

**Approved Minutes of the 8th meeting of the SIGL Board held on Friday 30 August 2019
09:15, Hilton Athens, 46 Vassilissis Sofias Avenue, Athens, Greece**

Members present: Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, Deborah Jacobs, Inga Lunden, Gerald Leitner, IFLA Secretary General.

1. Welcome and first Order of Business

This meeting, being the first of the new SIGL Board 2019-2021, established under the revised SIGL statutes, had as the first order of business to elect a chair, which is no longer proscribed in the new statutes.

Deborah Jacobs moved and Inga Lunden seconded electing Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, immediate Past President of IFLA, as Chair of SIGL for the next two years. Ms Pérez-Salmerón agreed to take this role and she was enthusiastically and unanimously declared the SIGL Chair for 2019-2021.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 09:15, Friday 30 August, 2019.

2. Discussion of the 2019 IFLA Congress held in Athens, Greece

The SIGL Board discussed the huge success of the Congress. Board members Jacobs and Lunden first acknowledged the incredible presidency of Glòria Pérez-Salmerón during 2017-2019. IFLA accomplished so much during her presidency including leading the effort to go from the Global Vision to the creation of a Global Strategy for IFLA and the library field.

There also was an acknowledgement of the leadership and hard work of both Glòria and Gerald not only during the two previous years but at the Congress where much was accomplished.

Deborah also acknowledged how at the closing session of IFLA, Glòria received a standing ovation in recognition of her leadership, which is a unique behaviour for IFLA congresses, and which underscored just how much change she brought to IFLA.

Everyone discussed the enthusiasm of Congress attendees for the new IFLA strategy as well as an understanding and support for the upcoming governance review. Having the theme of “I am IFLA” helped reinforce that the past and upcoming work isn’t only about IFLA HQ staff and the IFLA Executive Committee and Governing Board but that it will take each and every individual, every association, every region and every country in order to have libraries known, recognized and funded as key community assets and to bring IFLA and libraries to the place envisioned in the Global Vision.

The SIGL board was happy to hear that the Secretary General and all of his staff would be taking some well deserved time off as the Congress comes to a complete close.

3. Planning 2019

The SIGL Board recognizes it has important work to do in the upcoming two years. After discussion about some of the priorities, SIGL members and the Secretary General felt it was important to begin this term with a SIGL Board retreat. Because of the urgency of this

work, the Board agreed it needed to meet in early fall and tentatively agreed to hold the last week of September and the first week of October with the location being either in Europe or South America. The Secretary General agreed to investigate the best location by the second week of September and finalize planning with SIGL electronically.

Potential agenda items should include:

- A. Resource development / sustainability
- B. Fundraising plan
- C. Further thinking on leadership development and the IFLA Academy
- D. Update and understanding of the status of the Governance review.
- E. Update and understanding of the next step in the journey from vision to strategy and now to implementation.

4. Other business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00