

IFLA World Council Meeting 2009

Sofitel Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

19-20 October 2009

Minutes

A - OPENING

A1 Welcome, introductions, attendance, apologies, proxies and observers

Dr. Diane Menzies, IFLA President, officially opened the session requesting a minute of silence in memory of IFLA Past President (1990-1992) Theodore O. Osmundson and Nava Polman-Gerson, Past NVTL Delegate and long-time World Congress attendee, who had passed away this year.

Apologies for absence:

VP Asia-Pacific Region, Tong-Mahn Ahn

Delegates: Thanos Sklavenitis (PHALA, Greece). Chun-Yen Chang (CTLA, Taiwan)

Motion for apologies was moved by Jacob Kamp and seconded by Alan Titchener. Motion was carried.

Diane Menzies welcomed the observers present and asked that their attendance be accepted. Motion was moved by Darwina Neal, seconded by James Hayter and carried.

Attendance:

The attendance list and Delegates with voting rights were checked and confirmed by the Secretary General.

ExCo members:

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31 Delegates of member associations present; 2 proxies were submitted; 5 EXCO voting members, totaling 38 votes.

A2 Agenda and timetable

As the Delegates had perused the officers' reports they had been previously sent, President Diane Menzies proposed that IFLA officers make a verbal summary of their reports instead of reading them to give more time for recommendations and discussion.

A3 & A4 Minutes of 2008 World Council Meeting, Apeldoorn, Netherlands

Virginia Laboranti informed members that the minutes had been circulated to all delegates and asked if there were any matters arising from it. No matters arose.

Resolution:

That the minutes from the 2008 IFLA World Council meeting be accepted, according to the IFLA Bylaws as a true and correct record.

Moved by James Hayter; seconded by Fernando Britos. Carried.

A5 46th IFLA World Congress briefing

Saïde Kahtouni, ABAP President, welcomed all the participants. She briefed the meeting on preparations and arrangements for the World Congress.

Diane Menzies expressed thanks to Saïde Kahtouni and all of ABAP involved in the organization for their wonderful work.

B - ELECTIONS

B1 & B2 Election process and results & Introduction of elected officers and appointment of scrutineers

Virginia Laboranti reported on the results of the elections processes that had taken place prior to the World Council meeting.

Americas Region:

Desiree Martinez was reelected Regional Secretary

Asia-Pacific Region:

Xiaoming Liu was reelected Regional Secretary

World Level:

Virginia Laboranti was reelected Secretary General

In the case of the World Level elections, Diane Menzies explained that the Executive Secretary had not been able to get the bailiff's record together with the ballots to hand in to the scrutineers. Therefore, it was agreed that the results of the Americas Region and World level elections would be scrutineered by 2 European delegates who would check the documents at the European General Assembly meeting in November 2009.

The scrutineers recommended by the EXCO were Kathryn Moore and Tore Bergaust. Both accepted. Motion was moved by Lotta Kontula and seconded by Fernando Britos and carried.

C - OFFICERS' REPORTS

C1 President's report

Diane Menzies asked that delegates note 3 issues in her report:

IFLA membership

International contacts and,

IFLA Newsletter / IFLA News

No questions arose.

Resolution:

That the President's report be accepted.

Moved by Desiree Martinez; seconded by Fernando Britos. Carried.

C2 Secretary General's report

No questions arose from the SG's report.

Resolution:

That the Secretary General's report be accepted.

Moved by Perry Howard; seconded by Diana Weisner. Carried.

C3 Vice President Americas' report

Darwina Neal highlighted the following achievements:

Americas' webpage

IFLA Newsletter issue on the Americas

The work of Gloria Aponte as far as Education was concerned

The Symposium on Education held in Colombia

New memberships

Resolution:

That the VP Americas' report be accepted.

Moved by Diana Henríquez; seconded by Desiree Martínez. Carried.

C4 Vice President Asia-Pacific's report

In absence of Tong Mahn Ahn, Diane Menzies asked if there were any questions on the report submitted to delegates.

No questions arose.

Resolution:

That the VP Asia-Pacific's report be accepted.

Moved by Alan Titchener; seconded by John Easthope. Carried.

C5 Vice President European Region's report

Fritz Auweck noted the substantial presence of European delegates at the meeting.

He focused on the following achievements:

Development of communication through the new webpage

Use of the Vitero software as a means of communication and reminded delegates that the tool was available to all.

The European Foundation for Landscape Architecture (EFLA) 20th anniversary.

Resolution:

That the VP Europe's report be accepted.

Moved by Christian Tschumi; seconded by Margarida Cancela d'Abreu. Carried.

D- MEMBERSHIP

Virginia Laboranti reported on new association membership applications from Central America-Caribbean, Ecuador and Paraguay, as well as individual ones from Egypt (Emil Milad, who works in Abu Dhabi,UAE) Pakistan (Komal Parvez) and Sri Lanka (Nirodha Meegahakumbura).

