

Minutes of IFLA World Council Meeting

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Delegates

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Ana-Luisa ARTESI	CAPP	Argentina
Vincent ASSELIN	CSLA	Canada
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Prof Mike BARTHELMEH	NZILA	New Zealand
Laura CHAVERRI FLORES	ASOPAICO	Costa Rica
Stephanie DRLIK	ÖGLA	Austria
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Katarina GKOLTSIOU	PHALA	Greece
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Kyung JIN ZOH	KILA	South Korea
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A: Registration

A1 - Declarations and Proxies

- 1) Declarations and Proxy forms were handed over to SR
- 2) 42 Delegates
- 3) 9 ExCo
- 4) 11 Proxies



B: Introduction

B1: IFLA President Opens the World Council

- 1) James Hayter (JH) welcomed the delegates and observers
- 2) JH noted the apologies of Immediate Past IFLA President Kathryn Moore who was absent due to the recent death of her husband, JH sent condolences on behalf of all the IFLA family.
- 3) There was a minutes silence to remember colleagues lost over the last year.
- 4) JH thanked the Norwegian Bioscience Centre for hosting us and the Organising Committee at NLA, especially Yngvar Hegrenes, Marit Hovi, Anita Veiseth, Karsten Jørgensen and Tore Edvard Bergaust for all their hard work alongside IFLA Executive Secretary, Sally Robertshaw.
- 5) JH advised the last year had focused on improving IFLA's governance, procedure and accountability and that this work means that now we can look forward to exchanging ideas and focusing on advocacy of our profession.
- 6) In JH opening address he talked of the fundamental role of landscape architects in establishing the first national parks, he highlighted rapidly increasing species loss; pica elimination, a wake for a lost glacier and the incredibly important role of the profession now Climate Change is having such an impact.
- 7) JH stated "landscape architects must take leadership in this era of climate change. We must stand up for the values upon which our profession is founded. We have the skills and the belief. The world needs and depends on you."
- 8) When ExCo discussed important issues to focus on at World Council, these included:
 - a) Climate Change
 - b) Food Security and Agriculture
 - c) Community participation in design
 - d) Health and Wellbeing
 - e) Indigenous CulturesLandscape Architects have roles in all these crucial issues.
- 9) JH talked of how IFLA as a federation has changed since it was established post WW2. He highlighted the structure of IFLA, with the World Council in charge, who then elect an Executive Committee to deliver what is agreed. He introduced the IFLA Committee Chairs Marina Cervera, Monica Pallares, Salma Samaha and Jeremy Dennis who direct this work, largely through the Working Group structure and who sit in ExCo alongside the Regional Presidents, Carey Duncan, Damian Tang, Ricardo Riveros and Tony Williams whom he also introduced.
- 10) The IFLA working groups focus on the key issues facing our profession, ExCo have been looking at how these are aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals so that the work of each group connects with the bigger picture and enables collaboration with the UN on a higher level.



- 11) JH acknowledged that IFLA can't do everything on its own; he highlighted what IFLA does globally and the importance of focusing on these. He explained how both good governance and collaboration and partnership enable us to do this. Having focused on these matters this last year there is now a framework in place to ensure this continues.
- 12) JH advised this meeting is the place for delegates to tell ExCo what they want in PLAN IFLA, our business plan. IFLA will then work to the plan, making it accountable and transparent.

State of the Profession

IFLA invited some of its oldest and youngest members to give their personal opinion on the state of the profession:

- Anastasia Nikologianni (AN) said that when she thought of the future of the profession actually what she thought of was the simply 'the future' and she talked of the power and responsibility of the profession. She also read out the text from Niels de Couvreur which talked of 'vu ja de' – a feeling that this situation never happened before.
- Zeena Al JaJa (ZA) questioned the wisdom of putting all countries (industrial and non industrial nations) in the same category of climate change. She also asked how there could be collaboration without travel.
- Bernard Obenholzer (BO) talked of the global community and how there were no borders in landscape.
- Niall Williams (NW) felt collaboration was key, he highlighted the way in which landscape architecture is changing and the potential for the profession to lead and support other professions to do their work.

B2 - Ratification of the 2018 World Council Minutes

- 1) JD proposed that the minutes were adopted, Monica Pallares (MP) seconded, 0 against, 0 abstentions, the motion was carried unanimously



E – Key Theme 1 – Climate Change

1) The World Council were asked to vote that IFLA formally declares a ‘Climate and Biodiversity Emergency’. Marina Cervera (MC) seconded, 0 against, 0 abstentions, the motion was carried unanimously

