



**IFLA Section
Management of
Library Associations**

**Minutes of Management of Library
Associations Standing Committee
Business Meeting
Sunday, 20 August 2023, 13:30 – 15:30
(CEST) (Amsterdam)**

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Loida Garcia-Febo, MLAS Chair welcomed all participants present at the meeting. She then introduced all the current and incoming MLAS Standing Committee Members, IFLA President, IFLA Secretary General, IFLA Deputy Secretary General, IFLA President-Elect, Professional Council Chair, IFLA HQ staff, MLAS members and observers from library associations all over the world which include New Zealand, Germany, Nigeria, Macau, Egypt, Bulgaria, Finland, Denmark, Senegal and Australia. MLAS Chair informed that MLAS Standing Committee Members not present today send their apologies. The meeting today is for the current MLAS Standing Committee Members and the new incoming Standing Committee Members (2023-2027) are also invited to attend as observers. The chair extended her apologies for not being able to have a hybrid meeting today due to technical problems in the meeting room.

Technology issues prevented members from joining the meeting online. These issues were informed to the IFLA Secretary General and the Governing Board.

2. Minutes MLAS Standing Committee Zoom Meeting, 24 July 2023

Loy Jyoon, MLAS Secretary presented the minutes of the MLAS Standing Committee Meeting which was held on 24 July 2023 via Zoom. The minutes were approved with no amendments or comments. The Chair thanked Loy Jyoon for preparing the minutes.

3. Insights from the IFLA President

MLAS Chair welcomes Barbara Lison, IFLA President to give an insight and updates on IFLA and the Governing Board. MLAS members very much appreciate that the IFLA President joined the meeting and had a conversation with us. This is a really good long-standing practice of MLAS and everyone feels good when the IFLA President is in attendance.

The IFLA president thanked MLAS for inviting her to the meeting. She stressed that IFLA is about bringing people together, providing a common space and a platform for doing more together than we could ever do apart. IFLA has successfully changed and developed, becoming the powerful voice, global meeting place, and source of ideas and inspiration it is today. IFLA achievements are all the work done by our Professional and Regional Units, and our Advisory Committees.

IFLA President-Elect, Vicki MacDonald will take over from Barbara as IFLA President after the IFLA General Meeting on 24 August 2023. IFLA Governing Board members are responsible for the management of the Federation, overseeing governance, financial and professional matters, ensuring sustainability, and developing and guiding the strategic direction of IFLA. Among the priorities for the incoming IFLA Governing Board is to revisit the IFLA Strategy (2019-2024) and the structure of future IFLA Congresses.

4. Introduction of IFLA Secretary General

Loida welcomes Sharon Memis, IFLA's new Secretary General to the meeting. Sharon began her role as IFLA Secretary General on 1 June 2023 working with the IFLA HQ team and with the Governing Board. The Secretary General's role is to manage the daily operations of IFLA Headquarters, maintain the relationships with IFLA's members and partners, and work together with the Governing Board on the strategic directions and goals for the Federation.

Sharon has over thirty years of strategic and operational experience in public, private, and not-for-profit sectors in the US, Europe, and Asia. She joined IFLA from the Association of Commonwealth Universities, where she was Chief Operating Officer. Sharon has witnessed the transformational power of libraries, which can change lives and communities during her career with the British Council. She looked forward to working together with IFLA and all of us.

5. Action Plan MLAS

a) IFLA WLIC MLAS Open Session 2023

MLAS will be having an IFLA WLIC MLAS Open Session with the topic: "Strengthening Library Associations - The Importance of Advocacy Impact Evaluation and its Relevance to SDGs Advocacy" on Thursday 24 August 2023 at 01:15 pm-2:30 pm in Room Rotterdam A (Session ID: 181). Loida and Dijana Machala will be chairing the session whereas Susan Haigh and Marwa El Sahn will be among the speakers. The session will be on-site and recorded.

