

 <p>IFLA Section Management of Library Associations</p>	<p>Minutes of Management of Library Associations Standing Committee Meeting Teleconference (Zoom), 24 October 2022 15:00 – 16:30 CEST</p>
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1. Welcome and Introductions (Chair)

Halo, MLAS Chair rings the bell and welcomes all the Standing Committee Members, NPSIG Convener, and WILSIG Convener. The Chair thanks Loy Jyoon (MLAS Secretary) and Loida (MLAS Information Co-ordinator) who took over as the Co-Chairs for the MLAS SC Meeting on the 29th August 2022 as the MLAS Chair was not well. The Agenda was confirmed and approved by all the participants.

2. Minutes MLAS Standing Committee Zoom Meeting, 29 August 2022

The minutes from the last MLAS Standing Committee Meeting held on Monday, August 29th, 2022 at 15:00 -16:30 (CEST) ((Amsterdam) via Zoom are approved with no remarks and thanks to Loy Jyoon, the secretary, and Loida for the contribution to the minutes.

3. Nomination and Election Professional Council (PC) Chair

The Chair informs that due to the resignation of Adjoa Boateng, 2021-2023 Professional Council (PC) Chair, an extraordinary election is being held to replace her for the remainder of the 2021-2023 term. All Professional Section Standing Committee Chairs and Secretaries are eligible to nominate and vote in this extraordinary election. In this context, Halo and Loy Jyoon are eligible to nominate and vote

The Extraordinary Election timeline is as follows:

- Nominations open: Monday, October 3
- Nominations close: Monday, November 14
- Elections open: Wednesday, November 16
- Elections close: Wednesday, November 30

Candidates for the PC Chair are the Chair and Secretary of all Divisions: The names of the Division Committee Chairs and Division Committee Secretaries eligible to be nominated to serve as PC Chair can be found here:

<https://3.basecamp.com/3833672/buckets/22064612/uploads/5255482126>

A nominee must receive five (5) nominations to be listed on the ballot for election. Each Standing Committee Chair and each Standing Committee Secretary may nominate only one (1) person.

The Chair invites all the participants and MLAS SC to discuss the re-election of the PC Chair and decide on one candidate for nomination/election.

Pascal and Hella proposed that Loida as Secretary of Division C be nominated for the PC Chair. However, Loida declined the proposal to be nominated for the PC Chair. Pascal then reiterated that the candidate for the PC Chair should be competent and experienced in running library associations. Pascal then suggested 3 names as possible candidates for the PC Chair as follows:

- Patrick Danowski (Division D Chair). He is active and innovative.
- Dilara Begum(Division C Chair). She is experienced and active
- Mathilde Koskas (Division H Secretary); She is experienced and vocal.

The Chair will communicate with the three proposed candidates whether they are willing to take on the responsibility.

4. Report from the Chair on the IFLA Governing Board (GB) decision

The Chair attended the IFLA GB Meeting on 20 October via teleconferencing. The Chair reported on the following matters on the IFLA GB decision:

- **Secretary General**

The Governing Board noted that the Settlement Agreement with the Secretary General to dissolve his employment contract will be resolved soon.

- **Membership Fees**

Acknowledging the difficult economic situation around the world, the Governing Board chose not to apply the average inflation rate of the last year in the Netherlands – 5.8%, as stipulated in the IFLA Statutes, but to set the rate for membership fee increases in 2023 at 4%.

- **GB meeting with Chairs**

The Governing Board noted their recent meeting with the Chairs of the Professional and Regional Councils, Professional and Regional Divisions, and Advisory Committees, to talk about the current state of IFLA and the Plan for Securing IFLA's Future.

- **Timeline for Nominations and Elections in 2023**

The nominations process for IFLA positions 2023-2025 will open on 13 January 2023 with elections taking place in March and April. This will allow IFLA to have the results known at the beginning of May 2023

5. Annual Report MLAS and Action Plans

The Chair invites Loida to report on the status of the MLAS Annual Report and Action Plans. Loida informs the status of the MLAS Annual Report (2021-2022) and MLAS Action Plans (2022-2023) as follows:

a) MLAS Annual Report (2021-2022)

The MLAS Annual Report for 2021-2022 has been prepared by Loida and submitted to IFLA HQ.

b) MLAS Action Plans (2021-2023)

Loida informs that MLAS has three Action Plans for 2021-2023 and MLAS has completed two Action Plans in 2022 and one ongoing Action Plan scheduled to be completed in 2023.