She informed that the Americas Membership committee had examined and approved the statutes of the associations; likewise, the individual member applications had been examined and approved by the APR membership committee. She recommended that the membership of all be approved by the World Council.

Jacob Kamp noted that the Committee's report had not been circulated to delegates and complained about it. He was supported by Lotta Kontula.

Virginia Laboranti explained that it had been a secretariat mistake and she was willing to circulate the report to those asking for it.

The item was deferred so that the committee's recommendations could be circulated and read.

Hal Moggridge spoke to congratulate all the people involved in the task for the work done.

Fritz Auweck reported on the interim members in Europe.

After a break to enable the examination of the membership report, discussion about new associations' applications started.

Margarida Cancela d'Abreu recommended that the associations' names carry the word landscape architecture.

Resolutions:

1. That the "Sociedad Paraguaya de Arquitectura del Paisaje" – SPAP be admitted to membership in IFLA.

Moved by Perry Howard; seconded by Fernando Britos. Carried.

2. That the “Sociedad de Arquitectos Paisajistas del Ecuador” – SAPE be admitted to membership in IFLA.

Moved by Diana Weisner; seconded by Perry Howard. Carried.

3. That the multi-national Central America and Caribbean association, “Asociación de Arquitectura del Paisaje de América Central y el Caribe” – APAC, be admitted to membership in IFLA.

Moved by Carlos Jankilevich; seconded by Fernando Britos. Carried.

4. That the 3 individual members (Egypt, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) be admitted as IFLA members.

Moved by Alan Titchener; seconded by Xiaoming Liu.

E – ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

E1 Secretariat and servicing

Resolution:

That the secretariat and servicing report be accepted.

Moved by James Taylor; seconded by Tore Bergaust. Carried.

F – FINANCE

F1 – Treasurer’s report

James Hayter highlighted 3 main issues in the year 2009.

First, the lower payment of associations’ dues.

Second, the increased cost requirements of the Brussels’ office.

Third, the higher costs of developing the IFLA website.

Also, the interest income went down to almost zero because of the world crisis and fall of interest rates.

Still, James Hayter noted that IFLA had managed, but he recommended that it needs to be much more creative in securing funds.

He informed delegates that the accounts had been submitted to independent auditors and read page 2 of the auditors’ report which summarized the situation. The report stressed that the increase in costs in 2008 were mainly due to the establishment of the office in Brussels.

Then James Hayter proceeded to read the IFLA budget 2008 Expenditures to date and mentioned that the bottom line was that income compared to expenditure was almost even.

Finally James Hayter referred to his report’s recommendations to the world council and asked that his report be approved by the council.

Resolution:

That the Treasurer’s report be accepted.

Moved by Alan Titchener; seconded by Charlotte Buys. Carried.

F2 Finance Commission report

In absence of Bee Choo Tay, Chair of the Finance Commission, James Hayter read her report and recommendations.

Darwina Neal informed the World Council that Perry Howard had replaced Patrick Caughey (ASLA) on the Finance Commission, representing the Americas Region.

Resolution:

That the Finance Commission’s report be accepted.

Moved by James Easthope; seconded by Darwina Neal and approved.

F3 Proposed budget 2010

The proposed budget was discussed.

Jacob Kamp regretted that the figures of the year 2009 were not included along with those proposed for 2010 for comparison.

Tore Bergaust suggested that the budget be placed at the end of the World Council's meeting agenda, to which Diane Menzies explained that the budget was placed early because it needed fresh minds to look at it and it could affect later issues.

Ilse Wollansky suggested that the attendees be informed at the end of the meeting of the decisions made by the Council that might affect the budget.

Lotta Kontula observed that to have an office in Brussels was a good strategy and James Hayter stressed that it would also help save money to have the website managed from Brussels.

Resolution:

That the proposed budget 2010 be accepted.

Moved by Lotta Kontula; seconded by Alan Titchener.

F4 Landscape Foundation

James Hayter informed delegates that the Foundation had been approved at the 2008 World Council and briefed the audience on the Foundation background.

G-WORKSHOPS

W1 – Review of IFLA Constitution and Bylaws. Chair Darwina Neal

W2 - Review of Education Charter. Chair James Taylor

H-WORKSHOPS' REPORT BACK

W1 – IFLA Constitution and Bylaws review workshop report (Darwina Neal)

Darwina Neal reported that, although the workshop had had lively discussions about a number of issues, very few of listed Constitution and Bylaws issues had been discussed, although there was general agreement that cited administrative and "wordsmithing" changes were appropriate.

There was unanimous agreement that it was important to try to involve more people, especially young professionals and students, in a wide range of IFLA activities at all levels, including the need to keep Delegates, Officers and Committee Chairs involved after their terms of responsibility expire. There was also agreement that there was a need for more people to be eligible to run for world office. Thus it was recommended that eligibility for office be expanded to include Committee Chairs and appointed Committee Members who had attended World and Regional Council Meetings.