- 2) The session was led by Colleen Mercer-Clarke (CMC) and Hope Parnham (HP), Chair and Co-Chair of IFLA Working Group on Climate Change Co-Chair of IFLA Working Group on Climate Change.
- 3) CMC led the call for every landscape architect in the world to *be the change*, highlighting the critical timescale of 10 years. Her presentation focussed around three components delegates should bear in mind; a) every bit counts b) love every leaf and c) value natural assets.
- 4) CMC detailed the journey of the global accord, from its start in the Americas region to now, its global adoption. She detailed IFLA’s application to join IUCN and how it places IFLA as a delivery mechanism for many projects addressing Climate Change.
- 5) CMC launched the ‘IFLA One Tree One Planet initiative’. If all members planted 300 trees that would be over 100 Million in 10 years. CMC called for help in capturing data on how many trees IFLA members plant and how we can represent this on the IFLA website.
- 6) Pamela Conrad (PC) introduced her work looking at Climate Positive Design, encouraging landscape architects to go beyond carbon neutral by designing projects that sequester more carbon than they emit. She talked delegates through Pathfinder, a free web-based app that helps designers understand the climate impact of their projects by calculating the point at which they become climate positive.
- 7) CMC made the call for the global accord to be ratified by other organisations. It has been done at World Council level, 13 National Associations have ratified it too, aim now to see it grow further – she urged the delegates to share with clients, suppliers, allied professionals and more.
- 8) Delegates were encouraged to respond to HP’s survey. HP advised results would be shared, there is a lot of great work going on but much of it is in silos.
- 9) CMC made call for delegates to get more involved, whilst carbon reduction and sequestration is the initial focus there a need for task groups of landscape architects to work on specific things around transformation and adaptation on – topics such as materials, inner city renewal, sea walls and more.



D – PREP (Professional Requirements and Educational Possibilities) survey update

1. Andreja Tutundzic (AT) and Marina Cervera (MC) provided delegates with an update on the PREP survey.
2. 4 options were presented to take the survey forward.
 - a. Leave the IFLA DB without further investments in the project (except minimal costs for domain subscription). This option imply utilization the output on actual conditions
 - b. Automate dissemination of gathered information in order to be available for defined groups and/or different media
 - c. Expand the content of the database, in order to gather, utilize and store additional information
 - d. Data analyses automatization
3. MC advised they wanted to go for a combination of option c and d as this best preserved the considerable amount of work which had already gone into the project.
4. AT and MC asked delegates to let IFLA World and IFLA Europe secretariats know when they have completed the survey and reminded them they can come back multiple times to update the survey as more/new information is available. Herman Gunlaugsson (HG) will push those in IFLA Europe and urged all regions to do the same.
5. **MC proposed a budget line is ratified for PREP in the future, in line with proposals c and d , Tony Williams (TW) seconded, 0 against, 0 abstentions, the motion was carried unanimously.**



F – FBP report

- 1) Jeremy Dennis (JD) started his presentation by advising the assumption is that reports have been read as they were circulated 3 months in advance of the meeting.
- 2) JD thanked JH for his work in bringing IFLA to a stable financial position
- 3) JD advised that from July 1st Tim Arnold (TA) from AILA has been contracted as service provider delivering bookkeeping, financial and legal advice and sponsorship services.
- 4) JD proposed that the 2020 budget is adopted. JH seconded, 0 against 0 abstentions, the motion was carried unanimously.**
- 5) JD advised that the report on policies database was noted.**
- 6) JD advised that the report on office resources was noted.**
- 7) JD introduced the sponsorship paper which recommended 2 categories for sponsorship;
 - a) Carey Duncan (CD) suggested an amendment to the proposal outlined in the report; this currently distributes monies proportionally depending on the number of members in each association. Instead CD suggested ExCo retained the discretion to decide how the money goes back to the regions and in what proportions.
 - b) TA explained that IFLA is just at the start of being able to explore the value of sponsorship and whilst he couldn't say for certain the figure in the budget will actually be reached he felt there is potential and this is a good level to aim for.
- 8) Tony Williams (TW) proposed that the 2019 IFLA World Council adopt the proposed IFLA Corporate Partner Program Protocol. Further, it is recommended that the protocol be monitored and reviewed in 2020 and, if appropriate, adjustments made for updating at the 2020 World Council meeting with amendments such as those proposed by CD. Ricardo Riveros (RR) seconded. 0 abstentions, 0 against, the motion was carried unanimously.**
- 9) JD introduced the Membership Dues paper
 - a) The revision process was started in Montreal then debated in Singapore where the World Council asked ExCo to go away and look at the dues policy. Accordingly over the last 12 months the FBP committee have developed this proposal.
 - b) The proposal does 2 things fundamentally differently: Links amounts to GNI (an index revised every June by the World Bank) and eliminates the baseline for numbers.
 - c) JH advised ExCo is not asking the World Council to vote on this as IFLA Europe have asked for time to talk about it in their forthcoming General Assembly. Depending on the outcome of this a further vote (outside the World Council) could be arranged.
 - d) CD reminded IFLA Europe that the policy is that 70% is returned to the regions
 - e) Nor Atiah Ismail (NA) congratulated the FBP for its response adding that it will help the Asia Pacific Region



- f) Katerina Gkoltsiou (KG) checked the best iteration of levels for all had been reached. JH advised many variations of the model had been tested in order to come up with this which is considered the fairest for the majority.
- g) NW stated the LI had concerns regarding the dues and needed to see performance reports and audited accounts from IFLA Europe and IFLA World so they could report back to their members. Dan Cook (DC) from LI said they supported the fee structure and added the LI wished to see IFLA focus less on governance in the future and more on delivering projects. JH advised this is the reason why an external service provider has been contracted, future reports will be more professional and less time will be spent on governance. Increased financial responsibility and increased sponsorship will allow further money to be put into projects.

