

General Assembly Minutes

Tuesday 19 June 2018

2:00 - 3:30 pm

**Oslo Metropolitan University – Learning Centre and Library
Oslo, Norway**

1. Opening of the General Assembly

The President Dr. Reiner Kallenborn welcomed all member representatives to the General Assembly being held in Oslo, Norway.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda circulated to members was approved without any amendments or additions.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2017, Bolzano, Italy

The minutes of the General Assembly held on Tuesday 20 June 2017, Bolzano, Italy were approved as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

5. Membership report

The President reported on the status of the IATUL membership and also reflected on the growth since 2013 and that the numbers stand as follows:

- 2013 210
- 2014 221
- 2015 223
- 2016 222
- 2017 248
- 2018 231

6. Treasury report

The Treasurer, Mr Howard Amos gave a detailed report of the association's financial situation and the highlights include the following:

- Income from membership € 21,966
- Royalties from EBSCO € 156
- Events income **€ 69,576**
 - Cambodia workshop € 3,286
 - Bolzano conference € 36,055 (registration) + € 28,609 (sponsorship)
 - Namibia workshop € 1,627
- The Savings Account which includes the Cheque account and MLP investments stands at € 87,505
- The Liabilities account stands at € 85,781 compared to a planned budgeted amount of € 106,830.

The Treasurer also reported that the 2019 budget planning will remain at 2018 level. He also informed the Assembly that a total of € 4,000 was allocated towards the Travel Grants programme in 2017 but one of the recipients did not turn up due to visa problems and that the International Study Programme was increased to € 4,000 (for one recipient).

The General Assembly was informed of the continuing fundraising initiatives which are aimed at financial sustainability of the association, adding value of IATUL services for its members and to increase IATUL visibility in the world of academic libraries. The measure to achieve this will include involvement in global projects, charging fees for participation at IATUL events and implementation of the new membership fees structure.

7. Board matters

The President reported on the current status of the Board's members and that it stands as follows:

- Howard Amos (Treasurer, Dunedin, New Zealand)
- Jill Benn (Perth, Australia)
- Elisha Chiware (Secretary, Cape Town, South Africa)
- Gwendolyn Ebbett (Vice President, Windsor, Canada)
- Anne Horn (Sheffield, United Kingdom)
- Reiner Kallenborn (President, Munich, Germany)
- Anna Walek (Gdansk, Poland)
- Lucille Webster (Durban, South Africa)

The following Board members will be stepping down at the end of 2018 at the conclusion of their terms. They are granted discharge.

- Reiner Kallenborn (President)
- Gwendolyn Ebbett (Vice President)
- Elisha Chiware (Secretary)

The incoming Board members include the following:

- Donna Bourne-Tyson (Halifax, Canada, 2019)
- Charles Eckmann (Miami, USA, 2018)
- Lars Egeland (Oslo, Norway, 2018)
- Janardhanan Vijayakumar (KAUST, Saudi Arabia, 2019)
- Anna Walek (Gdansk, Poland, 2018)

The General Assembly approved the Board's recommendations of the Executive Board members from January 1st 2019 on as the following.

- Anne Horn (Sheffield, United Kingdom) as President
- Charles Eckman (Coral Gables, United States) as Vice President
- Lucille Webster (Durban, South Africa) as Secretary

The elections were unanimously and were accepted by Anne Horn, Charles Eckman and Lucille Webster

The President also reported that the Board membership was based on the following guidelines for regional representations:

- Europe (EE, NE, Continental) 3
- Americas 3
- Asia (Australia/ NZ, SEA) 3
- Africa/Middle East 2

8. Administration (IATUL Office)

The President reported that the current IATUL Office working areas include the following personnel based at TUM in Germany:

- Administration and Finance (Annette Kiefer, Christine Meister)
- Communication (Annette Kiefer, Marita Mueller)
- Event management and development (Annette Kiefer, Pia Ludwig)

The IATUL Office resources funded by the association include the above personnel working 4x3 hours per week. The President however noted that further assistance was required as the current allocated working hours are not enough and that personnel are overworked.

The President also reported that the IATUL Office also maintains the association's website which includes activities of the Special Interest Groups as well as regular news feeds. The office also maintains social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Wikipedia. He also encouraged members to follow the accounts and participate in ongoing information sharing activities.

9. Activities and Initiatives

The President reported on various past and upcoming events and these include the following:

- 2017 IATUL Annual Conference in Bolzano, Italy was held under the theme: “Embedding Libraries: Service and Development in Context’.
- Library Directors’ Summit on Strategic Library Management in Emerging Countries’ – was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and was attended by librarians from the region, three IATUL Board members and three invited IATUL member librarians facilitated at the event held in March 2017.
- Library Directors’ Summit in Windhoek, Namibia on ‘The Impact of Emerging Technologies on Library Services in Developing Countries” and to be attended by library directors from countries in the region as well as all Board members. The event took place from 7-9 November 2017.
- 2018 IATUL Annual Conference in Oslo, Norway is being hosted by the Oslo and Akershus University of Applied Sciences/ Oslo Metropolitan University under the theme: Mountains to climb – from multifunctional spaces to Open Sciences” and the conference will take place 17-21 June 2018.
- The IATUL Seminar 2018 will be held in Munich, Germany from 2 to 6 December, 2018 and will focus on Information Literacy Skills in the Workplace.
- The IATUL Annual Conference 2019 will be held in Perth, Australia, 24 to 27 June under the theme “Shifting Sands and Rising Tides: Leading Libraries through Innovation.
- The Annual Seminar 2019 will be held in Gdansk, Poland and dates and theme will be advised.
- The IATUL Annual Conference 2020 will be held in Porto, Portugal and dates and theme will be advised.
- The IATUL Seminar 2020 will be held in Innsbruck, Austria and dates and theme will be advised.
- The IATUL Annual Conference 2021 will be held in Miami, USA and dates and theme will be advised.

The other activities that the association is currently engaged in include the following:

- English Editing Programme (For IATUL members only to access high quality translating and editing service)
- International Study Programme 2018 – 2019 for one grant annually at € 4,000 support

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) on:

- IL (Information Literacy)
- DATA
- ALICE (Advancement of Library Services in Emerging Countries)
- METRICS

The President reported that the following were the recipients of the 2018 IATUL Travel Grant:

- Ms Mary Ngure, United States International University-Africa, Nairobi, Kenya
- Mr Mandeep Dutta Joshi, Far Western University, Kailali, Nepal
- Dr Mirza Mohd, Rezaul Islam, Islamic University of Technology, Gazipur, Bangladesh

10. AOB

There were no other matters to consider.

11. Next Meeting

The next General Assembly will be held on 25th June, 2019 during the 40th IATUL Annual Conference in Perth, Australia at the University of Western Australia.