



74th IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL  
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS  
Standing Committee Meetings Minutes, Quebec City, Canada

Standing Committee Meeting I  
8th August 2008

**Present:**

Marcy Allen (Secretary)  
Jackie Druery (Chair)  
Nancy Hyland  
Takashi Koga  
Alice Ramohlola

**Observers:**

Michèle Girard  
Frances Kirkwood  
Jerry Mansfield  
Narios Mpholefole  
Myna Pease  
John Tsebe  
Emma Voskanyan  
Jane Wu

**Regrets:**

Yu-jin Choi  
Eleanor Frierson  
Nerisa Kamar  
Irina Lynden  
Peter Raggett (Treasurer)  
Ursula Stanek  
Sylvia Teasdale

1. J. Druery welcomed the committee members and observers to the 1<sup>st</sup> GIOPS standing committee meeting of 2008. Introductions were made.
2. Regrets for absence were noted as listed above.
3. The agenda for the meeting was adopted.
4. Minutes from the 2007 Standing Committee meetings in Durban were approved  
<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s17/min/giopsminutes07.pdf>.
5. Financial report

J. Druery distributed a financial report in the absence of P. Raggett. Administrative funds are available each year from IFLA Headquarters for the use of sections. Some of the funds from the 2008 allotment have been used for printing new GIOPS bookmarks. It was suggested that our brochure needs to be updated and some of the funds could be used to print new brochures. J. Druery will follow-up. It was suggested that the Africa Seminar CD should be distributed to all African libraries and that the remaining funds could be used for this purpose. It was also suggested that we might want to print some GIOPS tags that could be attached to the bottom of the conference name badges as a way of raising awareness of the standing committee. J. Druery will follow-up.

## 6. Report on meetings of Governing Board, Professional Committee and the Coordinating Board

J. Druery thanked M. Allen for attending the Coordinating Board Meeting in her place. The new IFLA Professional Structure will be implemented at WLIC, Milan, 2009. GIOPS will be part of an expanded Division II, Library Collections. The number of divisions will be reduced to five. The nomination procedure for Standing Committees, Chair of the Divisions and Chair of the Professional Committee will begin in October 2008 with the distribution of the call for nominations. The current officers of the sections (Chairs and Secretaries) will be eligible to run for Chair positions of the divisions. The current Chairs of the divisions will be eligible to run for Chair of the Professional Committee. J. Druery reminded everyone that GIOPS currently has 13 SC members, 4 Corresponding Members. One member's term will be completed in 2009. GIOPS can have a maximum of twenty SC members so there is the potential to have eight new members. J. Druery reminded everyone that the IFLA deadlines for nominations are very strict and will be set for sometime in Feb. 2009. If there are more nominations than vacancies an election will be held in April 2009. Beginning in 2009 the Chairs and Secretaries of sections will form the new Divisional Leadership Forums. Sections will also be electing new officers (Chairs and Secretaries) in 2009 for the 2-year term 2009-2011.

The implementation of the new IFLANET has taken longer than anticipated but it is expected to be available in January 2009.

## 7. Activity reports

This item was deferred until the end of the meeting but because we ran out of time, J. Druery suggested that if those in attendance had something they wanted to report about their libraries or projects it could be included in the next newsletter.

## 8. Annual report of activities/Strategic Plan

J. Druery reported on membership which currently stands at 103 institutional members. The information on the membership list received from IFLA Headquarters is often inaccurate. Email addresses often bounce back which makes it very difficult to correspond with section members. J. Druery will bring this issue forward at the Officer's Meeting. Narios suggested asking members at the open session to submit names and email addresses to the secretary. Consensus was that this is a good idea.

There was a discussion about how to increase GIOPS membership. Ideas put forward included: send the Africa CD to libraries outside of Africa especially those in under-represented regions with a letter describing the activities of GIOPS; contact national libraries who are not members of GIOPS; contact individuals at institutions who work directly with government documents; and advertise GIOPS activities on international list-servs to raise awareness. J. Druery and M. Allen will follow-up.

The strategic plan has been posted to the GIOPS web site.

F. Kirkwood gave an update on the Africa seminar project. He is still in the process of distributing the CD that contains the papers of the seminars. There has been difficulty obtaining an updated membership list of both GIOPS and the Africa Section but a new list has now been acquired and we are anticipating that the rest of the CDs will be sent out by the end of 2008. J. Tsebe and A. Ramohlola suggested that the CD should be sent to library schools in Africa and to libraries in Africa who are not members of either GIOPS or the Africa Section of IFLA, if there is funding available. J. Druery reported that there is 113 Euro still available in the program account funds for this project and that we also have GIOPS administrative funds available. A. Ramohlola volunteered to create a list of library schools and libraries to whom the CD could be sent. She will send this list to J. Druery.

F. Kirkwood also reported that a new listserv was set up at UNECA for the ATINA discussion group but there has been little traffic, which is of concern. He will inquire to make sure everything is working properly and that people are subscribed.

J. Druery worked with Julia Gelfand and Irma Pasanen of the Science and Technology Libraries Section to organize a satellite meeting – Science Policies and Science Portals - on August 8 in Montreal. The satellite conference was well attended with fifty participants and speakers from several countries including China, Egypt, USA, UK, Korea and Canada. Full information about the conference with links to the presentations can be accessed at [http://lib.tkk.fi/ifla/IFLA\\_Science\\_Portals/](http://lib.tkk.fi/ifla/IFLA_Science_Portals/).

