



**Endorsed Minutes of the fifty-fifth meeting of the Governing Board, held on Friday 18 August 2017 from 11:00-17.30 in the Imperial Hall room, Centennial Hall, Wrocław, Poland.**

**Members:** Donna Scheeder (President, Chair); Glòria Pérez-Salmerón (President-Elect); Margaret Allen; Kirsten Boelt; Ngian Lek Choh; Loida Garcia-Febo; Ágnes Hajdu Barát; Andrew McDonald; Christine Mackenzie; Perry Moree; Victoria Okojie; Victoria Owen; Viviana Quiñones; Barbara Schleihagen; Raissa Teodori; Maria-Carme Torras i Calvo; Christine Wellems; Frederick Zarndt

**Staff:** Gerald Leitner, IFLA Secretary General (SG); Helen Mandl, Manager Member Services; Esther Doria, Project Coordination Assistant (minutes); Josche Ouwerkerk, Manager, Conferences and Business Relations for Agenda Item 3.1 and 3.1.4.; Stephen Wyber, Manager, Policy and Advocacy for Agenda Items 2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.4.6.4; Joanne Yeomans, Professional Support Officer for Agenda item 2.3.3 Ingrid Bon, Manager, Development Programmes for the IFLA Leaders Programme item.

**Observers:** Antonia Arahova; Elena Chaves Edier de Almeida; Huanwen Cheng; Barbara Lison; Claudia Machado; Torbjörn Nilsson; Ann Okerson; Knud Schulz; Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira; Maja Žumer.  
In the afternoon Marwa el Sahn joined the meeting as observer.

**Guests:** 12.30 for Item 3.1.1 – IFLA WLIC 2017 and IFLA Leaders Programme: Katarzyna Ślaska, Deputy Director of the National Library and Elżbieta Stefańczyk, President of the Polish Library Association. Roberta Odebrecht, from K.I.T. (to brief the Board on the Congress organizing)  
Leaders Programme Mentors: Helena Asamoah-Hassan; Nancy Gwinn; Claudia Lux; Jacintha Were.  
Leaders Programme Associates: Jonathan Hernández Pérez; Robin Kear; Mahmoud Khalifa; Elvira B. Lapuz; Mandiaye Ndiaye; David Ramírez-Ordóñez; Vesna Vuksan; Zhao Yan.

## **Welcome and apologies**

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and the observers introduced themselves. There was an apology from Ellen Ndeshi Namhila.

### **1. General business**

#### **1.1 Adoption of agenda**

Item 1.3 “Resolutions agreed since last meeting, to be read into the Minutes” was un-starred. Under item 3.3 “Advisory Committee Reports”, item 3.3.1 “CLM and item 3.3.5 “Cultural Heritage Programme” were un-starred for discussion in camera as they included recommendations for appointments.

**Resolution:** The agenda was approved and adopted.

## **1.2 Minutes of the previous meeting on 2 April 2017**

In item “Requests for Travel Support for December Governing Board meeting” on page 3 Governing Board members noted that this item was discussed in a closed session because it included the discussion of individuals, and therefore this resolution should not be in the minutes. It was decided that notes of such a decision should be taken and kept, but not publicly published.

In item 1.4.2 “From the Executive Committee”, it was noted that the second paragraph of this item was not part of the minutes of the meeting, but additional information added to respond to a question raised during the meeting:

*“On a question regarding the delegation of decisions on IFLA’s Honours and Awards to the Executive Committee, this has been the practice since at least 2003, the exact date of the delegation not being found in IFLA’s electronic records of the Governing Board. The current awards and procedures were reviewed in 2008/2009, endorsed by the Governing Board in April 2009 and revised by the Governing Board in December 2010.”*

With these two notations, the minutes were approved.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the fifty-fourth meeting of the Governing Board held on Sunday 2 April 2017, at the Goethe Institute, Athens, Greece for signing by the President.