The session will address library association roles in advocating for policy or societal change in line with SDGs; present MLAS work to strengthen commitment and capacity to evaluate advocacy activities; and finally combine the two, exploring how the impact of library advocacy on SDGs could be evaluated. The link to the session can be viewed at: <https://iflawlic2023.abstractserver.com/program/#/details/sessions/300>

b) IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project

The IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project is a two-year project started in November 2021. The final project result, the Review of Advocacy Impact Evaluation Practices in the Library Field, is scheduled to be published in August 2023. The project aims to strengthen the advocacy impact evaluation practice in the library field by providing a set of guidance and recommendations about how to measure and evaluate the library advocacy impact. The project is led by Dijana Machala (Croatia) with participation from Susan Haigh (Canada), Hella Klauser (Germany), Halo Locher (Switzerland), Jorge Moisés Kroll Do Prado (Brazil), Pascal Sanz (France), and Alicia Sellés Carot (Spain). MLAS also thanked Claudia Lux, IFLA President 2007-2009 who was also consulted in this project.

c) MLAS Webinars: Report on the success

Loida reported for the MLAS Webinars Series, “Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations” a working group from MLAS led by Loida in collaboration with the New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG), the Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section (ENSULIB), and the IFLA Regional Divisions has hosted four webinar series on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Library Associations for this year. The four IFLA Regional Divisions are the North American Region, MENA Region, Asia and Oceania Region, and European Region. MLAS plans to continue the Webinar Series with Latin America and the Caribbean Region before the end of 2023.

MLAS is happy that a representative from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Subcommittee was able to give a presentation in each of the four webinars. Loida then invited the following MLAS SC to give a brief report on the Webinar held in their respective region.

i. North American Region, 6 March 2023

Loida as the coordinator and moderator for the North American Region Webinar reported that the first webinar in the series was held on 6th March 2023. The six speakers for this

webinar were Julius C. Jefferson, Chair of IFLA North America Regional Division; John Szabo, City Librarian of Los Angeles, Chief Executive of the Los Angeles Public Library; Robin Kear, Liaison librarian at the University of Pittsburgh, USA; Thanos Giannakopoulos, United Nations. Chief, Information Management Section & Dag Hammarskjöld Library; and Loida Garcia-Febo as Chair of the ALA UN Sustainable Development Goals Subcommittee.

The webinar was well received with participants from North America, Canada, Europe, and South America. There were 273 views on the recording through this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjCFntgIDHw>

ii. Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region, 8 May 2023

This is the second webinar in the series. Marwa El Sahn as the moderator for the MENA region reported that it was good that the webinar was held in the MENA region as libraries and library associations were able to highlight their involvement, contributions, and activities in implementing the SDGs. The speakers from this webinar were Imad Bachir, Chair of IFLA MENA Region; Marwa El Sahn, IFLA MLAS; Mohammad Zuheir Bakleh, Information Management Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA); Basma Chebani, President of the Lebanese Library Association; Dr Najib Al Shorbaji, President of the Jordanian Library Association; and Dr. Amany Gamal Megahed, Menofia University, Egypt. There were 3 interactive sessions in English, French, and Arabic.

The participants were from Croatia, Malaysia, Poland, Syria, Germany, and many other countries. There were 129 views on the recording through this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9bfJqWZaFI>

iii. Asia and Oceania Region, 7 June 2023

The third webinar was held in the Asia and Oceania Region on 7 June 2023. The moderators were Magdalena and Loy Jyoon. Asia Oceania region is the largest and most diversified with over 60 countries and this webinar will have presentations from libraries and library associations in the Pacific Islands and Fiji which are hard to reach. The speakers for this webinar were Winston Roberts, Chair, IFLA Asia-Oceania Regional

Division Committee; Kiyoshi Chiba, Digital Communications Assistant at the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Northeast Asia, UNIC Tokyo; Clare Thorpe, Vice President of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA); Erlinda Naputi, President of the Pacific Islands Associations of Libraries, Archives, and Museums; Lorin Pai, President of the Fiji Library Association; Kim Taunga, President of The New Zealand Library Association Inc. (LIANZA). Loy Jyoon and Edison Ricket spoke on behalf of Malaysia as Rashidah Bolhassan from Malaysia was not able to attend the webinar. There were 3 interactive sessions in English, Chinese, and Malay. Although there were no speakers from India, Sri Lanka, and China, there were participants from these countries.

