

Minutes

Reference and Information Services Standing Committee (RISS) Meeting #1 Wroclaw, Poland, 19 August 2017

Members Present:

Christine Brown (chairperson)/ Canada; Edwin Qobose (Secretary)/Botswana; Marydee Ojala/USA; Laverne Page /USA; Philippa Andreasson/ Sweden; Fabiola Elena Rosales/Mexico; Laura Ballestra /Italy; Veronica Kulczewski /Chile

Apologies:

Julie Edwards/USA, Lillianna Nalewajska/Poland, Melissa Miller/USA, Jane Sanchez/USA, Jin Hongya/China, Hong Jiang/China, Jooza Al Marri/Qatar,

Absent/Leaving Committee:

Carme Fenoll Clarabuch/Spain, Mijin Kim/Canada, Trude Faerevaag/Norway, Najwa Hendrickse/South Africa

Observers:

Nicole Clasen/Germany; Amani Alyafei/Qatar; Heidi Kristin Olsen/Norway; Siti Sumairah Ramli/Malaysia; Rashidah Begri Fazal Mohamed/Malaysia;

1. Welcome & Agenda: the chair welcomed all attendees and extended a special welcome to our new members and observers; she went on to outline the agenda.

The agenda was approved without change.

2. Officer's Reports

Chairperson

Warsaw satellite meeting was a successful event. Christine acknowledged those members who participated in both selection/editing of papers and facilitating sessions at the meeting (Marydee, Julie, Edwin, and Philippa) and members of the IT Section May Chang, Lars Svensson, and Edmund Balnaves. She thanked Liliana for all the hard work she and her team did to handle the local organizing of the meeting. The care and detail around the local arrangements made the meeting very enjoyable.

The chair and Secretary attended the kick off –IFLA Global Vision workshop in Athens, in April. This was followed by virtual meeting thorough Zoom. A few members of the Committee attended and a report was submitted.

Christine urged members to attend main paper presentations coming up as well as sessions on IFLA Global Vision and the President's session. She reminded attendees and asked them to attend the RISS Session 212.

Secretary

Secretary reported about the efforts at recruiting more members across the globe to make the section more inclusive.

Section Action plan was circulated by email. We still need to continue the review of standards. The draft is yet to be scrutinized and updated by the committee and a call for additional volunteers was made. Laura volunteered to participate in this project.

We organized members present to assist in areas such as - time keeping for the session: Laverne Page volunteered. Attendees were asked to be ready to tell their story of Reference, the value of the library if there is time.

In addition, the following sessions are of interest to RISS (122,137,142)

3. Satellite Meeting in Kuala Lumpur

Our proposal as submitted for a joint satellite meeting with IT in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia has the theme of Reinventing Reference.

4. Requiring Full Papers for a Presentation at the Conference

Do we need to request authors to provide complete papers if they are only giving a presentation?

Discussion points:

- We acknowledged that for those who do not speak English as their first language it is difficult to write a paper in English.
- The benefit of writing the paper in English does help participants to work out their presentation.
- RISS does require a reasonable abstract (200-500 words) as a proposal for presentation.
- RISS will try to find readers so that we can accept proposals in all IFLA languages. This will require us to call upon members of the committee with expertise in various IFLA languages to read abstracts and assist in editing papers.
- Presentations will still need to be in English because we do not receive translation.

5. Division III Issues

Christine reported that on the Division III leaders group a suggestion for allowing “Friends of Section” has been proposed. This is because some Standing Committees are full (including Corresponding Members) and not all members contribute to the work of the Committee. The idea of having additional “Friends of the Section” who volunteer

their time to help on projects was what these members were trying to achieve. There has been no answer yet on this but that sections might be able to have additional corresponding members. Christine will keep everyone informed about how this idea progresses.

6. Election of Officers

Christine did put out a call via email for members interested in the three positions. Based on correspondence from members we decided to put forward the following slate. The goal was to have back-ups/co-chairs. As it turns out IFLA will not formally recognize co-chairs at this moment but we are working on that at the Division Level. We can go ahead with this in an informal way.

- Christine Brown was elected as Chair and we were going to ask about Philippa Andreasson being a Co-Chair.
- Marydee Ojala was elected Secretary and Edwin Qobose will stand in as back-up.
- Veronica Kulczewski volunteered to be Information Officer but later indicated she was unable to take on this task. Laverne Page was then elected Information officer. Julie Biando Edwards volunteered to be a back up the coming year whilst she is in Botswana.

7. IFLA Global Vision reports.

Any one hosting a session on the IFLA Global Vision must submit a report before the end of September 2017

- (a) Canada – report submitted in July (small number of participants from many different library types in Edmonton, Alberta were part of this report)
- (b) Botswana – country report submitted
- (c) Sweden – Input gathered via a library discussion list. Attendance till September 30th

8. Proposal from Multimedia Section

Christine informed the meeting she had received a request from the Audio Visual and Multimedia Section to collaborate on a joint session at the main conference next year. Those present discussed the topic suggested for the session and felt that it would appeal mostly to academic libraries. RISS normally tries to hold sessions on topics that appeal across all library types. Christine will inform AVM of our concerns.

9. Satellite Meetings

A suggestion has been put forward that we should skip a year and not have satellite every year because this tends to be too strenuous on members. Since we have already committed to a meeting in 2018 we will take a break from a satellite meeting in 2019.

10. Annual Report for IFLA HQ

Christine mentioned that the draft annual report is being prepared and any outstanding activity must be finalized soon. This includes projects like standards of Reference and Information Services.

11. Outgoing Members of RISS Section: 2017-2019

Christine wanted to thank the outgoing members of the RISS Committee for their work over their term. We have enjoyed working with these colleagues over the years. Congratulations to everyone on your work with IFLA.

The outgoing members of RISS are highlighted in the table below.

First Name	Last Name	Country	Term 1	Term 2
Lilianna	Nalewajska	Poland	2011	2015
Carme	Fenoll Clarabuch	Spain	2013	
Trude	Færevaaag	Norway	2013	
Najwa	Hendrickse	South Africa	2013	
Carme	Fenoll Clarabuch	Spain	2013	
Mijin	Kim	Canada	2013	
Christine	Brown	Canada	2013	2017
Marydee	Ojala	United States	2013	2017
Jooza	Al Marri	Qatar	2013	2017
Julie	Biando Edwards	United States	2013	2017
Jin	Hongya	China	2015	
Melissa L.	Miller	United States	2015	
Matty Laverne	Page	United States	2015	
Jane	Sanchez	United States	2015	
Edwin N	Qobose	Botswana	2015	
Philippa	Andreasson	Sweden	2017	
Laura	Ballestra	Italy	2017	
Hong	Jiang	China	2017	
Fabiola Elena	Rosales-Salinas	Mexico	2017	
Veronica	Kulczewski	Chile	2017	
Corresponding Members				
Rania	Shaarawy	Egypt	2015	
Yuriko	Watanabe	Japan	2017	