## **1.3 Resolutions agreed since the last meeting, to be read into the Minutes**

The following resolutions were agreed since the last meeting and are recorded in the minutes of this meeting:

### **IFLA Response to the Compromise between the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers on Marrakesh**

Having followed closely the process of ratifying the Marrakesh Treaty in the EU, IFLA welcomed the crucial step of an agreement between the two legislative bodies of the EU. We achieved about three quarters of our asks, although there is still too much room for ‘compensation’ schemes, even if these are strictly circumscribed. The IFLA response therefore is positive about the fact of an agreement, but criticises the inclusion of the possibility of compensation provisions, given the costs they impose, and the potential to undermine the impact of the Treaty, in particular in exchanges with developing countries.

**Resolution:** The Executive Committee on behalf of the Governing Board endorsed IFLA’s response to the Compromise in the EU on the Marrakesh Treaty on 14 May.

### **Joint Letter to the European Union’s Competitiveness Council on Copyright**

Ahead of the meeting of the Competitiveness Council, bringing together ministers responsible for issues around industry and innovation on 28-29 May, IFLA signed onto a letter, alongside 63 other organisations, calling for reforms that would promote access and innovation. The Competitiveness Council is a traditionally forward-looking body, which adopted ambitious open access targets for the EU last year.

**Resolution:** The Executive Committee on behalf of the Governing Board endorsed IFLA’s co-signature of the joint letter to the EU Competitiveness Council on 25 May.

### **IFLA Submission on South Africa's Copyright Reform**

Following many years of advocacy, South Africa's copyright reform appears to be moving forwards, with important steps made in favour of libraries and their users, including more flexible provisions on copying, and good transposition of the Marrakesh Treaty. IFLA welcomed this progress in a submission, calling for further steps to ensure that text and data mining is covered, and to widen the range of activities that can be covered by fair dealing/fair use provisions.

**Resolution:** The Executive Committee on behalf of the Governing Board noted IFLA's submission on the South African Copyright Reform on 14 July 2017.

### **Statement on Technological Protection Measures**

This statement came in the context of ongoing discussions in the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) on the subject of whether to integrate Encrypted Media Extensions (EME) into the HTML Standard. This step would allow for the operation of technological protection measures (TPMs), designed to restrict uses of audio-visual digital content, at the level of the browser, not at the level of the network. A basic form of protection measure – clear key encryption – would be applied by default. While this step would reduce need for plug-ins, and potentially simplify the operation of the Internet, it would potentially be very harmful in countries without adequate means for legally circumventing or removing TPMs which prevent enjoyment of exceptions and limitations to copyright. As such, the statement calls on the W3C to delay integrating EME into the HTML Standard until measures are in place to facilitate removal of abusive TPMs.

**Resolution:** The Executive Committee on behalf of the Governing Board endorsed IFLA's statement on Technological Protection Measures on 15 July 2017.

### **Joint Statement by IFLA and EIFL on Marrakesh Treaty Implementation in Malawi**

Malawi passed legislation allowing for its ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty on 14 July 2017. However, in doing so, it left open the possibility for the application of a commercial availability test before allowing the creation and sharing of accessible format copies. Such a requirement will add bureaucracy, and may even make book exchanges impossible. The statement therefore welcomes the ratification, but calls on Malawi to use implementing regulations to hold off on implementation of commercial availability tests. The statement will be published shortly.

**Resolution:** The Executive Committee on behalf of the Governing Board endorsed the joint IFLA-EIFL statement on Marrakesh Treaty Implementation in Malawi on 31 July 2017.

### **Appointment of Martyn Wade as Parliamentarian**

IFLA's Rules of Procedure R9.6 states "The Executive Committee may appoint someone who is an expert on the rules and methods of the conduct of business by boards and committees to assist the President in determining all matters of procedure for which there is no provision in these Rules."

**Resolution:** The Executive Committee appointed Martyn Wade as Parliamentarian for the General Assembly 2017 on 1 August 2017.

### **Assignment of countries or areas to specific regions in the Library Map of the World**

The assignment of countries or areas to specific regions in the Library Map of the World (LMW) should be based on definitions by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD). This will help in future to use LMW datasets in analysis and comparison with any statistics compiled by the UN, including SDG related data. The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) will be the reference as authority.

According to the UNSD Methodology on Standard country or area codes for statistical use (M49) there are 249 countries or areas in the world (Taiwan and Kosovo are not included). In general, this list of countries or areas includes those countries or areas for which statistical data are compiled by the Statistics Division of the United Nations Secretariat.