Information about the webinar can be accessed via this link: [Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations: Asia/Oceania Regional Division – IFLA](#) The recording of the webinar can be accessed via this link: <https://youtu.be/SZb6l7Cn3EE?feature=shared> with 152 views as of 9 August 2023.

iv. European Region, 11 July 2023

The fourth Webinar was held in the European Region on 11 July 2023. The moderator was Vidar Lund, President Norwegian Library Association. The speakers were Loida Garcia-Febo; Dr. Stuart Hamilton, Chair, Europe Regional Division; Sherri Aldis, Director, United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe; Alicia Sellés Carot, President, FESABID, Spain; Jacqueline Breidlid, German Library Association; Thomas Sture Rasmussen, SDG Coordinator for The Danish Library Association and Dr. Claudia Serbanuta, President Communities of the Future Association, Member of the extended board of the Romanian National Association of Public Libraries and Librarians (ANBPR). Information on the webinar can be accessed via this link: <https://www.ifla.org/events/sustainable-development-goals-and-library-associations-europe-regional-division/>. The recording of this webinar can be viewed via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TOs1-BpuwU>.

The insights from these interactive sessions will be compiled and presented in the IFLA WLIC 2023 programme. Pascal, MLAS Standing Committee reiterated that we have been working on SDGs since 2015 and it is very important that Standing Committees start to work further and incorporate diversity and inclusiveness.

6. Planning to identify MLAS priority for 2023 – 2024

- a) MLAS Library Associations' Needs Survey Result – initial conversation about Possible priority topics for 2023-2024

MLAS Chair and Committee Members agreed that the summary of its 2021 Library Associations' Needs Survey Result be used as an initial conversation in identifying possible priority topics for MLAS Action Plan 2023-2024. The Survey results can be accessed via the link: https://reporting.alchemer.com/r/398650_60302de298d3f2.83679778.

Among the priority topics in the survey include advocacy, collaboration with others; leadership and professional development programs; organizing events and conferences; Association financial management and sustainability; membership management, and strategic forecasting and planning. MLAS welcomes all comments and suggestions on these topics for planning its priorities for 2023-2024 as different regions have different needs. Besides these topics, digital inclusion in professional development was also mentioned.

MLAS Chair thanked Susan Haigh, MLAS Standing Committee as the lead of this survey and for preparing the summary of the survey.

- b) Brainstorming to improve communication and engagement of all MLAS members

The Chair informed that to improve communication among all MLAS members, MLAS conducted web conferences in December 2022 and January 2023. The purpose of the event is to share with members what MLAS is, activities and resources developed during our last term, and activities for the current year 2022-2023. MLAS invited members of the Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS) and representatives from library associations to a web conference presented by MLAS on December 12 at two different times to benefit those in different time zones. The recording of the web conference entitled "What MLAS Is and We Do" can be viewed via: <https://youtu.be/rJixkyqkBs>

The second MLAS Web Conference was held on 10 January 2023. The purpose of the event is to share with our members general information about nominations and elections within IFLA: Governing Board, committees, sections, and SIGs. The recording can be viewed via: <https://youtu.be/0uvX6fAyEzA>

MLAS Chair then opened the floor to invite all the participants to express anything they wanted to share on how to improve the communication and engagement of all MLAS members. Among the suggestions included the following: Round table with IFLA / MLAS; IFLA HQ and Stephen Wyber are keen to provide points to make our work easier; listserv for wider distribution of information; language issue is still a problem; IFLA representatives in National, Regional and International Conferences to give an update on IFLA.

c) MLAS Mid-Year Meeting 2024

MLAS Chair informed that the current MLAS Standing Committee has held three hybrid (In-person and Virtual) Mid-Year Meetings in Chicago, USA at the ALA Office in February 2020; Saint Gallen, Switzerland in May 2022; and Paris, France in March 2023.