Discussion of World Council Meetings included that actual workshops on significant issues should be incorporated into WC meetings to allow opportunity for interaction and discussion to help develop policies



and solutions and take advantage of Delegates from all over the world who might have valuable expertise to contribute – i.e., that IFLA should be the facilitator for more landscape architects to meet and discuss world issues. This could also be incorporated as sessions at World Congresses.

Expansion of the IFLA Mission to deal with global issues, effect change, be more future-oriented, and support diversity was also mentioned.

Although there was extensive discussion of the requirement that 20% of the registration fees from World Congresses or Regional Conferences must be returned to either IFLA or the Region, the majority opinion was that that requirement should be kept as a uniform one and that the amount paid could be controlled by building the 20% into the registration fee and charging separately for food-related events and tours. It was felt, however, that basic registration fees should be kept as low as possible to attract more young professionals and students and that fees could perhaps be graduated to encourage this.

In regard to the C&BL, it was agreed that much of the information regarding World Congress requirements, such as tours for accompanying persons, was out-of-date and should be eliminated. Instead, the appropriate information should be included in Congress and Conference Guidelines.

Because many of the issues cited in her report had not been addressed, Darwina had asked workshop participants to mark up copies of her report with comments and return them to her by the end of the Congress. She also invited other Delegates to do so.

W2 - Education Charter review workshop report (James Taylor)

Participants: Fritz Auweck, Xiaoming Liu, Gloria Aponte, Margarida Abreu, Lilli Licka, Diana Wiesner, Paulo Pellegino, Carlos Jankilevich, Yariela Cedeño, Fernando Britos, Perry Howard, Tore Edvard Bergaust, Lotta Kontula, Charlotte Buys, Anna Sessarego, Ariya Aruninta, Sung Kyun Kim, John Easthope, Diana Henríquez, Kathryn Moore and James Taylor, Chair of the IFLA Education Committee.

1. James Taylor presented the background and purpose of the IFLA Charter of Education and the role of UNESCO in international education. The objective of the workshop was to review the UNESCO comments on the draft Charter (attached) and to develop a course of action for revision. We were then to report back to IFLA World Council for approval. He handed out a revised version indicated where the UNESCO changes might be made.
2. Summary of recommendations as confirmed by World Council:
3. It was agreed that the Charter be completely rewritten rather than being revised through incremental changes.
4. The next draft would be circulated through each region for review and approval.
5. The next draft would coordinate language included in other IFLA initiatives including the Global Landscape Convention, the ILO definition and the Constitution.

6. The next draft would include a glossary of terms, clear objectives and aspirations and guidelines related to minimum educational criteria. The spirit of the Charter is to be future oriented, respect diversity and maintain a linkage to the profession.
7. A working group (including the Education Chair, regional education chairs or VPs and others involved in the workshop) would be formed to follow the following timelines: 1) new draft by January 1, 2010, 2) review by regions by March 1, 2010, 3) final draft by working group by April 1, 2010, 4) forward to World Council for adoption in May, 2010.

Carola Wingren raised the question of professional education which should be in accordance with the Bologna Convention and the fact that teachers didn't know much about practice.

Hal Moggridge pointed out that Design was not a research subject and that IFLA should work on that.

James Taylor informed delegates that the report on the Education Charter would be ready in February-March.

I-INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

I1 IFLA Global Survey

James Hayter informed delegates that a landscape architecture practice survey had been carried out.

He explained to delegates that the associations had not been very good at replying to the survey.

He suggested that a time link be sent to delegates, rather than to associations, to make them responsible.

The suggestion was widely supported by the delegates.

Darwina Neal suggested that the survey be sent simultaneously to the associations and the delegates so the delegates could follow up to make sure there was a response, but James Hayter believed that this would weaken the delegates' responsibility.

I2 IFLA Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Gold Medal

Diane Menzies reported on the protocol for the ceremony and informed delegates that the award winner would be announced, but not presented in Rio.

I3 IFLA Global Landscape Charter

Diane Menzies informed delegates that the draft Global Landscape Charter had been submitted to the ICOMOS-IFLA Cultural Landscape Committee, which had reviewed it at its last meeting and endorsed it in concept as a template to be adapted by IFLA member associations. Delegates had been asked to send their comments on the draft by the end of the year.

Kathryn Moore wondered why so many countries ought to be involved, and Jacob Kamp why the countries had to choose between convention and charter.

James Taylor pointed out that he expected a global "thing".

Diane Menzies noted that landscape had to be contextualized and that the general feeling was that people wanted IFLA to work at both levels (charter and convention).

Kathryn Moore insisted on using the European Convention as a basis and that a global charter would never happen.