The use of geographies and naming conventions on the LMW will be explained in the About section of the LMW website with links to the UNSD Methodology. It will also mention that the assignment of countries or areas to specific groupings does not imply any assumption regarding political or other affiliation of countries or territories by IFLA.

**Resolution:** The Executive Committee on behalf of the Governing Board endorsed on 3 August 2017 that the assignment of countries or areas to specific regions in the Library Map of the World (LMW) should be based on definitions by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

#### **IFLA Statement on Internet Shut-Downs**

In the months leading up to the African Global Vision Meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroon, the English-speaking regions of the country were subject to a shutdown of the Internet. While this was lifted by the time of the IFLA meeting, the evidence suggests that this is an increasingly common phenomenon. The statement underlines the damage that such measures can do to development, and calls for strict adherence to principles of proportionality when considering whether to limit access to the Internet. It builds on the IFLA Internet Manifesto of 2014.

**Resolution:** The Executive Committee on behalf of the Governing Board endorsed the IFLA Statement on Internet Shutdowns on 10 August 2017.

It was noted that the date on this paper was incorrect and should be changed from 13 March 2017 to the correct date in August.

### **1.4 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda**

#### **1.4.1 From the minutes of 2 April 2017**

There were no further matters arising.

#### **1.4.2 From the Executive Committee**

The President reported on the Executive Committee meeting which had discussed the GB agenda and the Resolutions agreed since the last meeting. The paper for the Strategic Partner Meeting, “Digital Memory-Shared Challenges, Joint Responses?” was discussed.

#### **ALP Committee Review**

At its April 2016 meeting the Executive Committee decided to review the Core Activity Programmes namely CLM, FAIFE, Cultural Heritage, UNIMARC and ALP. A deadline was set for the August 2017 Board meeting so that any changes that might be recommended in

structure or charge would coincide with the appointment of new members. The need to complete this task by August 2017 was reaffirmed at the April 2017 Board meeting.

After consulting the ALP Core Activity Working Group (the input we received is very much appreciated and valued) it became obvious that ALP does not have the same scope of work as CLM or FAIFE. As a result of the discussion of the Working Group the following conclusions were reached:

1. The ALP scope of work and committee tasks differ from those of CLM and FAIFE.
2. BSLA, IAP, and the International Leaders programme all deal with supporting library development
3. There are two committees with nearly the same membership dealing with certain aspects of Library development, ALP and the IAP Committees.

This situation is not an efficient way to carry out library development work. Therefore, it is recommended that all library development activities and programmes be under one umbrella together with Building Strong Library Associations and the International Leaders programme. It is suggested to call the new structure the Library Development Programme. In doing so, the need for similarity in the selection procedures for Call for Proposals is also solved.

A new Governance has been drafted and presented to the Executive Committee. The name of the Advisory Committee will be: Library Development Advisory Committee (LDAC) and will have the following seven members: President-elect (Chair); Chair of MLAS Committee (ex-officio); Chair of Division V (ex-officio); 3 members of the Governing Board; Manager Development Programmes (MDP) is a non-voting ex-officio member.

Activities planned for 2017:

- Adjust the connected webpages according to the new structure and Governance
- Regularly place news items on the webpages to keep focus on these IFLA activities
- The new LDAC to review the expected project proposals 2nd Call for Proposals IAP (sent out on 31-8-2017 and deadline for receiving proposals 1-10-2017)

Resolutions: 1) The Executive Committee noted the progress of ALP review.  
2) The Executive Committee unanimously consolidated the current programmes BSLA, IAP and ILP into the Library Development Programme.  
3) The Executive Committee unanimously approved the Governance of the new structure to be called Library Development Programme.

A question was raised regarding whether the minutes of the Executive Committee should be submitted to the Governing Board for approval. It was decided to seek the advice of the Parliamentarian in this matter. On the publication of minutes, it was noted that all approved minutes will be published starting with the minutes from the meetings held in Athens in April 2017.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the report from the Executive Committee.