Pascal Sanz, MLAS Standing Committee Member graciously hosted the MLAS Mid-Year Meeting 2023 held in Paris, France on 23-24 March 2023. It was a hybrid (Physical/Zoom) meeting with participants attending the MLAS Mid-Year Meeting in Paris, and MLAS Standing Committee members who were unable to attend the meeting physically in Paris. The Mid-Year Meeting was a success which included visits to museums and libraries and a presentation of the landscape of French Library Associations. However, he stressed that the meeting could have included more content. MLAS Chair thanked Pascal Sanz, Eléonore Clavreul Jean-Baptiste Vaisman, and all colleagues from the French associations and libraries in Paris for their kind hospitality.

MLAS Chair and Pascal suggested that the Mid-Year Meeting for 2024 have more content. The host for the MLAS Mid-Year Meeting 2024 will be discussed in the next MLAS Meeting scheduled on 19 September 2023.

7. Report from Special Interest Groups (SIG)

MLAS Chair informed that MLAS is the sponsoring section for New Professionals SIG and Woman, Information, and Libraries SIG.

a) New Professionals SIG (NPSIG)

Magdalena Gomulka as the NPSIG Convenor reported that NPSIG is hosting and co-hosting several programmes during IFLA WLIC in Rotterdam. Among the programs are the IFLAcamp#9 in Rotterdam, (<https://iflacamp.wordpress.com/>); NPSIG Business Meeting; Collaboration with CPWL in the IFLA Open session “Toxic Librarianship and Leadership?:

Strategies and Methods in Addressing Difficult Workplace Environments.”; Librarian Flashmob “Children’s Books” at Rotterdam Central Station (<https://iflawlic2023.abstractserver.com/program/#/details/sessions /355>); Happy Hours Session and NPSIG Open Session “Library Job Stories: Finding Jobs and Learning about the Requirements.”

Magdalena thanked the IFLA President, IFLA officials, Chair of the Dutch WLIC National Committee, MLAS Chair, and participants from nine countries for attending the IFLA Camp#9 in Rotterdam.

NPSIG also collaborated with MLAS in the IFLA MLAS Webinar series on “Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations.” NPSIG provided technical assistance such as the recordings of the webinars and as facilitators in the Interactive room session.

Magdalena informed that the new NPSIG Convenor for the term 2023-2025 is Paria Aria from the United States. She will take over from Magdalena Gomulka who has completed her term as NPSIG Convenor after the IFLA General Meeting on 24 August 2023. She thanked the MLAS Chair and the Standing Committee for their collaboration and support for NPSIG. MLAS also thanked Magdalena and NPSIG for their dedication, collaboration, and support.

b) Woman, Information and Libraries SIG (WILSIG)

Evvisa Weinraub Lajoie, Women, Information and Libraries SIG (WILSIG) Convenor informed that the WILSIG Business Meeting will be held on 23 August from 14:00 to 15:30 at Room Dock 13. She invited all participants present to attend the meeting. WILSIG will not be having an Open Session but will partner with the Academic and Research Libraries Section in the Satellite Meeting “Inclusiveness through Openness” held on the 18-19 August at the Erasmus University Library, Rotterdam.

WILSIG will also be involved in the NPSIG session: “Library Job Stories: Finding Jobs and Learning about the Requirements” on 22 August where Evvisa will be one of the speakers.

Evvisa informed that the new Convenor for WILSIG for the session 2023-2025 is Jeli Saveta Blagojeric from Montenegro. She will take over from Evvisa Weinraub Lajoie who has completed her term as WILSIG Convenor after the IFLA General Meeting on 24 August 2023.

Evviva thanked the MLAS Chair and the Committee Members for the collaboration and support given to WILSIG. MLAS thanked Evviva for her commitment and leadership and due recognition for her outstanding long service in IFLA.