Diane Menzies wondered if the delegates wanted to drop the global charter and if there was a wish to pursue the 'bottom up' charter.

Diane Menzies also cleared the difference between a charter (no State bound) and a convention (signed between countries).

Jacob Kamp suggested working on a local charter and a global convention.

Alan Titchener gave the example of what existed in New Zealand and supported the idea of a global charter. So did Carola Wingren.

Margarida Cancela d'Abreu stressed that to her a charter was a commitment and that she'd be happy with a charter with principles.

Diane Menzies raised the question whether IFLA should pursue a landscape local charter and at the same time pursue the idea of a general global charter with principles. Desiree Martínez insisted that IFLA ought to try to get a convention.

Vote:

Proposal to vote for pursuing solely a global landscape architecture convention was moved by Desiree Martinez and seconded by Ilse Wollansky.

Proposal was approved by the World Council by 21 votes in favour and 4 votes against.

I4 Climate Change Task Force

John Easthope apologized for not circulating his report, which was handed over to delegates at the meeting, and read to it.

Various questions rose, such as the time line to develop the work, to whom it was directed, and what would the product be.

James Hayter thanked John Easthope for the work done and recommended that the subject be taken at a global level. It was also mentioned that it should be directed to practitioners.

To the question about how guidelines would be produced, John Easthope replied that he still couldn't say.

James Hayter recommended that it be followed through and that another report be presented in Suzhou.

Diane Menzies thanked John Easthope for the work done.

I5 Landscape Architects without Borders

Perry Howard informed delegates of the background of the project which goes back to the African Forum held in 2008.

Perry Howard said that there was no international format for that and that he would appreciate feed-back from the associations and delegates.

He explained that the work done had been to collect data and format it.

The World Council congratulated Perry Howard for his work.

Resolution:

That the World Council approve the report in principle.

Moved by James Hayter; seconded by Jacob Kamp. Carried.

I6 Recession Strategy for Landscape Architects

In absence of Tony Williams, Diane Menzies explained that the subject had been a particular problem in Ireland and that the Irish Institute for Landscape Architecture (ILI) had been willing to contribute at global level. She asked for the delegates' feed-back to Tony Williams' report that had been circulated.

Vladas Staukas objected about some items of the content and the fact that some issues were missing, such as the history of landscape and water surfaces. In his opinion the table on landscape architectural core values or practice had to be completely revised. This was not pursued.

I7 Young Professionals' Advocate

David Gibbs explained that he had carried out this study at Diane Menzies and James Taylor's request. Although it was a global study, the work had started at a local level and then a similar strategy would be examined. David Gibbs noted that there was more to be done and that the study would broaden. He stressed that young landscape architects (age limit: under 35) were very enthusiastic and that they deserved to be supported. He also insisted that information sharing was the key.

Diane Menzies thanked David Gibbs for the work done.

I8 International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of Landscape Architecture

Kathryn Moore noted that, although the ILO hadn't reached the point wanted by landscape architects, it was a step along the way and that landscape architects should keep an eye on it.

J – INTERNATIONAL REPORTS FOR TABLING

Diane Menzies said that the following reports had been circulated and that there were no particular decisions to be taken, but that they should be approved.

J0 Africa

J1 Education

J2 Competitions

J3 IFLA Translation of Technical Terms Committee

J4 Conferences and Congresses

J5 Innovations Committee

Carlos Jankilevich underlined the importance of the landscape indicators described in his report to produce new information beyond the existing one.

J6 International Liaison: UIA, ISOCARP, IFPRA, ICOMOS, UNESCO, IUCN, UNEP UN Habitat

J7 IFLA Education Opportunities Database

Gloria Aponte briefly reported on the work done to date.

J7A Central America and Caribbean Committee

Diane Menzies raised the question whether members from the new Central America and Caribbean association should be the ones to take the lead now.

Jacob Kamp wondered if it shouldn't be active at the regional level, rather than at the world level.

Diane Menzies suggested that the Americas Region should take the responsibility with Carlos Jankilevich and report back to the World Council in Suzhou. Carlos Jankilevich agreed. Diana Henriquez and Virginia Laboranti offered to assist Carlos.

Resolution:

That the reports be approved.

Moved by Perry Howard; seconded by Desiree Martínez. Carried.

INTERNATIONAL REPORTS FOR DECISIONS

J8 UIA Memorandum renewal

Carola Wingren asked for examples of accomplishments. Diane Menzies briefly reported.

Ilya Mochalov asked when the MOU would be renewed, to which Diane Menzies replied that the renewal would be immediate after the MOU's approval by the World Council.

Diane asked for a motion that the MOU be ratified.

Resolution:

That the UIA Memorandum be ratified.

Moved by Darwina Neal; seconded by Tore Bergaust. Carried.

J9 Cultural Landscapes Committee

Darwina Neal conveyed the apologies of Patricia O'Donnell who could not attend and circulated the reports that she had sent for the World Council.