## **2. Strategic matters**

### **2.1 Advocacy**

#### **2.1.1 Overview of advocacy activities since the last meeting**

Copyright reform continues to be a major area for IFLA activity constantly guarding against restrictions to information from increased publisher rights and issues such as harm to open access from mandatory filtering of user-uploaded content. IFLA has worked with UN Special Rapporteurs in two consultations on digital content online and access to information in intergovernmental organisations. In addition to work on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and internet governance, IFLA is also liaising on the future of the UN's 360 depository libraries and continued access to UN documents.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress of the advocacy activities.

### 2.1.2 President's Programme

The President reported on the President's session during WLIC. A number of excellent speakers will be talking about the latest developments and trends with comments from a panel of responders including Helena Assamoah-Hassan, Claudia Lux, and Lily Knibbeler.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the President's report.

### 2.1.3 President-Elect's Programme

The President-Elect reported that her session "Making change happen: leaders for a united library field" will have an introduction by the Secretary General followed by a panel of young leaders from the IFLA Leaders Programme. They will introduce the following assets: Involvement, leadership, advocacy, digital transformation, information literacy, digital preservation and copyright reform. The session will focus on bringing the field together by letting participants share ideas and experiences.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the President-Elect's report.

### 2.1.4\* Governing Board members reports on official representation

Representation included:

All members of the Governing Board	IFLA Global Vision meeting, Athens, Greece
Ngian Lek Choh	Culture Summit, Jeju, Korea
Loida Garcia-Febo	UN High Level Political Forum, New York, USA
Ágnes Hajdu Barát	Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest
	49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Hungarians, Miskolc, Hungary
	Annual Conference of the Associations of Hungarian Archivists, Miskolc, Hungary
Christine Mackenzie	Workshop, Public Libraries Victoria Network, Australia
Christine Wellems	German Library Conference, Frankfurt, Germany
	Article in <i>Bibliothek in Forschung und Praxis</i> , July 2017
Victoria Owen	World Blind Union, Toronto, Canada

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the Governing Board reports on official representation.

The meeting was suspended at noon to observe a minute of silence in solidarity with the victims of the terror attack in Barcelona.

## 2.2 Strategic partnerships

### **2.2.1\* Overview of Strategic Partner activities since the last meeting**

IFLA works with a number of NGOs and IGOs. Outcomes include cooperation on advocacy work at the European Union; progress towards the goal of sustainable responses to digital preservation challenges; discussions on human rights issues around digital content; and ongoing developments on internet governance.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the overview of Strategic Partner activities since the last meeting.

## **2.3 Policy and Standards**

### **2.3.1 Overview of Policy Developments**

The Manager, Policy and Advocacy spoke to the paper noting a range of preparatory work being undertaken with partners towards a statement on user-generated content and investigations into extended collective licensing.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the update on IFLA's policy work since the last meeting.

### **2.3.2 Draft Statement on Digital Literacy**

The Manager, Policy and Advocacy explained the importance of an IFLA statement on digital literacy. Amid calls for tougher regulation or censorship, the best response is to enhance the ability of individuals to make their own decisions and get the best out of the Internet. Libraries are major contributors to helping those who are unconnected to benefit from the potential offered by digital technologies. Digital literacy is important from both a development and internet sustainability perspective.

The Governing Board members made several recommendations on ideas to incorporate into the paper. These included increasing the focus on media and information literacy skills, placing this at the beginning of the paper; including more about the gender gap, and recommending partnerships between libraries and schools. The language of the statement could be made more concise and active.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board approved the draft IFLA statement on digital literacy in principle, and asked the Manager, Policy and Advocacy to note the Governing Board discussion and revise the draft Statement accordingly.

### **2.3.3 Publication of IFLA Standards as Linked Data**

The Professional Support Officer summarised the paper seeking support and funding for the publication and management of IFLA Namespaces so that IFLA Standards are available for linked data services. A "namespace" is a way to give a unique and hierarchical label to a concept that can then be used by computer systems. Publishing IFLA Namespaces means the sharing, distributing, developing and maintaining of the metadata vocabularies created and managed by various working groups within IFLA. Support for the namespaces would ensure IFLA Standards remain relevant and useful to the library and information field at large.