The two Action Plans that are completed in 2022 are:

i) Webinar series "Empowering New and Diverse Librarians Leaders Worldwide" completed in July 2022

ii) IFLA WLIC MLAS Open session "Empowering New and Diverse Librarians Leaders Worldwide" completed in August 2022

MLAS Ongoing Action Plan (2021-2023)

i) IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project (ongoing work by a working group from 2021-2022)

Loida presented the status report prepared by Dijana, leader of the working group as she was not able to attend the meeting due to work commitments. Among the highlights of the report were The IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project will enter its second and final year in November 2022. As part of the project activities, a working group organized and held a webinar “IFLA Advocacy Projects for Strong Library Associations” https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Dzz9g_GsEGkcAPLP6XBkjU9kqX_xwYS9l1W2z3FNNG8/edit?usp=sharing. The webinar was organized as an international panel during the Croatian Library Association Annual Conference, held from 5 to 8 October 2022 in Zadar. The panelists were Stephen Wyber, Susan Haigh, Dijana Machala, and Hella Klauser.

A working group organized a meeting with Claudia Lux, who recently published a new book about advocacy. The meeting with Claudia Lux, initiated by Hella Klauser, was very valuable, and she shared with the working group valuable information about the right methodologies for approaching the subject of advocacy impact. The structure of the final document: “Strengthening Advocacy Impact Evaluation in the Library Field: A Review and Recommendations” were also discussed and approved. (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1INWJ3OUVa4TZxuFQGeYzmNjdXXfUNKZc622A_vm3D_8/edit?usp=sharing)

The Chair thanks the leaders and working groups for their great commitment and time in the successful implementation and completion of the MLAS Action Plans.

c) MLAS Action Plans (2022-2023)

Loida informs that based on the decision of the MLAS SC Meeting on 29 August, the following two MLAS Action Plans were proposed to replace the two MLAS Action Plans that have been completed.

i) Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations (New)

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Working Group:

A working group from MLAS in collaboration with IFLA New Professionals SIG and IFLA Regional Divisions will coordinate webinars about various top topics resulting from the survey MLAS carried out during 2020-2021. The following MLAS members have joined the working group:

Vidar Lund, Loy Jyoon Chin, Loida Garcia-Febo, Magdalena Gomulka, and the NPSIG.

The Chair invites other MLAS SC members who are not involved in the IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project working group to join this working group. Hella informs that she will be happy to share with MLAS the developments and plans of the Regional European Division Committee. She will support MLAS SDG Working Group but cannot get involved too intensely because of time.

ii) Communication with Library Associations

New Activity for 2022-2023. Loida informs that the possible 3rd Action Plan will be Communication with Library Associations. However, this was mentioned during the meeting on August 29, but there was no time to discuss it.

The Chair agreed that the 3rd Action Plan for 2022-2023 will be Communication with Library Associations and the Working Group will be Halo, Loida, and Loy Jyoon. The Chair is happy to have support from other MLAS SC members.

d) MLAS Open Session at IFLA WLIC 2023, Rotterdam, Netherlands

The Chair suggested that the MLAS Open Session at the IFLA WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam be combined with the Association Members Meeting Open Session. The Chair suggests that the IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project be

presented at the Association Members Meeting Open Session.

Hella and Pascal suggest that a Work Café on the IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project instead of an Open Session would be a good choice to be held during IFLA WLIC 2023.

6. MLAS Standing Committee (SC) Next Meetings

The chair confirms that the MLAS Standing Committee Mid-Year Meeting will be held on the 23rd and 24th of March 2023 in Paris, France. Pascal has graciously offered to be the host. The Working Group for the Mid-term Meeting will be Halo, Loy Jyoon, Loida, and Pascal.

The Chair and participants agreed to the following dates for the MLAS SC next meetings.

