



**IFLA Rare Books and Special Collections Section Midterm Meeting  
Wednesday, 5 May 2021, 1500-1700 (GMT) – Zoom call**

**MINUTES**

**Approximate times for agenda items are underlined.**

1. **Introductions.** (Time: 15:00)
  - a.) *Apologies:* Maria Castrillo
  - b.) *In attendance:* Danielle Culpepper (Section Chair), Daryl Green (Secretary), Remi Mathis (Info Coordinator), Mages Periasamy, Alexander H-L, Claudia Bubenik, Meg Phillips, Flavia Bruni, Stephanie Stillo, Adelaida Caro Martin, Isabel Garcia-Monge, Peter Sjkovist, Helen Vincent, Antje Theise, Beth Kilmarx
2. **Approval of the Agenda.**
3. **Membership of Standing Committee// nominations & elections** (15:10) (Section Chair): five open positions on standing committee, nine nominations have been advertised. All officer positions for the standing committee are open for nominations. Also, current Info Coordinator will need to step down soon so an open call for an interim Info Coordinator was announced.
4. **IFLA HQ Update** (Time: 15:25) – IFLA Division II Chair (Helen Vincent) HV updated the committee on the new officer supports that IFLA HQ are bringing together for after the elections/handovers for sections this year. New website was discussed and input would be welcome from interim Info Coordinator. WLIC platform only now procured. Registration dates TBD. Registration fees in discussion at the moment, but will be on individual basis. Members of the committee provided positive comments on the IFLA Standing Committee nomination process being quite smooth.
5. **WLIC 2021 update** (Time: 15:35)
  - a. *WLIC logistics, business meetings* (Section Secretary): Two business meetings are required around WLIC, within a six-week window. Secretary to send out to doodle polls for potential dates for business meetings. The first meeting will be chaired by the current Section Chair, the second meeting by the incoming Section Chair and new officers.
  - b. *Value of Special Collections (Maria Castrillo):* Session confirmed for WLIC; DG commented on OCLC's Cost of Stewardship report and conversations around value and cost with OCLC; AT advocated for more provocation to be instigated by the session; MP suggested that we think about taking the planned speakers and think carefully about the questions that will be asked of them in order to properly provoke; IG-M reminded the standing committee of the origins of the conversation of "how" to determine value of special collections; DG raised the question to the committee if this is the beginning of a larger piece of work, the committee discussed the relevancy of this topic;

**ACTION:** fourth WLIC speaker confirmation or suggestions to be solicited from the committee

6. **Working group updates** (Time: 15:45) (Section Chair)
  - a. *Exhibition working group (S. Stillo)*: working group now established, looking at Dublin 2022 for potential programming; **ACTION:** group is open, let SS know if interested.
  - b. *ILAB/IFLA working group (D. Green)*: reported on first group meeting and discussed Missing Books database, future events.
  - c. *Competencies update (B. Kilmarx)*: update on translations in Portuguese (including several dialects), Russian also now planned (DR), Spanish also planned (ACM).
  - d. *Metadata working group (A. Caro Martin)*:
7. **Comfort break** (Time: 16:00)
8. **Break out session, discussion topic “future webinar topics and formats”** (Time: 16:05) (Section Chair)
  - a. zoom break out groups (16:10)
  - b. return and results sharing (16:25)
9. **Midterm 2022 planning** (Time: 16:30) (Section Chair)
10. **Section future strategies** (Time: 16:40) (Section Secretary, open discussion)
11. **Any other business arising** (Time: 16:55)
12. **Actions Review & Wrap Up** (Time: 17:00)