J10 Historic Urban Landscapes, WHC

Hal Moggridge read his report.

Diane Menzies asked the delegates if they would be willing to put further work into the reporting that Hal was doing.

Volunteers: David Gibbs, Jacob Kamp, Kathryn Moore, Desiree Martinez, Diana Weisner, Carlos Jankilevich, Diana Henríquez, Adrian Hoppenstedt, Xiaoming Liu, Charlotte Buys, Jennie Fargeström, and Lotta Kontula.

REGIONAL MEETINGS REPORTS

K1 EUROPE

Attendance:

Delegates: Fritz Auweck, Margarida Cancela d'Abreu, Anna Sessarego, Jacob Kamp, Lotta Kontula, Tore Edvard Bergaust, Carola Wingren, Charlotte Buys, Christian Tschumi, Kathryn Moore, Vladas Stauskas.

(11). Observers: Hal Moggridge, Hans Dorn. (2)

Report by Fritz Auweck.

Results

Recommendations to EFLA General Assembly from the European regional meeting

Financial Issues

The European regional meeting acknowledged the reduced payment of dues by the Landscape Institute for the years 2009 and 2010 imposing the following conditions:

1. During that period the Landscape Institute will have the status of observer without voting rights / should keep the status of full member
2. From 2011 there will be a return to normal payment of dues on a basis agreed by mid 2010.

Bookkeeping

The Regional Meeting Europe recommended that the same digital accounting methods as IFLA uses are introduced by EFLA as soon as possible.

Recommendation for IFLA World Council from the European regional meeting

Resolution: "Right to Landscape"

- 1) We have a right of access to (green) open landscapes close to their homes, reachable by foot on a daily basis
- 2) We have right to a continuous landscape, to connected systems of landscape
- 3) We have a right to an individual, local landscape
- 4) We have a right to private landscapes
- 5) Future generations have a right to enjoy those landscapes which have a special significance for their group
- 6) The landscape has the right to be enjoyed by future generations
- 7) There is a right to spiritual landscapes that don't need to be shared
- 8) We do NOT have a right to abuse landscape
- 9) We do NOT have a right to (see) all the landscape

→ Our right to landscape has been compromised in many ways !!

Development of Academic Teachers in Landscape architecture

Recommendation for EFLA General Assembly and IFLA World Council from the European regional meeting

We express deep concern about the growing problem that there is a requirement for applicants to have a PhD as a prerequisite for teaching landscape architecture at universities, and for the exclusively "scientific" nature of much PhD work, which is of great detriment of the design, artistic practice, architectural and aesthetic dimensions of the discipline.

We urge funding bodies, universities, ministries of education and professional organisations to address the decline knowledge and expertise this is causing as a matter of urgency by funding and supporting significant research programmes within these areas of landscape architecture.

Furthermore, we ask universities to appoint a more diverse range of teachers with expertise in these areas of work in order to ensure the long-term sustainability, future development and quality of landscape architecture.

For decision:

We ask the General Assembly in Brussels to support and adopt this initiative. We expect IFLA to follow suit.

After further explanation by Kathryn Moore, requested by Jacob Kamp, a motion was moved to approve the resolutions.

Resolution:

That the resolutions on dues issues, and research and education made by the European regional meeting are approved.

Moved by James Hayter; seconded by Tore Bergaust. Carried.

Resolution "Right to Landscape"

No discussion arose.

Resolution:

That the proposed resolution on the "Right to Landscape" be approved.

Moved by Jacob Kamp; seconded by Desiree Martínez. Carried.

K2 ASIA-PACIFIC

Present: John Easthope, Delegate AILA (JE) Alan Titchener, Delegate NZILA, and Acting Chair (AT) Diane Menzies, President IFLA (DM) Xiaoming Liu, IFLA APR Secretary and Delegate CHSLA (XL) Ariya Aruninta, Delegate TALA (AA) and Sung-Kyun Kim, Delegate KILA (SKK).

Acting Chair, Minutes Secretary

As delegates had been informed earlier, APR Vice President Prof Tong Mahn Ahn was unable to attend the meeting, and had arranged for NZILA Delegate, Alan Titchener, to chair the meeting. The time of the meeting had been brought forward with all delegates' agreement to allow delegates to attend field trips the following morning.

JE agreed to take the Minutes.

Apologies

Tong Mahn Ahn, IFLA APR Vice President, Takano Fumiaki, Delegate JIFLA, Chun-Yen Chang, Delegate CTLAS, Mustafa Kamal, APR Treasurer.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held in Songdo, Korea were tabled and confirmed.

Election: There was a need to update the eligibility list for the election of Vice President and Treasurer.

Officer's Reports: There was a need to provide an audited report of all transactions.

An undated publication from Indonesia was tabled.

