

MINUTES

Reference and Information Services Section Committee Meeting 2
20 August 2015

Present (SC members/countries):

Christine Brown/Canada, Judy Ng/Singapore, Marydee Ojala/USA, Jane Sanchez/USA, Philippa Andreasson/Sweden, Mijin Kim/Canada, Trude Faerevaag/Norway, Julie Biando Edwards/USA, Rania Shaarawy/Egypt, Najwa Hendrickse/South Africa, Edwin Qobose/Botswana

Present (Observers/countries):

Linda Willander, Rudi Wicomb/South Africa, Milimo Mweemba, Prof Ramesha/India

Apologies:

Melissa Miller/USA, Lilianna Nalewajska/Poland, Jooza Al-Marri/Qatar, Laverne Page/USA

Absent:

Jin Hongya/China, Carme Fenoll Clarabuch/Spain

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by incoming Chair Christine Brown at 9:50. She welcomed section members as well as observers and outlined the agenda. The chair introduced the new incoming officers. The incoming information officer is Julie Edwards and the secretary is Najwa Hendrickse. The Chair also took a moment to recognize and thank the outgoing chair Judy Ng for her contributions to the section. Outgoing Information Officer, Philippa Andreasson, was also recognized for her contributions.

2. Minutes of 2014

Minutes of 15 August 2014 were approved by Julie Edwards and seconded by Najwa Hendrickse.

3. Additional Agenda item added

Projects under initiatives

4. Roles and responsibilities of SC members

The roles and responsibilities of SC members can be viewed on the [IFLA website](#).

5. Session debrief

1. members felt that there was lots of input from the session
2. the quality of the papers were good
3. there was a good mixture from across the globe

Action:

Need to request from the Divisional chair for a bigger room.

6. Review of important IFLA initiatives

6.1 IFLA Strategic Plan

The chair indicated that we need to provide input to IFLA's Strategic Plan

Action:

SC Members must comment on the document by early October. We must decide which projects RISS would be interested in working on that come out of the strategic plan.

One project that would make sense to work on would be to revise our standards. This as an activity that could come out of Strategic Plan point number 4 which refers to Capacity building. The Strategic Plan is to be finalized at the December board meeting. Christine will forward a link to all Committee members so that they can provide input to her so that she can share a summary from the RISS.

6.2 Revision/Rewriting of Standards

Action:

Rania and Jane volunteered.

6.2 Ideas for RISS Projects and activities

Action:

A small working group to get together and brainstorm other activities/projects that RISS can work on over the next two years. The SC group will then input and decide on areas to focus on. Mijin and Julie volunteered to be part of the working group.

6.3 IFLA Post 2015 Development Agenda

IFLA got the UN to put in the Development Agenda as agenda item. Every sector has to give a 2 page example RISS could help countries meet target of how to get Access to Information.

Action:

Christine, Julie, Najwa and Mijin to work on the Development Agenda

7. RISS action Plan

The RISS plan will come from all these initiatives. Mijin indicated that everything must be listed. Phillips reiterated that the Action Plan must be written up.

Action:

Christine will seek input for this and send a draft out for comments. The action plan is due October 30th.

8. RISS Communication Plan

The SC membership profile to be put on Facebook. Mijin indicated that other groups have twitter accounts. They tweeted during sessions or lead-up to sessions.

Action:

Julie will set up a twitter group.

9. RISS Conference Session 2016

The theme for the 2016 is: "Connection, Collaboration, Community". The following ideas were brainstormed:

1. Key initiatives, post 2015 Development Agenda. Christine indicated, think access to information and development as concepts to include. This must be tied to the strategic initiatives.
2. Philippa- researchers to give short 20 minutes speech on how to link research to collections. Call on reference librarians to do presentations on research projects they helped with (how perception of value was created)
3. Julie- case studies build around connections with communities and how value was added by researchers through collaboration with communities.
4. Edwin – with strategic partners academics in infusing graduate attributes including research skills and information literacy skills .

5. Philippa – outreach to non-library users. How people were triggered to become a library user

Action:

We need input from SC members. The volunteers reviewing papers to be submitted: Marydee, Najwa and Trude.

10. Satellite meeting 2017

A suggestion from the Chair that RISS collaborates with the Technology session. Broad topic - *Discovery Systems Technology and Reference services perspectives*. Discussions around this centered on:

1. Jane raised the issue of *big data* that is becoming a conundrum.
2. Mijin – we need to make sure that we choose technology that is out there and what the world is looking at.
3. Christine- topics for reference librarians is the use of Discovery Systems from reference perspective.
4. Marydee – when you talk usability to a reference person and a technology person it is from different perspectives
5. Christine- major problems with discovery systems is how tools are developed and implemented.

Action:

From the Chair we have till March 15 for a topic. Volunteers for the satellite conference: Christine, Marydee, Najwa, Philippa.

The Satellite conference will take place at the University of Warsaw.

Action:

Christine will approach the Information Technology Section to see if they are interested in partnering.

Action:

Mijin said fundraising should start now. The action plan for regular follow-ups included Skype calls for the working group, regular correspondence via e-mail.

Action:

Satellite 2015 meeting – Edwin will file a report on the Botswana meeting.

11. RISS Mid-year meeting

Rania suggested a meeting in Egypt, Alexandria. Unfortunately there is a travel ban from some countries that prohibits its citizens to travel to Egypt. We will keep this location in mind for future meetings once travel restrictions are lifted.

12. Planning Meetings

Suggestions:

We hold monthly Skype meetings. This could be problematic because of the different time zones.

Action:

We will continue to engage via e-mail. The Chair indicated that she will have monthly deadlines and will correspond via e-mail.

13. Membership of RISS Section:

1. Christine Brown from 2013-2017
2. Julie Edwards from 2013-2017
3. Marydee Ojala from 2013-2017
4. Mijin Kim from 2013-2017
5. Laverne Page from 2015-2019
6. Trude Faerevaag from 2013-2017
7. Edwin Qobose from 2015-2019
8. Lilianna Nalewajska 2015-2019
9. Melissa Miller from 2015-2019
10. Jane Sanchez 2015-2019
11. Jin Hongya 2015-19
12. Jooza Al Marri 2013-20017
13. Carne Fenoll Clarabuch 2013-2017

Corresponding Members:

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