The Governing Board discussed the paper and options for the ongoing funding requirement and decided that more information was needed. They requested that the decision be postponed until the Governing Board meeting in December so that further investigation could be completed. The investigation could create awareness of the importance of the initiative

and generate additional financial support. As contracts are involved in this discussion part of it may have to be discussed in an in-camera session of the next GB meeting.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board confirmed IFLA's long-term support for IFLA Standards.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board thanked the Committee on Standards, Linked Data Technical Sub-committee and the FRBR and ISBD Standards Review Groups for their report on the Publication of IFLA Standards as Linked Data.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board requested that IFLA HQ staff consult with 20 academic libraries and 10 national libraries on how to move forward on this issue and report back to the Governing Board at the meeting in December 2017.

At 12:40 representatives of the National Committee Katarzyna Ślaska, Deputy Director of the National Library and Elżbieta Stefańczyk, President of the Polish Library Association joined the meeting and officially welcomed the Governing Board to the Congress. IFLA President Donna Scheeder thanked the National Committee for hosting the Conference.

Roberta Odebrecht from K.I.T reported to the Board on the latest registration details; before the opening of the registration desk there were 2988 registrations and 70 exhibitors on 770 m2 of exhibition space. She also mentioned that there were volunteers from almost 20 countries supporting the congress.

Associates and Mentors from the IFLA Leaders Programme joined the meeting to provide an update on highlights of their programme in the past year. Nancy Quinn introduced them and explained that each of them would use 3 words to describe their first year in the Programme, followed by a few sentences to put them into context. The Secretary General thanked the Associates, Mentors and Ingrid Bon for their hard work.

## **2.4 Planning**

### **2.4.1 Strategic Direction 1 Libraries in Society**

Notable outcomes from activities within this Strategic Direction included IFLA representation at the European Conference on Literacy, the continuing impact of the IFLA Fake News infographic, the statement on Digital Literacy and the valuable input for the Trend Report provided by speakers at the President's Meeting in April.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress of Strategic Direction 1.

### **2.4.2 Strategic Direction 2 Information and Knowledge**

Progress was made on this Strategic Direction through development of the concept of a sustainable long-term information environment and its utilisation in the Development and Access to Information report; the ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty by 30 countries; leading efforts on legislation to support eLending in Europe; and work on a toolkit on net neutrality. Work is underway to develop a practical guide for authorised entities (libraries) under the Marrakesh Treaty to support librarians in the workplace.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress of Strategic Direction 2.

### **2.4.3 Strategic Direction 3 Cultural Heritage**

Notable outcomes since April included the Palm Leaf Manuscript workshop held in Sri Lanka; the publication of results from the survey on preservation and conservation best practices; and the establishment of a digital unification working group. It was noted that the PAC Centres are very active and conducting a number of workshops. The hosting arrangements for the PAC Centre in Cameroon required clarification due to preparations for a conference in November 2017.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress of Strategic Direction 3.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board welcomes the successful Palm Leaf Manuscript workshop and looks forward to the development of the common metadata standard. It notes the potential for a future funding bid.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted ongoing discussions with CERDOTOLA in Cameroon about the hosting of the PAC Centre.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board will pass the results of the Preservation survey onto the Professional Committee in order to inform the work and actions of relevant Professional units.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board endorsed the proposal that the digital unification working group will find an expert from Africa and pass their recommendation to the Governing Board for endorsement.

#### **2.4.4 Strategic Direction 4 Capacity Building**

The work on the Development and Access to Information (DA2I) report was noted with a successful launch at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) of the UN in July. Associates of the IFLA Leaders Programme had been included in the HLPF and in IAP workshops. The President-Elect spoke on the International Advocacy Programme which has specifically targeted public library leaders as participants and made tremendous steps in librarians undertaking advocacy in all regions of the world. A second Call for Proposals will be sent out at the end of August and will again urge public library leaders to apply.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress of Strategic Direction 4.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress in implementation of the International Advocacy Programme.

#### **2.4.5 IFLA Key Initiatives and Matrix**

The Secretary General explained in 2016 the Governing Board tasked IFLA HQ with preparing a responsibilities matrix identifying a single Governing Board member and single HQ Staff member with responsibility for the progress of each Strategic Direction, and each Key Initiative. This Matrix has now been updated and shows which tasks have been completed.