Projects: A discussion was held on the proposed book for the APR awards for this year. A discussion was held on who would receive money from the sale of books - the author or IFLA APR. It was agreed that the intention of selling the books was to raise funds for IFLA APR for projects.

Awards: XL presented revised procedures for the next awards to be judged in time for presentation at the IFLA World Congress in China in May, 2010. He indicated that a number of the categories would be renamed for ease of judging.

APR Reporting: It was recommended that all delegates prepare their reports for the next APR meeting, preferably before the meeting.

Cyber Studio: AA reported that she had experienced some difficulties in gaining approval to incorporate APR images etc on the IFLA website. It was agreed that there needed to be discussion with the IFLA Executive Officer to resolve this. In the event of there not being a satisfactory resolution there remained the alternative of APR establishing its own Cyber Studio. AA also commented that the cost of establishing the IFLA Website was high compared to the cost of similar website work being done in the APR region, for example, in Thailand or Hong Kong.

IFLA News: DM suggested that the next issue of IFLA News should feature APR News (in a similar way to an earlier issue which featured news from the Americas region, and it was agreed that this was timely, especially given that it was only 7 months until the Suzhou World Congress.

DM suggested that each association could provide material for the issue and with each article, there could be a box providing numbers in relation to:

- how many landscape architects in the country;
- how many landscape schools, what programmes;
- how many members of the association;
- whether they had accreditation of universities, programmes;
- whether they had licensing or registration of practitioners.

It was agreed that material needed to be prepared for inclusion in the IFLA News issue.

Club 100: It was noted that not much had happened so far however a recommendation was put forward suggesting that we need to prepare a "benefits and reasons" report to encourage new members.

Cultural Landscape Committee: It was agreed that the Cultural Landscape Committee should continue. SKK indicated he was keen to carry on with his role.

Finances: Short discussion on finances, it was noted that APR dues needed to be calculated on the relevant countries' ability to pay.

Closing and Next Meeting: AT thanked delegates for their attendance. Next meeting will be held in conjunction with the IFLA World Congress in Suzhou, China, in May, 2010. Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

K3 AMERICAS

Americas Region Vice President Darwina Neal reported that participation in the Americas Region Meeting had been enthusiastic and expansive, especially with the approval of three new member Associations the day before: Central America and Caribbean (CAC), Paraguay (SPAP), and Ecuador (SAPE). Her summary follows.



Major items of discussion were the Americas Region website and education issues. Regional Secretary Desiree Martinez has been posting information on the website and hopes to launch it by the end of the year. She mentioned AR's desire to secure sponsors for the website to help fund website development and regional projects. Treasurer Paulo Pellegrino will research this.

Gloria Aponte, Education Committee Chair, reported on the successful regional Education Symposium in Colombia last year, other Education activities, such as participation in le Notre Mundus, and her desire to have a representative from every association on her committee, as well as to develop a roster of Spanish-speaking educators to serve as visiting professors.

There was concurrence that, now that the CAC had been approved as a member Association, the CAC Committee efforts should be regional; Diana Henríquez and Virginia Laboranti offered to help Carlos Jankilevich get members from more countries to join that Association.

Fernando Britos and Virginia Laboranti reported that an exhibition on Portuguese landscape architecture has been loaned by the Portuguese Association to Latin America. It has already been shown in Argentina and Uruguay; now it is going to Colombia and after that it can go to any other country that pays the transport costs. Fernando mentioned this effort as a model educational one for Associations to loan their exhibits to others for the cost of transport.

A resolution supporting preservation of Burle Marx's Parque del Este in Caracas, Venezuela was unanimously recommended for approval by the IFLA World Council.

Carla Ruttimann, President of ICHAP, presented the progress on the organization of the regional conference in to be held 2-3 September 2010 in Santiago, Chile on the theme: "Landscape Architecture and Geography". This was enthusiastically and unanimously approved.

Future regional conferences approved:

2011 - Montevideo, Uruguay

2012 - Medellin, Colombia

2013 - Ecuador

A 2014 IFLA World Congress in Argentina was also recommended for approval by the World Council.

WORKSHOPS

W3 - Promotion of the profession. Chair Desiree Martínez

W4 - IFLA Communications. Chair Jacob Kamp

W5 - IFLA Cultural Landscapes. Chairs Hal Moggridge & Carlos Jankilevich

After the workshops, the plenary session resumed.

Before reopening the session, Diane Menzies welcomed the new delegates from the newly accepted member associations.

L - WORLD CONGRESSES

L1 47th. IFLA World Congress 2010: Suzhou, China

Xiaoming Liu excused the absence of the CHSLA President who could not attend the World Council and showed a video on the World Congress to be held in Suzhou, China from May 28-30, 2010, plus Post-Congress tours.

L2 48th. IFLA World Congress 2011: Zürich, Switzerland

Christian Tschumi renewed the invitation from the Swiss landscape architects' association to delegates to attend the 48th World Congress in Zürich in June 2011.

