

ALA/IRC U.S. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS
OF IFLA DISCUSSION MEETING

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Minutes of meeting, Monday, January 8, 4:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m., Shoreham Hotel

Present: Mohammed Aman (Long Island U), Alice Ball (Unv. Serials & Book Exchange), Dorothy Carrie (Calif. State U), Richard Dougherty (U of Michigan), Gerry Emanuel (Library of Congress/Music Library Assoc.), Josephine Fang (Simmons College), Jane Franck (Teachers College), Tom Galvin (U. of Pittsburgh), Fred Gitner (French Institute), Margaret Knox Goggin (U of Denver), Roger Greer (U. of So. Calif.), W. J. Haas (CLR), Doralyn Hickey (North Texas State U.), George Hodowanec (Emporia State U Lib.), Christin F.B. Hoffman (U of Nebraska, Lincoln), Richard Hyman (Queens College), Carol Ishimoto (Harvard), Clara Jackson (Kent State U), Marcia Jebb (Cornell U), Ivan Kaldar (SUNY Geneseo, N.Y.), Roy Kidman (U of So. Calif.), Gary Kraske (Indiana State U), Elizabeth Laney (L N State Library, Raleigh), Carol Learmont (SLS Columbia U), Jean Lowrie (Western Michigan U), Mary Niles Maack (U of Minnesota Lib. Sch.), Noelene Martin (Penn. State U), Nina Matheson (George Washington U Med. Center), Philip J. McNiff (Boston Public), Method M. Milac (Syracuse U Lib.), Joan Neumann (Brooklyn Public Library), Beatrice Ohta (Library of Congress), Art Plotnik (American Libraries), Richard Pollard (U of Tennessee, Knoxville), Bruce Pomerantz (GSLIS, U of Pittsburgh) Lee Putnam (U of Maryland), Gary Purcell (U of Tennessee), Phyllis Rasmussen (Library of Congress), Mathilde Rovelstad (Cath. Univ. of America), Susan Russell (U of Texas, Austin), Tom Shaughnessy (U of Houston Library), Paul J. Steere (U.S. International Communication Agency), Al Trezza (NCLIS), Allen Veaner (U of Calif., Santa Barbara), William B. Walker (Art Libraries Society of North America), William Welsh (Library of Congress).

ALA Staff: Jane Wilson

- I. Jean Lowrie, Chair, IRC, called the meeting to order
- II. Doralyn Hickey, member of the IFLA Professional Board, reported on the activities of the Board. The PB is now completing the first two years of its existence. It is composed of the Chairman of the various divisions of IFLA who elect their own chairman and financial officer; two representatives from the Executive Board who monitor the proceedings of the Board; the chairman of the UBC Steering Committee; and the Professional Officer of the Secretariat of IFLA. The officer for the UBC operation in London also participates in the meetings of the Board at its invitation.

To date the work of the Board has been largely administrative and managerial. The major programing concerns have been to secure a clear picture of the sections and divisions of IFLA, the work of the round tables, and to complete a full set of information on the working groups of IFLA. The PB is charged with reviewing all requests for the establishment of new groups within IFLA. The

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money for funding for basic administrative costs of these units comes from the IFLA budget but money for their projects must often be sought from outside funding sources. Terms of Reference, i.e. goals, have been approved for all the major sections.

As chairman of the Bibliographic Control Division, Hickey put forward a draft working paper on Formulation and Reporting of Working Groups within IFLA, to try to get some guidelines for the selection of members of IFLA. After discussion by the PB at Strbske Pleso, the document was approved subject to a condensation into a two page format. It will be published in the IFLA Journal. As a result, it is now incumbent upon ALA, and other groups, to begin to feed into IFLA lists of potential nominees for working groups in the various areas of expertise so that IFLA units will have a pool from which they can draw in the appointment of working group members.

This year there will be elections for new officers for all divisions and sections of IFLA as well as for the presidency and four members of the Executive Board. Thus, a new PB will take over following the meeting in Copenhagen.

