



## Library History Section

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### Minutes

#### of the Standing Committee Meeting, Oslo, 13 August 2005

**Present:** Alistair Black (Chair & Treasurer), Hermina Anghelescu (Secretary), Alex Bryne (IFLA President Elect), Lys Byberg, John Crawford, Peter Hoare, Ilkka Mäkinen, Elizabeth Rafste, and Priscilla Yu.

1. Welcome by Chair Alistair Black and attendees' introduction.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes from Buenos Aires SC meeting.
4. Discussion

Alistair Black informed the audience that only five people were nominated by their institutions/associations to be part of the LHS Standing Committee. Five members represents the minimum for maintaining the section status. This is a warning for LHS. In order to continue to exist, LHS needs to draw more nominations. Otherwise it will have to consider amalgamation with other groups or become a Discussion Group, which does not ensure enough visibility within IFLA. Three IFLA sections (LIS Journals, Women Issues and Mobile Libraries) have not met the minimum SC membership and have been dismembered.

Alistair Black called for a thorough evaluation of LHS within the light of the self-evaluation process initiated by President Elect Alex Bryne. The professional community in the US, through the ALA's Library History Section, has sent a letter of support, urging IFLA to maintain the LHS in its structure, despite of the low membership.

Alex Bryne presented the three pillars of his mandate—service to society, profession, and members—and he encouraged LHS' self-assessment within the context of the repositioning of certain sections.

All participants took turns in expressing their concern regarding LHS' possible extinction. All attendees highlighted the significance of the historical development of the field of librarianship and information science along with the evolution of the library institution as well as the importance of maintaining the LHS within IFLA's structure.

Alistair Black discussed the two major projects LHS has been involved with:

- a. the compilation of a multi-chapter volume World History of Librarianship;
- b. the survey of archival holdings of library associations worldwide.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Alistair Black presented the Section's financial report for the period 2004-2005. LHS has a new account, opened with Lloyds TSB, UK, where there is a balance of £261.34

(383.80€) transferred from the Swedish account of the Section. A payment of £371.80 (550€) consisting of an IFLA grant for the archives project (discussed above at 4b) was made to Leeds Metropolitan University to support the work on the archives project under Alistair Black's supervision

6. Alistair Black discussed LHS' the theme and the strategy for the Section's program in Seoul.

#### 7. World History of Librarianship

Priscilla Yu read a draft of the chapter covering Asia and Peter Hoare read his draft on the chapter covering Europe.

Discussion concerning possible publisher(s) for this work.

#### 8. LHS program in Oslo

#### 9. Closing of meeting

Recorded by Hermina G.B. Anghelescu

Secretary