L3 49th. IFLA World Congress 2012: Cape Town, South Africa

David Gibbs was happy to recall that this would be the third time that South Africa would host IFLA's World Congress whose dates had been set for 4-7 September, with September 2-3 for the World Council.

L4 50th IFLA World Congress 2013: Auckland, New Zealand

Alan Titchener informed that the dates had not been set yet but that it was likely to be held in April.

L5 51st IFLA World Congress 2014

Virginia Laboranti presented CAAP's invitation to host this congress in Argentina.

Resolution:

That the 51st World Congress be held in Argentina.

Moved by Darwina Neal; seconded by Ilse Wollansky. Carried.

M - REGIONAL MEETINGS and CONFERENCES

M1 Europe

- November 20-22, 2009 – General Assembly & 20th anniversary celebration

M2 Asia-Pacific

- 2010 APR conference will be held concurrently with World Congress in Suzhou, China.
- Education Forum. October 2010 in Malaysia.
- TALA will host the year 2011 APR Conference in Thailand.
- Shanghai, China, will be the venue of 2012 APR Conference.
- Year 2013 APR conference will be held concurrently with World Congress in Auckland, New Zealand, organized by NZILA and AILA.

M3 Americas

- 2010 - Chile Sept. 2-4.
- 2011 - Uruguay
- 2012 - Colombia
- 2013 - Ecuador
- 2014 - Argentina

N - WORKSHOP REPORT BACK and NEXT STEPS

W3 Promoting the profession (Desirée Martínez)

Participants: Jim Taylor (Canada), Xiaoming Liu (China), Anna Sessarego (Italy), Ana Cecilia Barbieri (Brazil), Carola Wingren (Sweden), Gloria Aponte (Colombia), Alan Titchener (New Zealand), Desiree Martínez (Mexico)

The following ideas were expressed during the workshop:

- The current situation: there are large associations in countries, where the profession is consolidated (China), small associations, where professionals have to struggle to get recognition (Brazil, Mexico), and extreme examples such as Africa, where the profession does not yet exist.
- Though Brazil will be an important showcase (World Cup, Olympics) the profession is not recognized
- In Latin America, politicians do not care very much about green infrastructure and fast urbanization generates negative impacts on landscape. We have to educate politicians.
- In China, the government recognizes that a park has much more social (and political) impact than a building. There are political and urban strategies focused on Landscape Architecture, for example, *National Garden City*.
- Our strategy should be based on *Marketing*, we have to go out and spread the idea!
- Consumers are looking for an eco-friendly environment.
- Hard data is important to convince decision makers (costs and benefits).
- It is fundamental to include decision makers.
- Work with the press (this is not always easy!)
- We have to spread information about meaningful landscape architecture projects– information exchange. Work with case studies.
- Education is an important issue – we must create more professionals.
- Community work is fundamental.
- The landscape convention is an important tool to get to politicians.
- Promotional material has to be developed and adapted to the reality of each nation
- We have to exchange technical knowledge and speak a “common” language (technical manuals).

Resolutions

- There are three main issues we have to work on:
 - Education, support in order to form more professionals and create programs (for example in Brazil).
 - Social recognition: through marketing on the one side, but on the other through community work.
 - Research: mainly regarding arguments in favor of landscape architecture projects (sustainability with economic points of view, technical issues).
- We have to develop promotional material (beginning with simple brochures, for example for Africa, but others too)
- We have to take advantage of meaningful projects and work with case studies.
- We have to use our Web site as a central communication tool to promote the profession.
- All participants in the workshop decided to form committees in order to work on concrete strategies and deliver results for our next meeting in China.



W4 Communications (Jacob Kamp)

Jacob Kamp congratulated Diane Menzies for the initiative which he believed to be very productive. He stated that the members of the workshop had reached no conclusions, but made recommendations instead.

The Communications workshop members agreed to develop a communications strategy based on:

Who

Delegate
National associations
Secretariat
Exco
President
Regions/exco
Students.
Sponsors.

External

Unesco and
Other international organisations
Professional partners
General public
Universities
Developers
Press media
NGOs

What

Global warming
Quality of life agenda
Sustainable management
Water
Transport
Rights to landscape
Urban regeneration
Energy

Where

Books
Web page
Conferences
IFLA news meetings: could be more externally focused?
New growing organisations? Define L Arch around the world
INB media/press

TV
Books
T-shirts
Cards/leaflets
Name of websites

The Communications working group recommended:

- To consider having an additional ExCo member with responsibility for communications.
- To use outcomes of this workshop to draw up a short understandable communications strategy with a clear message, to decide on whom, where, how and also what we are communicating.
- To rethink the purpose, content, frequency, design, funding and mode of IFLA news (e.g. printed once a year for example have it printed for the conference?)

Resolution:

That the recommendations from the Communications workshop be approved.