The Secretary General noted that it was encouraging to see how much work has been accomplished by the Governing Board, IFLA staff and the Professional Units. However, it would be worthwhile for the new Governing Board to work on formulating an updated set of

key initiatives that connect the current activities with the new. He outlined a plan where this could happen in a workshop at the December meeting and provide an opportunity for the Governing Board to more deeply engage with the Legacy activities. A new set of Key Initiatives could be confirmed in March 2018 and would then be in place until August 2019 when it is expected that the impact of the Global Vision process, Membership Survey and other IFLA Legacy projects would be incorporated into possible new strategic directions.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board approved the continuation of the current Key Initiatives until the new Board (2017-2019) has had time to discuss, formulate and incorporate all current IFLA activities into a new/revised set of Key Initiatives.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board recommended that this decision be communicated to the Professional Committee and Professional Units to guide planning in the next year.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the updates as provided in the matrix.

## **2.4.6 Legacy Activities**

### **2.4.6.1 Legacy SIGL overview**

The Secretary General spoke to the paper providing an overview of the management and financial structure established at the end of 2016 to receive funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation as a legacy partner of the Global Libraries initiative. This is occurring through the creation of a new Stichting (foundation) called Stichting IFLA Global Libraries (SIGL). The formation and operation of the Stichting protects the interests of IFLA within the Dutch tax and legal system.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the management and financial structure of SIGL.

#### **2.4.6.1.1 SIGL Board December 2016**

The meeting of the SIGL Board discussed currency rates and the establishment of policies and procedures to guide the Board.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the minutes of the SIGL Board meeting that took place in The Hague, The Netherlands on 6 December 2016.

#### **2.4.6.1.2 SIGL Board February 2017**

Discussed at this meeting were roles and responsibilities, communication and the budget for 2017.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the minutes of the SIGL Board meeting that took place in Chicago, Unites States on 9 February 2016.

### **2.4.6.2 Vision Project**

IFLA's Global Vision aims to bring together representatives of the library field worldwide to explore how a united library field can meet the challenges of the future. The Secretary General highlighted the outstanding input received from the kick-off meeting in Athens and the following six regional meetings. He thanked the Governing Board members for their input and support to the Global Vision project. The project also provides an opportunity for a membership campaign and for IFLA to reach and represent more countries in the world. Reports from self facilitated meetings are being received in addition to country reports. The next steps would include a worldwide online voting to be launched in Wroclaw. President

Donna Scheeder called on all present to reach out to their communities and get everyone involved in the Vision Project and voting.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress of the Vision Project.

#### **2.4.6.3 Library Map of the World**

The Library Map of the World aims to address a critical and unmet need of IFLA and the library field to accurately collect and share basic information about the library landscape in each country. It is currently collecting a small set of basic library performance indicators as well as stories on how libraries contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The Manager, Member Services reported that work on the Library Map of the World had started in March when Kristine Paberza joined IFLA, and is now ready to be launched and go live on Monday 21st August during the Highlights Session at WLIC. Much work has gone into updating contact details and contacting national associations and/or institutions in 223 countries around the world.

The LMW combines data and SDG stories to demonstrate how libraries in different countries around the world serve as partners to help meet local development needs. After the LMW launch, the SDG stories' submission survey template will be improved with defined guidelines and the collection of stories will be an ongoing process. The IFLA booth will be used to provide more information and to collect feedback. The Secretary General announced that that additional funding will be granted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the project and that an additional person will be hired to work on the LMW project.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress of the Library Map of the World activity.

#### **2.4.6.4 Development & Access to Information (DA2I) report**

The DA2I reports makes the case for investing in access to information and in libraries as a key provider of this access. For access to be meaningful, there needs to be the right social and cultural environment, laws and freedom and skills to make full use of available information. Drawing on established, up-to-date datasets it provides baseline indicators which give an insight into the current situation around the world and will allow for monitoring over time.

The launch of the DA2I report occurred on 17 July at The New York Public Library. There was a strong delegation from IFLA and that there have been many positive comments on the report. IFLA will seek opportunities to promote the report at the international level – it has already been highlighted by IFLA representatives at the Asia-Pacific and Latin America and Caribbean Internet Governance Forums. The Secretary General noted that building capacity for the future is very important. The President thanked GL partner TASCHA for their contribution.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the launch of the Development and Access to Information (DA2I) report and the progress on the DA2I report since the last meeting.

