in the IFLA Handbook.

Tools and Planning Subcommittee

A report from the Tools and Planning Subcommittee was made. The Subcommittee held a review of ad-hoc software requests and a discussion around review methodology. The subcommittee will develop a set of feedback questions to support funding decisions, particularly exploring need and functionality.

The committee discussed the IFLA Repository upgrade and DOI approval along with other software acquisition guidelines. The committee discussed the relevance of a guideline, standard, checklist for this project. Guidelines may be too substantial for this stage, but a set of guidelines could be useful. It was agreed that such a document has merit outside the PC itself. Next steps will be to discuss best model for progressing and decide on the nature of the document

Professional Events 2024 & WLIC 2025

Please see point 5.1 below

4.0 **Division matters (10 minutes)**

4.1 **Co-opting update**

Nothing noted

4.2 **Other matters not covered in 3.0**

- Division F Chair gave a report on her initial meetings after taking on the new role.
- Division B Chair announced Division B's participation in the IT Section's 24 hours of IT.
- Division H Chair gave an overview of IT's Section's 24 hours of IT event and Library Theory and Research webinar series.

5.0 **Other matters**

5.1 **WLIC 2025 Kazakhstan**

The new Conferences Manager has just been brought on and is currently being onboarded to WLIC and the next steps toward development of the WLIC in Kazakhstan.

The 2025 WLIC theme and ideas for the WLIC 2025 will come from the organizing committee in collaboration with the Governing Board.

The Regional Council is looking for greater involvement in the development of the WLIC, with a focus on a global perspective.

A trip will be made to Kazakhstan to gather information – a general timeline will be posted on Basecamp this week for Officers by the Deputy Secretary General.

Satellite Meetings will take place solely in Kazakhstan. The aim is that Satellite meetings will address identified local field need.

5.2 IFLA Information Futures Summit (IIFS) Brisbane 30 Sep-3 Oct

Things are moving ahead. Volunteers are invited to come and engage with IIFS. During the event, there will be an opportunity for the Professional Council, the Regional Council and the Governing Board to meet.

6.0 Closing - The meeting adjourned at

Upcoming meetings

Professional Council

- 3 October - hybrid/Brisbane - 09:00 AEST
- 14 November 2024 - 21:00 CEST
- 13 February 2025 - 06:00 CEST
- 27 March 2025 - 19:00 CEST
- 8 May 2025 - 06:00 CEST
- 19 June 2025 - 21:00 CEST
- 31 July 2025 - 06:00 CEST

Governing Board

- 24 September
- 9-11 December 2024, Den Haag
- 7-9 April 2025, Den Haag