



Approved Minutes
November 2024 Professional Council Meeting
Thursday, 14 November 2024, 21:00-23:00 CET
Virtual

Present: Te Paea Paringatai (Professional Council Chair), Marian Morgan Bindon (Chair, Division Committee A, and Professional Council Vice-Chair), Karin Byström (Chair, Division Committee C), Ann Okerson (Chair, Division Committee D), Russell Lynch (Chair, Division Committee E), Edmund Balnaves (Chair, Division Committee G), Athena Salaba (Chair, Division Committee H), Diane Koen (Chair, North America Regional Division), Saif AlJabri (Chair, Middle East and North Africa Regional Division), Vicki McDonald (IFLA President)

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

Apologies: Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe (Chair, Division Committee B), Samira Zahra (Chair, Division Committee F), Ayanda Lebele, (Chair, Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Division), Sharon Memis (IFLA Secretary General)

Observers: There were observers present

Welcome and Apologies

1.0 Approval of agenda

Resolution: The agenda was approved

1.1 Approval of Minutes from October 2024 meeting

Resolution: The minutes were approved

2.0 *Items for information only

2.1 Professional Unit updates

2.2 PC Funding update

2.3 Actions from previous meetings

2.4 Standards and other publications

2.5 IFLA Nominations and Elections Update

The Council noted the reports

3.0 Strategic matters for discussion (100 minutes)

3.1 Governing Board Working Group update

- **Code of Conduct for Volunteers**
An update on the Code of Conduct for Volunteers was provided. Working group has completed its work with a covering memo that has described the process and feedback on the recommendations. The working group is confident that the process was as robust as it could be, that the feedback that volunteers provided helped inform and shape the final code. This is positioned as a living document – and it is requested that it is reviewed within the first 12 months of use. It is an international document that meets a lot of needs. It has been submitted to the Governing Board for a final communication will go out in advance of the Governing Board meeting. The working group's final task is the last communications update which will go on the IFLA website.
- **WLIC Review**
A third WLIC pulse survey has gone out. The President Elect is working on a summary of recommendations for WLIC going forward. An update on WLIC finances from the Finance Subcommittee, with insights about how to perhaps reposition our thinking. About 14 or 15 expressions of interest for WLIC hosting through 2029 have been received.

3.2 Subcommittee Discussion

Tools, planning and data

- Recommendation: renew Zoom Sessions subscription, Infinity, Basecamp, Alchemer subscriptions for 2025. This has been proposed by Edmund to the Professional Council
- Recommendation: automatic translation option for Zoom - \$5 / account or \$40 /month across all accounts - can be in addition to Wordly where necessary but the improvements in this may ultimately make Wordly unnecessary.
- PC recommendation for funding.
- Edmund to post a funding proposal for this, providing a price comparison with Wordly.
- Next steps in email services and Google Workspace for each unit.

WLIC 2025

- The subcommittee has begun its work and will meet weekly up until WLIC 2025.
- Preliminary calls for session proposals will go out by the end of the week. The group has agreed that PC and RC should integrate their program efforts for all WLICs.
- Information on Satellite meetings including hosts will be sent out to committees as soon as hosts are confirmed.
- PC-led sessions will be discussed offline and brought to the WLIC subcommittee. For the moment a placeholder should be set for this session.

Governance

- SIG Communications plan has been completed. Information about Section reviews has been sent to all Section Officers and posted in the Officer Basecamp. Templates to those who will be going under review in 2025 have been sent to the appropriate Sections. Division Chairs are encouraged to communicate with their Sections and reach out to see if they need help or have questions that need answering.
- The Governance Subcommittee met to discuss changes to the handbook regarding SIGs, reviews etc. This will come to the Professional Council at the February 2025 meeting for discussion.

3.3 [Trend Report](#) and [Strategy 2024-2029](#)

3.4 [Brisbane Declaration](#)

These documents are important for committee planning. If further feedback about needing training or different channels to receive the information are raised within the Division Committees, that could be really useful, as we look for ways to best support committees and volunteers so they can make the most of these documents.

The Brisbane Declaration is one of the few declarations that looks at Indigenous matters and their place in library and information sector and elevating that, so that there are there continues to be practical and useful conversations. The Professional Council Chair remarked that she was particularly encouraged by the Norwegian position to acknowledge shared history and trauma that affected Sami and other indigenous peoples in their country. So there's relevance for this topic, and it would be really helpful for the Professional Council to ensure these documents are considered and promoted in a way that enables us to keep doing better.

3.5 WLIC 2025 Poster Selection Committee/Jury

The WLIC Subcommittee will determine the make-up of the Poster Jury.

Action:

In the new year, the IFLA HQ Liaison will contact the Art Libraries Section to determine their representative.

4.0 Division matters (10 minutes)

Division Chairs provided highlights from their Division Committees.

4.1 Other matters not covered in 3.0

5.0 Other matters

5.1 Year on Reflection

Action:

The Professional Council Chair will work with the IFLA Liaison to develop a publication of Professional Council achievements

5.2 The IFLA President gave an update on IFLA Governing Board work and updates.

The President acknowledged the immense and important work of the Professional Council this term.

5.3 The Regional Council representatives provided updates on recent work and topics raised at the recent Regional Council meeting. Two highlights were the attraction of new members to the Regional Divisions, new professionals and emerging leaders.

6.0 Closing

Upcoming meetings

Professional Council

- 13 February 2025 - 06:00 CET
- 27 March 2025 - 19:00 CET
- 8 May 2025 - 06:00 CEST
- 19 June 2025 - 21:00 CEST
- 31 July 2025 - 06:00 CEST

Governing Board

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