#### **2.4.6.5 Membership Survey**

The membership survey is a major activity in IFLA's Legacy Grant proposal and aims to establish a baseline of what members value in IFLA from an organizational point of view and in their participation and involvement as individuals. Their expectations to guide future directions and activities will be sought.

The Manager, Member Services reported that it is now proposed that the membership survey will be launched in the 4th quarter of 2017 utilising the occasion of IFLA's 90th anniversary year as an opportunity to undertake this survey. A report to the Governing Board will be ready in March.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted progress on the Membership Survey.

### **3. Professional matters**

#### **3.1 Congresses - Closed Session:**

##### **3.1.1 WLIC 2019 Final Report Stage 3**

A closed discussion of the Governing Board was held.

##### **3.1.2 WLIC 2018 Kuala Lumpur progress report**

The Chair of the Conference Advisory Committee reported that all preparations for the IFLA WLIC 2018 congress in Kuala Lumpur are on track according to the timeline as defined by IFLA HQ, the National Committee and the Professional Conference Operator.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the update on the status of WLIC 2018.

##### **3.1.3 WLIC 2020 Selection Process**

A closed discussion on the WLIC 2020 Host Selection followed.

##### **3.1.4 WLIC 2017 Update**

The Manager, Conferences and Business Relations provided a verbal update on some practical issues regarding WLIC 2017.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress of the WLIC 2017

##### **3.1.5\* WLIC 2017 Governing Board commitments**

**Resolution:** The Governing Board members noted the overview of meetings and social events for WLIC 2017 that involve all or some GB members; and will advise of the caucus meetings they intend to attend.

##### **3.1.6 Other business from CAC**

There was no other business from the Conference Advisory Committee. The President thanked the members for their efforts over the past two years.

### **3.2 Professional programme matters**

#### **3.2.1 Professional programme report**

The Chair of the Professional Committee reported on their short meeting earlier that day. One of the reports discussed had summarised work that has been done in the past term. A top priority has been to develop and implement a Professional Development Plan for the Units and working on the concept of defining a successful Professional Unit. The next steps will be taken by the next Professional Committee.

The Chair thanked her Professional Committee colleagues, IFLA HQ staff, and the Professional Units for their efforts throughout the year.  
The President thanked Maria-Carme Torras y Calvo for her leadership of the Professional Committee.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the Professional programme report.

### **3.2.2 Professional committee report on items not elsewhere on the agenda**

There were no further items.

## **3.3 Advisory Committee Reports**

### **3.3.1 CLM**

A closed discussion followed.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress of the activities of the CLM Committee

**Resolution:** The Governing Board nominated Tom Lipinski, Denise Nicolson and Barbara Stratton as Expert Advisors to CLM for a two-year (renewable) period (2017 – 2019).

### **3.3.2\* FAIFE**

The FAIFE report noted the seven new members who will join the committee. The mid-term meeting held in London focussed on developing training modules, communication and sharing policy information. There are now 175 members in the FAIFE Network who have expertise in freedom of information and freedom of expression issues and a commitment to FAIFE's work.

**Resolution:** The GB noted the progress of the activities of the FAIFE Committee.

### **3.3.3\* ALP**

Highlights from ALP activities since the April meeting included involvement of Associates from the IFLA Leaders Programme in a range of events and forums, IAP projects taking place, a call for BSLA proposals with 10 being awarded and preparations for a global convening in January which will connect IAP activities, the Global Vision project and the Library Map of the World.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the progress of the ALP programmes.

### **3.3.4\* Committee on Standards**

The Committee on Standards report noted the work of the Linked Data Technical Sub-Committee on IFLA namespaces and the ongoing work on reviewing standards in progress.

**Resolution:** The GB noted the work of the Committee on Standards during the period April to August 2017.

### **3.3.5 Cultural Heritage Programme**

A closed discussion followed.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board endorsed the re-appointment of Reinhard Altenhöner and Fabiano Cataldo de Azevedo for a further two-year term (2017 – 2019).