8. MLAS Incoming and Outgoing Standing Committee Members – Recognitions

MLAS Chair informed that there are eight outgoing MLAS Standing Committee Members who have completed their term. The eight outgoing SC members are Hans Ulrich Locher; Alim Garga; Pascal Sanz; Susan Haigh; Ute Engelkenmeier; Chutima Sacchanand; Ruijuan Huo and Mikhael Afanasyev. The two outgoing convenors are Evviva Weinraub Lajoie, Women, Information and Libraries SIG, and Magdalena Gomułka, New Professionals SIG.

As a token of appreciation to the outgoing MLAS Standing Committee, the MLAS Chair has sent the link to Kudoboard to all MLAS members to write a message. Kudoboard is an online replacement for the greeting card that is passed around and signed. <https://www.kudoboard.com/> MLAS is so grateful to these committee members and convenors who have carried out their responsibilities with much dedication, commitment, passion, and energy and have contributed so much to carry IFLA and MLAS forward.

MLAS Chair and the continuing Standing Committee also welcome the incoming Standing Committee for the term 2023-2027. The incoming Standing Committee are Julia Demasi; Antoine Torrens Montebello; Deepali Talagala; Yanhang Wang; Imad Bachir; Adama Kone; Wai Tat Wilson Hoi; Irina Trushina and Micheline Brule.

MLAS Chair reiterated that MLAS has had a good team and will continue with a new team. The MLAS new team are Loida Garcia Febo (Chair); Loy Jyoon Chin (Secretary); Micheline Brule (Information Coordinator); Marwa El Sahn; Hella Klauser; Namutenya Hamwaalwa; Alicia Sellés Carot; Ana Carolina Lopez Scondras; Dijana Machala; Nicholas Poole; Jorge Moisés Kroll do Prado; Vidar Lund; Lynn L. Jibril; Julia Demasi; Antoine Torrens Montebello; Deepali Talagala; Yanhang Wang; Imad Bachir; Adama Kone; Wai Tat Wilson Hoi and Irina Trushina.

9. Next Meeting Date

MLAS informed that the next MLAS Standing Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2023 at 14:00-15:30 Amsterdam CEST. This will be the first MLAS SC Meeting for the new MLAS team and the incoming WILSIG and NPSIG convenors. The agenda and link to the meeting will be sent nearer to the date of the meeting.

10. Miscellaneous

a) Remarks from guests

MLAS Chair invited the guests for any remarks and all suggestions are good for consideration by MLAS.

b) Highlights at IFLA Governing Board

MLAS Chair as a member of the IFLA Governing Board highlighted the following matters which include 3,000 participants who attended IFLA WLIC 2023; review of the IFLA Strategic Plan (2019-2024); Library Map of the World which will be held during the Associations Member Meeting; IFLA continued work with United Nations High-Level Forum with representatives from IFLA and MLAS presenting papers online and in-person; 10th anniversary of the Marrakesh Treaty and International Programme for Action on Climate (IPAC).

MLAS Chair also thanked Loy Jyoon as MLAS Secretary was the deputized representative of MLAS to the IFLA Governing Board in the interim period until a new MLAS Chair has been elected. Loida was elected as the new MLAS Chair effective May 2023.

11. Overview IFLA WLIC Programme, Rotterdam 2023

MLAS presents open sessions at the annual IFLA Congress and partners with other IFLA groups to present and lead sessions. MLAS chair gave an overview of the MLAS Programme in IFLA WLIC 2023.

a) MLAS Open Session “Strengthening Library Associations – The Importance of Advocacy Impact Evaluation and its Relevance to SDGs Advocacy” Thursday 24 August 2023, 01:15 pm -02:30 pm, Room Rotterdam A

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<https://iflawlic2023.abstractserver.com/program/#/details/sessions/300>

- b) Association Members Meeting IFLA and MLAS Wednesday 23 August 2023, 02:00 pm 03:30 pm, Room Rotterdam A

The Association Members Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 August 2023 from 02:00 pm-03:30 pm (CEST) in Room Rotterdam A. Loida informed that every year the host for the meeting is MLAS and the topic for the meeting is worked out between IFLA HQ and MLAS. Every year, the MLAS Chair will be chairing the meeting in collaboration with IFLA HQ. All MLAS SC and IFLA WLIC participants are invited to attend the Session. The link to the meeting can be viewed via: [IFLA WLIC 2023 - Program \(abstractserver.com\)](#).