Date / Time / Venue	Events	Remarks
Monday, 30 January 2023, 3.00 – 4.30 pm (CEST), Zoom	MLAS Standing Committee Meeting	MLMLAS SC Members, NPSIG Convenor and WILSIG Convenor
Thursday / Friday, 23 rd and 24 th March 2023, Paris, France (In-Person)	MLAS Standing Committee Mid-Year Meeting 2023	MLMLAS SC Members, NPSIG Convenor and WILSIG Convenor
Tuesday, 30 May 2023, 3.00 – 4.30 pm (CEST), Zoom	MLAS Standing Committee Meeting	MLAS SC Members, NPSIG Convenor and WILSIG Convenor
Monday, 24 July 2023, 3.00 – 4.30 pm (CEST), Zoom	MLAS Standing Committee Meeting	MLAS SC Members, NPSIG Convenor and WILSIG Convenor
20 – 24 August 2023, Rotterdam, Netherlands (In-Person/ Virtual)	IFLA WLIC 2023 Rotterdam, Netherlands	MLAS Members and Non-Members.

7. Miscellaneous

- a) New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG) and Women Information and Library Special Interest Group (WILSIG)

Magdalena, NPSIG Convener informs that NPSIG must follow the co-opting procedure to add or replace SIG members as outlined by the Professional Council. NPSIG would need to put out a co-opt call to fill the membership vacancy that was previously held by Sabine Weber-Beard who passed away recently. This would be an opportunity to encourage Nurfarawahidah to nominate to become a co-opted member.

Evviva, the WILSIG Convener thanks the Chair and MLAS Standing Committee members for their support and interest in WILSIG and will continue to work together. Evviva informs that she is in the process of identifying more people who are interested in joining WILSIG. She is also planning to hold an Open Session during IFLA WLIC 2023 and welcomes feedback from MLAS on what kind of topic to focus on.

b) MLAS Standing Committee Members

The Chair informs that to add Dijana Machala to the MLAS Section, MLAS will need to do an open call to co-opt nominees and follow the process as outlined by the Professional Council. The co-opting call takes a minimum of two weeks and Dijana Machala could apply along with any other interested individuals.

The Chair requested Loida and Magdalena to liaise with IFLA HQ for the co-opting procedure for MLAS and NPSIG respectively.

c) Nomination and Election of MLAS Professional Unit (2023-2027)

The Chair informs that nomination and election of Professional Units for the term (2023-2027) will start in January 2023. The timeline set by IFLA HQ is as follows:

- Nominations Open: 13 January 2023
- Nominations Closed: 24 February 2023
- Elections Open: 13 March 2023
- Elections Closed: 12 April 2023
- Announcement: 01 May 2023

The Chair brings to the participants' attention the list of MLAS Standing Committee Members that will be finishing their first term and second terms (2019-2023).

MLAS Standing Committee Members who will be finishing the 1st term (2019-2023). This 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
- Huo Ruijuan
- Chutima Sacchanand

MLAS Standing Committee Members who will be finishing the 2nd term (2019-2023)

- Alim Garga
- Susan Haigh
- Halo Locher
- Pascal Sanz

d) IFLA Handbook and IFLA Code of Ethics

The Chair informs that MLAS is involved in two key activities related to IFLA governance, that is the finalization of the *IFLA Handbook* and a review of the *IFLA Code of Ethics* for the Members of the Governing Board and Officers. MLAS is represented by Alicia Selles Carot in the IFLA Handbook Project and Loida in the IFLA Code of Ethics Project. The Chair of these two projects is Vicki MacDonald, IFLA President-Elect. MLAS Chair proposed that the IFLA Code of Ethics should be for all the members and to have a Council if some members act unethically.

Loida informs that she has attended the first meeting and the membership of the Code of Ethics Working Group comprises of:

Vicki McDonald Chair (GB)

Anoja Fernando (Professional Council)

Loida Garcia-Febo (Management of Library Associations Section)

Imad Bachir (Regional Council)

Ingrid Parent (Honorary Fellow)

Vesna Vuksan (Secretariat)

8. Closing Remarks (Chair)

The Chair thanked all the participants for their great commitment and valuable input in the meeting. Today's meeting will be the last for the year 2022 as the next MLAS Standing Committee Meeting will be held on the 30th of January 2023 via Zoom. The Chair wishes all the participants a joyous Season Greetings and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year 2023. With this, he rings the bell and closed the meeting at 16:30 (CEST) (Amsterdam).

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