

Division G Zoom Meeting - Minutes
April 19, 2023 - 8 a.m. US Pacific time

Attending: Karin Byström (Chair), Ann Okerson (Secretary), Emma Farrow, Beth Ketterman, Jeffrey Knapp, Bethany McGowan, Lindsay Ozburn, Hari Sahavirta, Ekaterina Shibaeva, Andrea Wirth.

1. **Approval of agenda.** Agenda was approved without changes.
2. **Strategic matters - Discussions**
 - A. **Standing committee/SIG elections, Officer/convener elections and Transition (timeline, activities).** All officers/chairs now have info about the upcoming transition. IFLA HQ will hold welcoming sessions 2nd week of May. Committee chairs should send welcoming email messages to new members and schedule a pre-WLIC business meeting. In June, committees will hold officers elections. Self-nominations: June 1-19. Election: late June - early July, with officers announced on July 13th. The new Professional Council will be announced May 1st. All incoming officers will be added to basecamp.
 - B. **Professional council April meeting report.** Karin gave a short report: Lots of discussion about the PC transition; Current PC will meet with new PC in June and both will meet in person in Rotterdam; Creation and publication of two OA books was accepted (more movement to OA publications is desired); A proposal for Networks is now going forward for review and first network may be started in Rotterdam.
- 3.0 **Round table.** We are coming to the end of the 2021-23 term. Questions? Lessons learned? What to hand over to new members and officers?
 - A. **Process for SIGS to become standing committees.** The former process is no more; PC is working to recommend a revised process. Does this mean that SIGs have 2 extra years? Not necessarily. No instructions yet.
 - B. **Problems with the IFLA website.** On April 13th, IFLA HQ tried to update Word Press and now many pages are still broken, including the Congress pages. This is a period when IFLA is most active and everyone needs the information. Perhaps it could be made temporarily available on some other website? Karin said this is an IFLA HQ question -- suggest we write to them.
 - C. **Electing officers.** Are we doing this during a business meeting call, or is it once again more formal? IFLA appears to have gone to many more

formal procedures than in the past. Yes, we are continuing with the formal nominations and elections process. There will be an upcoming governance review where such matters can be raised.

- D. **Is the option of a 2nd business meeting now gone?** Correct; there's no time for 2nd meeting. (Participants felt this was a loss.)
 - E. **When will we know next WLIC venue choice?** It would really help to know this before our committees meet so we can plan properly. This topic has bounced back and forth over the years. Karin will ask the question.
 - F. **Long discussion about inactive members.** These are individuals who don't participate or do the minimum. How long should we wait before starting the process IFLA has identified? Comments: Chair or Convener or Chair can perhaps find a spot that resonates with the member and opens up an opportunity that engages them. There are many ways to contribute. Officers can call on volunteers to help them fulfill their roles. It was noted that at times inactive members re-volunteer to serve again, and there is no part of the form asks the nominee what they've done in the first term; IFLA is requested to improve the form in this regard.
 - G. **Discussion of co-option** and how to go about it after elections. Is it to fill up a committee to 20 or to create a more diverse committee? These are separate needs. Karin subsequently reported that the Co-option procedure will be revised and that no co-option will happen until later this year.
 - G. **Complexity of the committee nominations process**, esp. for people whose first language isn't English or they are not quite fluent in English, was mentioned again.
4. **Other Division matters.** There were no additional questions about WLIC 2023 status or planning for open sessions, satellites, etc. Karin reminded the group about the upcoming May 15th deadline to nomination committees and SIGS for the dynamic unit award, of which there are now four.
5. **Other matters.** Next meeting June 14th; Next PC on June 2nd.
6. **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 50 minutes past the hour.

Submitted by Ann Okerson, Secretary