In Strbske Pleso, the PB held an open meeting, to explain the purpose of the PB, what it has been trying to do and some of the problems it faced. The meeting was a great success and there are plans for a similar session at Copenhagen. Efforts are also being made to have the sections and divisions open more of their meetings to observers. It is a slow process.

III.

William Welsh, Chairman of the UBC Steering Committee, began his remarks by reporting that the LC. Information Bulletin for December 1 and December 8, 1979 contain 18 pages of reports by LC staff members who attended the IFLA meeting in Strbske Pleso.

As Chairman of the UBC Steering Committee, Welsh is very concerned with what he termed a problem of communication within IFLA. When the PB was created, the statutes were quite specific on the Board's responsibility for professional activities with special provision given to the creation of the UBC Office. Therefore, IFLA immediately had two activities with some responsibility for professional activities. Just recently IFLA has established a Steering Committee for UAP (Universal Availability of Publications); therefore, there is still another activity which requires coordination. In addition, there is now also talk of the creation of an International Marc Office, which though not a part of IFLA, would have implications for the UBC officer.

Thus, with the creation of all these activities in IFLA, there is a great problem of overlap and duplication. One of Welsh's major concerns related to this is the problem of funding. He believes the creation of the UAP activity has already drained off some funds which might have gone to the UBC office. Since there is a limited amount of funding available internationally to support such activities, there is a need to develop within IFLA, a technique to insure that there is effective communication at all levels and the elimination of duplication.

In answer to a question regarding the work of the UBC Office, it was pointed out that there is an almost unlimited number of projects the the UBC office can undertake, such as developing standards for subject analysis or developing guidelines for an international authority control system, and various proposals have already been put forth to UNESCO for funding.

Harry Campbell, IFLA Vice President, commented on Welsh's remarks regarding IFLA's problem with the management and execution of projects. He pointed out that IFLA was never thought of as an agency which would execute projects; however, now more than a third of its budget is in the research and development field. IFLA has a limited base of only 700 members yet it has established a leadership role in research and development. This becomes particularly important as UNESCO's program for libraries seems to be withering away and puts more pressure on IFLA as the only international agency solely concerned with libraries. An important responsibility of the new IFLA Executive Board will be the consideration of a new program for IFLA since the current five year program will expire in a year. The PB has been intrusted with the task of coming up with a proposed program.

IV.

Doralyn Hickey reported on the forthcoming IFLA elections. There will be elections for four positions on the IFLA Executive Board, including the two newly created positions, as well as for the IFLA Presidency. The IFLA Secretariat has recently issued a document, Draft Rules of Procedure, which outlines the procedures to be followed for nomination for the Executive Board and President.

After considerable discussion, the U.S. Association Members of IFLA have agreed to support the nomination of the following candidates for the IFLA Executive board pending the candidates agreement to run:

Jean Lowrie (U.S.A.)

Marc Chaveinc (France) [He is not a candidate]

Richard Fifoot (U. K.)

Alma Jordan (West Indies) [Jordan has since declined to run]

There was not agreement on the support of Granheim for President. (We have since learned that there are several other candidates for the Presidency.)

V.

Jane Franck, Chair, ALA International Relations Round Table, reported on a meeting being sponsored by the IRRT at Dallas; "Professional Work at the International Level." Speakers active in IFLA affairs and other international associations will demonstrate that work at the international level has a strong impact on domestic library issues and that there are very few domestic decisions made that do not have implications internationally or vice versa. (The meeting will be on Sunday, June 24, 1979 from 2:00-4:00p.m.)

VII.

Jane Wilson, ALA International Officer, indicated she would again handle the proxy vote for the IFLA Council Meeting in Copenhagen. Letters will be sent in the spring to institutional members of IFLA soliciting the membership cards of members who will not have a delegate at the meeting so that the proxy vote can be assigned to an institutional member who will have a delegate at the meeting. She reported that last spring only 25, out of 130 institutional members of IFLA, responded to a similar request.

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