

 <p>IFLA Section Management of Library Associations</p>	<p>Minutes of MLAS Standing Committee Zoom Meeting to Select SIGs Tuesday, 04 April 2023, 15:00 – 16:30 (CEST) (Amsterdam)</p>
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1. Welcome and Introductions

Halo, MLAS Chair welcomed all the Standing Committee Members, NPSIG Convener, and WILSIG Convener for their attendance today. The agenda was confirmed and approved by all the participants.

2. Minutes MLAS Standing Committee Hybrid Meeting, 24 March 2023, Paris, France

The minutes from the last MLAS Standing Hybrid Committee held on 24 March 2023 during the MLAS Mid-Term Meeting in Paris, France via physical attendance and Zoom are approved with no amendments. MLAS Chair and Pascal thanked Loy Jyoon, the secretary for the excellent minutes despite facing technical problems during the Zoom meeting.

3. Appointment Special Interest Groups

MLAS Chair informed that IFLA has 12 Special Interest Groups (SIGs). MLAS is the sponsoring section for the New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG) and Women in Information and Library Special Interest Group (WILSIG) Each Special Interest Group has a committee of up to nine (9) individuals and their term of office is two (2) years, renewable once. The members of the Special Interest Group Committee are appointed by the Sponsoring Section Standing Committees. As IFLA HQ received more than nine (9) nominations for NPSIG and WILSIG, an election has to be held.

a) New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG)

Magdalena Gomulka as the NPSIG Convenor informed that 21 nominations were received. After a detailed discussion on all the candidates based on recommendations from the NPSIG convenor, their motivation statements, and geographical diversity, the following nine (9) candidates were elected for the term 2023-2025 by the 15 MLAS Standing Committee Members present in the meeting.

- Kim Taylor-Ireland
- Mario Coffa-Italy
- Lorato Lungwane- Bostwana
- Reshma Dangol- Nepal
- Borna Udatny- Croatia
- Fanny Mille- France
- Mahmoud Khalifa-Germany
- Paria Aria-USA
- Shrianjani (Gina) de Alwis-Singapore

b) Women in Information and Library Special Interest Group (WILSIG)

Evviva Weinraub Lajoie as the WILSIG Convenor informed that 15 nominations were received. After a detailed discussion on all the candidates based on recommendations from the WILSIG convenor, their motivation statements, and geographical diversity, the following nine (9) candidates were elected for the term 2023-2025 by the 15 MLAS Standing Committee Members present in the meeting.

- Beba Stankovic-Serbia
- Jasmina Ninkov-Serbia
- Antonella Lamberti-Italy
- Adetoun Oyelude-Nigeria
- Polly Boruff-Jones-USA
- Molly Wagner-UK
- Sadaf Rafiq-Pakistan
- Shumin Tu-China
- Erika Rocio Quintanilla Montano-Peru

The elected candidates for NPSIG and WILSIG will be sent to IFLA HQ before the closing date on 12 April 2023.

4. Orientation and discussion on the situation of MLAS representation in the Governing Board

Halo, MLAS Chair gave a Statement on the situation of MLAS representation in the Governing Board as follows:

- a) I have considered resigning as Chair on several occasions due to the situation in the GB and have declined for various reasons. The design of the procedure for the appointment of a new General Secretary (known after the Paris meeting of SC MLAS) has now been the straw that broke the camel's back.
- b) SC MLAS is now in an election process for the new SC and in the foreseeable future, my succession will be properly arranged. From my point of view, it makes no sense to organize an interim solution and bring more trouble to IFLA. That is why I am not resigning.
- c) Perhaps we should discuss the motive for my suspension: Who among you would make the most important personnel decision in a committee without knowing the most elementary basics such as application motivation, curriculum vitae, and references? That is against the statutes and any responsibility.

- d) I would like to point out that it does not really matter whether I attend the meetings or not, whether I vote or abstain from voting. I have clearly rejected important decisions because I could not justify them. Most of my motions in recent months have been negated and not even discussed.
- e) Months ago, I made requests that were rejected. Now the auditor is asking for exactly the same thing. But if I were to inform you what the issue is, how short notice this was presented to the GB only verbally, I would be reprimanded again for violating the Code of Ethics. A classic dilemma.
- f) Then I would like to remind that SC MLAS made a very constructive proposal in Dublin to deal with the situation. I remain convinced that this proposal by SC MLAS would have been the most optimal solution. The GB rejected it in my absence and with deliberate misinformation.
- g) Finally, the GB meetings are public and all members can attend.

MLAS Standing Committee is not clear whether Halo will just suspend himself from the Governing Board until the IFLA Secretary General selection or whether his suspension will last until the end of his tenure as MLAS Chair in August.

5. Miscellaneous

The MLAS Standing Committee proposed and agreed that a close session on MLAS Chair's Statement be held after the meeting without the presence of the MLAS Chair.

6. Next meetings

MLAS Chair and Standing Committee agreed that the following meetings be held on the following dates.

- a) 30 May 3.00– 4.30 pm CEST (Amsterdam)

Joint session with new MLAS SC members as observers with an introduction of MLAS and information about the election of SC MLAS officer positions

- b) 24 July 2023, 3.00 – 4.30 pm (CEST), Zoom

MLAS will discuss among others the preparation of the MLAS Open Session and the MLAS Business Meeting in Rotterdam, Netherlands

- c) MLAS Business Meeting 20 August 2023, IFLA WLIC Rotterdam, Netherlands

The preferred time for the MLAS Business Meeting is 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm and hybrid technology. IFLA HQ will send a draft of the WLIC programme with the proposed room on 10 April with two week time to react. The current MLAS Standing Committee will attend the Business Meeting and the incoming MLAS Standing Committee will be invited to attend as observers with no voting rights. The second MLAS Business Meeting would be held one month after the first MLAS Business Meeting via Zoom.

7) Closing Remarks

Halo, MLAS Chair thanked all the participants for their great commitment and valuable input in this fruitful meeting. On this note, the Chair ends the meeting. The MLAS Standing Committee Members present continued the meeting with a closed session.

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