Moved by Jacob Kamp; seconded by Tore Bergaust, and approved.

W5 Cultural Landscapes (Carlos Jankilevich & Hal Moggridge)

The Workshop was attended by IFLA Delegates and related public. Subjects discussed and recommendations as follows:

1. Likely reasons for limited IFLA region and member responses to date to IFLA CLC statutes and initiatives.
 - 1.1 There was general consensus regarding the different level of response by region. Good foundation and actions in progress were acknowledged regarding the CLC International Website, the HUL UNESCO Project and the achievements by the CLC America's regional Network. Nevertheless, major concern was expressed in relation to Europe, the Asia Pacific Region, and the Africa and Middle East Region.
 - a. Even when lack of participation by Europe could be the result of the belief that Europe is already a well organized and documented scene. Such belief was proved wrong in the case of the Central and Eastern European countries.

It was suggested that reorganization, more participation and forthcoming actions could be motivated by leveling the existing information gap encouraging representatives of the Central and Eastern European nations
 - b. Regarding the Asia Pacific Region, previous coordination was done through James Hayter and Nancy Pollack. Due to the fact, that NP went back to Canada and JH will no longer continue with this task, **it was recommended that a new coordination should be negotiated within the region.**
 - c. Concerning Africa and the Middle East; due to the actual presence of IFLA **a new line of action was posed by the idea of encouraging the setup of national CL listings by country as a way of organizing CLC groups and eventual coordinators by nation.**
2. Consideration of the relatively heavy CLC International Website use at the launching and current decreasing contribution and participation.

- 2.1 Even when the quality and extensive amount of information provided by the website was considered of a high level, there were comments on the lack of updating along the whole site and above all regarding news and the main page.
 - 2.2 Capturing students and younger professional and general users was stated as a crucial issue. **In order to call the interest of such users it was recommended that the incoming page design should have fixed segments, as well as shifting ones, modified at least once a month, so that regular users will not be discouraged by lack of change when they entered the page a second, third or fourth time.**
3. Importance of the global interest by members in the Historic Urban Landscapes in terms of urban heritage identification, management and sustainability: Suggestions and likely new initiatives.
- 3.1 The good efforts carried out and tangible outcomes achieved by Hal Moggridge as IFLA UNESCO representative was praised as well as the support provided by Patricia O´Donnell as CLC Chair.
 - 3.2 **It was stated that continuing and enhancing diffusion of the approached by which the whole urban scene or city is considered as a landscape will result in the appreciation of this approach and the new tools resulting from its related methods and techniques.**
- 4 Other valid suggestions for activating the IFLA CLC.
Betterment and enhancement of communication between the leaders and responsible coordinators with existing or newly created groups was considered of great importance together with major participation with global partners, such as UNESCO

Delegates were informed that the recommendations would be discussed at the committee’s meeting.
It was resolved that the report be received.

Moved by Desiree Martínez; seconded by Jacob Kamp. Carried.

O - OTHER MATTERS

O1 Draft MOU with SCAPE – was not discussed.

O2 Draft MOU with WFEO (attached)

Resolution:

That the MOU with WFEO be ratified.

Moved by James Taylor; seconded by Perry Howard. Carried.

O3 Draft Resolution Supporting Preservation of Roberto Burle Marx’s Parque del Este

Darwina Neal pointed out that the Americas Region had endorsed the resolution and recommended it for approval by the World Council.

Hans Dorn stressed that IFLA should seek assistance of ICOMOS.

Darwina Neal informed delegates that the ICOMOS-IFLA Cultural Landscape Committee had approved a separate resolution and forwarded it to IFLA.



Resolution:

That the resolution supporting the Preservation of Roberto Burle Marx's Parque del Este be approved.
Moved by Christian Tschumi; seconded by James Hayter. Carried.

P- REVIEW and PRESIDENTS AWARDS

P1 Review of workshop sessions and Council meeting

Diane Menzies asked for delegates' feed-back on the format of the council meeting.

Desirée Martínez congratulated Diane Menzies for introducing the workshops. Kathryn Moore reiterated the congratulations.

Diane Menzies suggested further ideas, such as addressing an international committee in the format of a world council café and the development of a cultural identity.

P2 Conclusion - Presentation of Awards of Appreciation

Before officially closing the meeting, Diane Menzies presented awards of appreciation to the following people:

IFLA Past President Martha C. Fajardo, IFLA Past President Arno S. Schmid, ABAP President Saide Kahtouni, Maria Ignatieva, IFLA Africa and Education Committees Chair James Taylor and IFLA Executive Secretary Christine Bavassa.

The World Council meeting was concluded on the 20th of October 2009 at 5'00pm.

Next World Council Meeting will be held on May 26-27, 2010 in Suzhou, China.

Approved as a true and correct record:

Diane Menzies, IFLA President

Virginia Laboranti, IFLA Secretary General

16th of December

Date