### **3.3.6\* UNIMARC**

In 2016, the Committee on Standards proposed the creation of a new UNIMARC review group which would report to the Committee on Standards. The review group would replace the Core Activity. Discussions are continuing regarding the implementation of this review group.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the intentions of the review recommendations of the UNIMARC Core Activity and the progress of implementation.

## **4. Financial Matters**

### **4.1 2017 second quarter financial report**

The Treasurer reported that the forecast end of year core business result is a surplus of €4,970 compared with a budgeted end of year surplus of €21. The forecasted income for 2017 is €59,000, a slight decrease compared to a budgeted end of year income of €84,000. The Treasurer explained the expected decrease of €80,000 in the forecasted expenditures for 2017.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board accepted the 2017 half year financial report by the Treasurer

### **4.2 Proposal to increase membership fees 2018**

The Treasurer proposed to increase the membership fees by 1.4% in order to ensure the financial sustainability of IFLA. The Governing Board agreed to set the annual membership fees for 2018, representing an increase of 1.4%, for all categories of membership and related services. For future years, the Governing Board requested modelling of the increases and the effect on the budget.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board resolved to set the annual membership fees for 2018, representing an increase of 1.4%, for all categories of membership and related services.

The Governing Board meeting adjourned for the General Meeting for IFLA Holding BV and subsidiaries.

### **4.3 General Meeting for IFLA Holding BV and subsidiaries**

The General Meeting of the IFLA Holding B.V. was convened. Chair of the meeting was Donna Scheeder, director. Donna Scheeder explained the documents of the meeting and outlined the main points.

The directors of the IFLA Holding B.V. – Donna Scheeder, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón and Christine Mackenzie put to the shareholders meeting the following recommendation:

To not distribute dividend out of the distributable reserves of the IFLA Conference BV's. Taking into account the level of distributable reserves shown by the IFLA Conference BV's final balance sheets as at 31/12/2016:

IFLA Conference I BV –€14,240

IFLA Conference II BV - €18,698.

IFLA Conference III BV – €9,116

**Resolution:** The shareholders unanimously adopted the proposed resolutions:  
To not distribute dividend out of the distributable reserves of the IFLA Conference BV's.  
Taking into account the level of distributable reserves shown by the IFLA Conference BV's final balance sheets as at 31/12/2016:  
IFLA Conference I BV –€14,240  
IFLA Conference II BV - €18,698.  
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The Governing Board meeting reconvened.

#### **4.4 Report on items not elsewhere on the agenda**

##### **4.4.1 Risk Management Policy**

A proposal for an IFLA Risk Management Policy had been sent to all the Governing Board members, and was circulated in the meeting. The Treasurer explained the different steps taken by the Finance Committee during their workshops to work on this Risk Management Policy for IFLA, and explained the document. She noted that she would like to finalize the policy document before handing over to the new Finance Committee. The next step for the new Finance Committee would be to identify actions.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board decided to move the decision on the IFLA Risk Management Policy forward to the next GB meeting on 25 August.

##### **4.4.2 IFLA Congress Review**

The Finance Committee requested that the Governing Board ask the Conference Advisory Committee to review the current financial model for the WLIC.

#### **5. Governance**

##### **5.1\* Membership – admission of members**

The report noted the 48 new members since April including 8 national associations and 15 institutions.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board endorsed the admission of new IFLA members in the period 15 March – 30 June 2017

##### **5.2 IFLA representation on external committees**

A closed discussion followed.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board decided to move the election of an IFLA representative on the Memory of the World Register subcommittee for an initial term of three years to the next meeting on 25 August.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board recommends that under item 12 UNESCO Media and Information Literacy Working Groups an additional representative is needed.

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the current status of IFLA representation on external committees, and requests the Secretary General where possible to indicate whether the terms are depending on the Institution or not. If this is not the case, terms should be defined.

### **5.3\* Overview of General Assembly and Closing programmes**

**Resolution:** The Governing Board noted the General Assembly and Closing programmes.

### **5.4 Board Self Evaluation – in camera**

An in-camera session of the Board followed.

### **6. Any other business**

There was no other business.

### **7. Next Governing Board meeting dates:**

**Wrocław, Poland**

**25 August: 09.00 – 17.00 new Governing Board**

**The Hague, Netherlands**

**11-13 December 2017**

The meeting closed at 17:30