J. Druery reminded everyone to attend the GIOPS program that will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 8:30-10:30. J. Druery reminded everyone of the program GIOPS co-sponsored with Law Libraries, Library and Research Services for Parliaments and Government Libraries – “The seal of approval: official and authentic law in digital form”- that will be held on Thursday, August, 14, 8:30-10:30.

10. Other business

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment

J. Druery thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 17:00.

#### Standing Committee Meeting II

15<sup>th</sup> August 2008

#### **Present:**

Jackie Druery (Chair)

Eleanor Frierson

Nancy Hyland

Takashi Koga

Alice Ramohlola

Sylvia Teasdale

#### **Observers:**

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Christine Hwang

Ian McDonald

John Tsebe

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#### **Regrets:**

Marcy Allen (Secretary)

Nerisa Kamar

Irina Lynden

Peter Raggett (Treasurer)

Ursula Stanek

1. J. Druery welcomed the committee members and observers to the 2<sup>nd</sup> GIOPS standing committee meeting of 2008. She thanked N. Hyland for volunteering to take the minutes in the absence of the GIOPS Secretary. Introductions were made.

2. Regrets for absence were noted as listed above.

3. The agenda for the meeting was adopted.

4. Conference Review and Section Report

It was agreed that the GIOPS program went very well and that the papers were of very high quality. J. Druery thanked A. Ramohlola for organizing the program. E. Voskanyan noted that the Russian translator

was very good. We can recommend one paper for the IFLA journal. IFLA now holds the copyright to papers given at the conference. A question was raised as to whether the GIOPS program might be held on a different day so that it would not conflict with the library tours. J. Druery will put in a request to that effect for 2009 but also noted that it cannot be guaranteed. There was a good turnout for the GIOPS program despite competition with the library visits. Alice suggested that we hand out a questionnaire at future programs to get ideas for upcoming programs.

It was mentioned that there were not enough internet points overall at the conference. The volunteers were commended for their excellent contributions to the conference. I. McDonald noted that this was his first IFLA conference and that the quality of the conference as a whole was excellent.

The FAIFE program on crown copyright as a barrier to the access of government information was very well attended. FAIFE will be producing guidelines on the crown copyright laws and will be holding regional workshops for training to lobby legislatures on issues surrounding crown copyright. There was a discussion on whether GIOPS should have an official statement on crown copyright. J. Wu remarked that Winston Tabb was eager to work with us on this issue with GIOPS. J. Druery will follow up.

The Law Libraries section program on the authentication of digital legal information that GIOPS cosponsored was also excellent and well-attended.

J. Wu and I. Lynden gave a talk on their book of edited papers presented at past GIOPS programs, *Best Practices in Government Information*, at the session celebrating new IFLA publications. Also, unveiled at the session was the publication *Guidelines for Libraries of Government Departments* (edited by Nancy Bolt and Suzanne Burge), a joint effort of the Government Libraries Section and GIOPS.

#### 5. Project Proposals

It was decided not to apply for new project funds since we are still working on the Africa Seminar project.

#### 6. GIOPS Program for Milan

The call for papers will go out in the October. Proposals must be submitted to IFLA Headquarters by November 15, 2008. The theme of the Milan conference is Libraries Create Futures – Building on Cultural Heritage. Ideas for our program included:

- A comparison of depository libraries in different countries – the reason they were created – the depository library in the web 2.0 culture. This would include the reasons that the depository libraries exist
- Future of Web 2.0
- Increasing pace of Cultural Change
- Keeping Government Information out there and alive in the age of web information – web 3.0?
- Strength in collaboration
- Perpetual Access
- Digital Continuity in Government Information: Strength in Numbers

The program could be shared with another standing committee so that we could make the program a four-hour session. E. Friksen and N. Hyland volunteered to work with J. Druery on the Milan program.

There was discussion about the possibility of hosting a satellite conference for Brisbane 2010. J. Druery will investigate this.

#### 7. Remaining Business

There was a discussion about the upcoming nomination process for the 2009-2011 term. GIOPS currently has 13 members on the GIOPS standing committee. The term of one member will end in 2009. We can have up to twenty members so there will be eight potential vacancies.

J. Druery addressed the problem of the inaccurate email addresses on the membership lists that are sent from IFLA Headquarters at the officer's training session. IFLA Headquarters will look into this but also stated that the information is only as good as that which people report when they renew their memberships.

J. Druery clarified the question regarding whether one can be chair of a division in the new IFLA structure and still hold a standing committee appointment. This is possible but you cannot be chair of a division and hold a officer's position on a standing committee. Division chairs will be responsible for conducting a leadership forum at the annual WLIC, which all SC chairs and secretaries will be expected to attend.

The new IFLA website was unveiled at the officer's training session. All who saw it thought it was a substantial improvement. Sections will be able to make their own changes to their sites. It will go live in January 2009. The new website is running on Drupal software.

T. Koga is preparing the next GIOPS newsletter. Send any items to him or to J. Druery that you would like included in the newsletter.

The committee discussed whether to continue to hold two standing committee meetings each year at WLIC. It was suggested that holding one in-person meeting and the other via some form of telecommunication would make it possible for standing committee members who cannot attend the conference to participate in the meetings.

There was a discussion on the proposal that Information Coordinators should become IFLA Officers. It was agreed that this would be a positive move especially in view of the increased work that ICs will have when the new website is launched.

E. Friersen advised those traveling to Milan that it is less expensive and easier to fly into another airport and then take the train to Milan than it is to fly into the Milan airport and take a cab.

J. Druery reported that the Access to Information Network Africa (ATINA) was approved to continue as a discussion group.

#### 8. Adjournment

J. Druery thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.