- c) Women in Information and Library SIG Business Meeting Wednesday 23, August 14:00 – 15:30. Room Dock 13

Evviva Weinraub Lajoie, Women in Information and Library SIG (WILSIG) Convenor informed that the WILSIG Business Meeting will be held on 23 August from 14:00 to 15:30 at Room Dock 13. This will be the last time that she will be chairing the meeting and informed her that the new Convenor for WILSIG for the session 2023-2025 is Jeli Saveta Blagojeric from Montenegro. She will take over from Evviva Weinraub Lajoie after the IFLA General Meeting on 24 August 2023.

d) New Professionals SIG

- i. 18-19 August, Friday / Saturday, IFLAcamp#9 in Rotterdam, (<https://iflacamp.wordpress.com/>)

Magdalena presented her report on the successful hosting of IFLAcamp#9 in Rotterdam. IFLA This event was organized together with the Goethe-Institut Niederlande in Rotterdam on 18 – 19 August 2023. This year IFLAcamp#9 focused on the theme of “The European Year of Skills” established by the European Commission in 2023.

- ii. 23 August, 8:30 - 10:00, NPSIG Business Meeting. Room: Dock 13

The NPSIG Business Meeting will be held on the 23 August from 8:30 am-10:00 am at Room Dock 13. Magdalena, NPSIG Convenor will be chairing the meeting for the last time.

- iii. 21 August, Monday

- 2:45- 14:00 CPDWL session (organized with NPSIG) “Toxic Librarianship and Leadership?: Strategies and Methods in Addressing Difficult Workplace Environments.” Room: Rotterdam A

- 18:15-18:45 Librarian Flashmob “Children’s Books” at Rotterdam Central Station (<https://2023.ifla.org/flashmob/>)

This event is organized by Rotterdam Public Libraries and NPSIG, in collaboration with Rotterdam Central Station. WLIC2023 participants, Dutch librarians, and library allies are invited to Rotterdam Central Station on Monday, 21 August at 18:15 for a special event celebrating the importance of reading to children.

- 19:30 NPSIG Happy Hours

NPSIG Happy Hours will take place at the Bokaal Rotterdam at 19:30 until late at night.

- iv. 22 August, Tuesday, 16:30 - 17:45 NPSIG Session: “Library Job Stories: Finding Jobs and Learning about the Requirements.” Room: Port 1 B (hybrid format)

NPSIG will be hosting its very own Open Session: “Library Job Stories: Finding Jobs and Learning about the Requirements” on 22 August at 16:30.

- e) IFLA WLIC 2023 Opening Ceremony, Monday, 21 August, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, RTM Stage https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0_Zg0opB9M

- f) IFLA WLIC 2023 Closing Ceremony, Thursday 24 August 2023, 03:00 pm-05:00 pm, RTM Stage <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTMhU2Jfpd0&t=348s>

The Closing Ceremony will include an address by incoming IFLA President Vicki McDonald.

12. Closing Remarks

MLAS Chair thanked the IFLA President, IFLA Secretary General, IFLA HQ Staff, MLAS Standing Committee Members, MLAS Members, Observers, and guests for their great commitment and time in attending this meeting today. Their valuable inputs have contributed to a very fruitful meeting. The next MLAS SC Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19 September 2023 via Zoom. The Chair wishes everyone a fruitful WLIC and an enjoyable time in Rotterdam. On this note, the Chair ends the meeting at 15:30 (CEST) in Amsterdam with a photo session with the outgoing and incoming MLAS Standing Committee Members.

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