



IFLA Management of Library Association Section (MLAS)

MLAS Standing Committee Meeting

Day/Time: 31 August 2020, 2– 3.30 p.m. CET

Type: Zoom Meeting

Participants: Dijana Machala , Marwa El Sahn, Ute Engelkenmeier, Susan Haigh, Loida Garcia Febo (Information Coordinator), Halo Locher (Chair), , Chutima Sacchanand, Amy Burke, Hella Klauser (Secretary, Minutes), Alicia Ocaso-Ferreira, Mitsuhiro Oda, Randa Al Chidiac , Ana Carolina Lopez Scondras, Loy Jyoon Chin, Rauha Maarno, Amandine Jacquet, Chin Loy Jyoon, Magda Gomułka (SIG Convenor, New Professionals),

Excused: Pascal Sanz, Vanya Grashkina, Mikhael Afanasyev, (Irina Gaishun), Alim Garga, Karin Linder, Evviva Weinraub Lajoie (SIG convenor Women, Information Libraries) Vadim Duda, Assane Fall, Ruijuan Huo, Lidiette Quiros

Minutes

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (Halo, Chair)

The chair welcomes all members who are participating at the zoom call and excuse those who may not make it to the meeting.

2. **Minutes**

- Zoom Conference 30 June 2020

The minutes are accepted and will be published on the section's website.

- Zoom Meeting on Governance Review

The minutes are accepted as well, but because of the more internal exchange during this meeting they will not be published on the website.

- Zoom Meeting with Corresponding members (Loida)

3. **Governance Review IFLA**

- GB Voting on an Association Council

The Governing Board discussed the idea of introducing an Association Council as was discussed in the previous meetings, but the idea was not accepted. Only two votes from Marwa and Halo were in favour of the idea, the other GB members were against the proposal.

- Round table: discussions were very well prepared and organized.

The different round tables as discussion forum for the development of the new IFLA governance were very successful and were well structured. It was made clear that the regional council is about advocacy, the professional council about library matters. The question, if we need a MLAS section after the restructuring was answered with yes, because our section is called 'MANAGEMENT of Library Associations' and with this focus there is a lot our section can offer to improve the work of library associations.



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The question on how to build a division has not yet been answered by IFLA. Therefore the discussions and feedback are very important for the process. Alicia, who took part in the Latin American roundtable points out that the name of MLAS was not translated correctly (worldly) in the translation tool which was offered. The chair raises the question if we should use the tool for our section's meetings too? Randa added from the MENA region roundtable meeting that it was discussed that not all members of the division should be coming out of associations, but also as individuals, because in some countries there are no associations. A direct contact with the Governing Board was also asked for in the discussions of the round table and not only via council. The chair points out that there is no discussion of the MLAS chair being part of the GB in the new structure.

- State of process, next steps
In the next weeks IFLA Governing Board will discuss the final draft and will present it during the Council meeting 5th of November. During the council meeting the proposal will be made to install a possibility of virtual voting for IFLA members.

4. Mission Statement MLAS

- *(The draft was sent as an attachment to the invitation of the zoom meeting)*
- The chair gives the following explanation to the second sentence of the draft: To explain the situation that institutions as IFLA members pay a lot, but have little votes (1 vote per library), the chair shares some slides for explanation: 61% of national association members come from Europe, 36% from Asia and Oceania, 11% from North America. Looking at the income of membership by category, the national associations only pay 23% of it, much more come from institutions. On the other hand, national associations gather 1960 votes all together, whereas institutional members only have 878 votes.
- The next step of the process will be a discussion on IFLA membership and the chair sees danger for associations to loose voting rights.
The group discusses the proposal of including this topic into the mission statement of MLAS (second phrase) and decides to point out on it in a preamble or somewhere else, but not in the mission statement itself.
- Concerns about membership in a national association and in IFLA are also mentioned. Institutional member and members in IFLA sections should always be members of a national association as well.
- The question, on how to measure the goals of the MLAS (not the actions), is discussed.

Decision: Susan agrees to edit a new version of the MLAS mission statement together with Loida and Ute:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TN0EF5oovw8IS32I7PN5zfLsSwvnWds2jAHNmpY5004/edit#>

It will be discussed during the next MLAS meeting for decision.



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5. Marketing and Communication Plan 2019-21

- *(The draft was sent as an attachment to the invitation of the zoom meeting)*
- Discussion and decision on revised version:
Loida explains what the group (Ute, Amy, Amandine, Loida) has worked out, including the remarks from the SC members. She points out that it is a living document and proposes to accept this draft and to start working with it.

Decision: The draft of the marketing and communication plan 2019-2021 has been accepted by the MLAS committee members with many thanks to the group who has prepared it.

6. Miscellaneous (all)

- Demand CPDWL (Mail from Loida 02_07_20): Loida was asked by CPDWL chair to distribute the information that this section asks library associations to become members in their section. Loida has sent the information to all MLAS SC members July 2, 2020.
- Note on activities of NPSIG (Magdalena):
Magda reports on the webinar 'Five Perspectives On Music Librarianship' which was held together with IAML August 24, 2020 and was a great success.
<https://npsig.wordpress.com/2020/08/17/new-free-webinar-ifla-iaml-five-perspectives-on-music-librarianship/>

- List of Participation on MLAS meetings (Attachment)

The list of participation in MLAS meetings has been attached to the invitation to today's meeting. All MLAS members, corresponding members and convenors are asked to make their participation at the meetings possible in order to have a fruitful exchange.

- next meeting dates:

The next two MLAS meetings will take place October 26 and December 22. All members are asked to reserve these dates in their calendars. The chair will send the agenda before, the secretary will send the zoom link for entering the meetings. Hella raises the idea to allow observers to take part in our zoom meetings like other IFLA sections offer as well. The idea is positively discussed. There should be a special meeting with observers and guests allowed every 6 months, but separate from our MLAS internal meetings. Concerning the format of that meeting and more interactive parts, a working group will develop a proposal to be discussed in our next meeting.

Decision: MLAS will offer a separate zoom meeting for observers, MLAS members and people who are interested in our committee work. A working group (Loida, Magda, Djiana and Hella) will prepare a concept for participation with more interactive parts for the next meeting October 26.



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Magda points out that IFLA offers a webinar to officers, information coordinators and convenors on how to prepare webinars the 10th of September. Loida will participate in the webinar.

Susan reports and asks the working group for a feedback to the update on the survey; she notices that it is almost ready and very close to be send out for translation and dissemination. Hella will integrate the study to the minutes

7. Closing remarks (Halo)

The chair thanks all members for their contributions and discussion and closes the meeting at 3:35 pm.