TW responded that IFLA Europe send audited accounts to LI each year.

- h) Fritz Auweck (FA) stated BDLA supported this, adding seeing IFLA World move towards less dependency on dues was encouraging.
- i) Karin Helms (KH) suggested it was important to work together in a global way to help each other, she suggested that IFLA Europe just needed more time to discuss things.
- j) TA felt the model was fair and transparent and stated this was key in bringing AILA back to the table as a paying member. He queried the ability of IFLA World to set fees in the future as regions become independent legal entities.
- k) There was a discussion on fairness for all members and how the model serves all members when they have differing goals. Also about fairness in spending the money and how that is focused.
- l) NW put forward a motion to back the philosophy on which the calculation is based. TW commented that the motion was well intentioned but requested an implementation process is included to give IFLA Europe time to work out the legal position. After discussion NW agreed the wording;

m) NW put forward a motion to “ask the World Council to approve a method of dues calculation based on GNI Index and support the simpler method of fees allocation proposed”. Yngvar Hegrenes (YH) seconded. 16 abstentions, 0 opposed and 40 in favour. The motion was carried.



G – Focus Session - Ethics and Code of Conduct

- 1) JH introduced the session and gave special thanks to the LI who had shown leadership in this area
- 2) MC outlined the history of the work to date, starting with a code of Ethics approved in 2000 and now the need to change it to adapt to a new era.
- 3) DC, Chair of the session, clarified that this was just going to be a discussion in order to get feedback, then consultation would take place in the first half of next year and any decisions around Ethics and Code of Conduct would be taken in Malaysia in 2020.
- 4) DC presentation looked at what it was to be a profession, trust levels in various professions and how principles (Global Compact, Sustainable Development Goals) can inform this process.
- 5) Karin Barthelmes-Wehr, Managing Director of the Institute for Governance in the German Real Estate Agency and Chair of the International Ethical Standards Coalition (IEC) led a session on Corporate Governance. She asked what are ethical principles and explored the value of them. She highlighted the 10 high-level principles members of IES are asked to subscribe to.
- 6) Sarah Latoufi (SL) led a session explaining the scoping process the LI and IFLA have been through including mapping of what exists, the benefits and application, the regulatory picture and ended with outlining the 8 draft principles.
 - Principle 1: Environmental and Landscape Enhancement
 - Principle 2: Impartiality
 - Principle 3: Lawfulness
 - Principle 4: Professional Development
 - Principle 5: Quality of Service
 - Principle 6: Reputation
 - Principle 7: Sustainability
 - Principle 8: Trust
- 7) Anna Levonma (AL) thanked IFLA and LI for this work. She asked about the use of the word 'ensure' as she felt it was not possible to 'ensure' but rather 'encourage, influence'. SL advised that it only appears on principle 5, the others are 'take steps to' as recognise concern from associations that they are required to do something specific and could be held to account
- 8) Delegates took part in a workshop facilitated by the LI. Results will inform the consultation process which will take place in the coming months.
- 9) MC proposed a motion that IFLA commits to joining the IES (no money is needed just time and commitment) and commit to continue to work and develop the principles. TW seconded, 0 Abstentions, 0 against, the motion was carried unanimously**



H – Key theme 3 – Education Recognition

- 1) Salma Samaha (SS) Chair of EAA Committee introduced the session which was led by herself with support from Andreja Tutundzic (AT) as the Chair of the Education Recognition and Accreditation Working Group and Emilia Weckman the chair of IFLA EU EAA since the global education recognition model is based on the European model.
- 2) AT presented the 1st draft of IFLA Recognition: IFLA Policy, Standards and Procedures for Recognition of Landscape Architectural Education Programmes.
- 3) Delegates took part in a workshop led by Salma, Emilia and Andreja followed by a group discussion. They were asked 4 questions:
 - a) 'Should the programmes which have a nationally developed professional accreditation (or recognition) system be automatically (IFLA) recognised, upon assessment of the national accreditation standards and procedure against IFLA Recognition policy?'
 - b) Should national associations need to be obliged to accept appropriate educational background of candidate arriving from IFLA Recognised programme, upon any additional requirements that may exist according to the defined National association membership policy?
 - c) Do you think that IFLA Recognition should be charged?

4) SS proposed a motion to approve the 1st draft of IFLA Policy, Standards and Procedures for Recognition of Landscape Architectural Education Programmes and approve continuation of the work on IFLA Recognition policy according to the presented Action plan. AT seconded. 1 abstention, 0 against, the motion was passed.

Presentation from ILAM for 2020 World Congress

- 1) Day one ended with a presentation from ILAM who welcomed delegates to attend the congress in 2020. A dedicated website will be live from October 2019.

End of day one



Day two

JH reminded everyone that they have to use the voting cards rather than raise hands so it is clear that delegates or nominated proxies are voting.

JH adjusted the agenda as all FBP business had been dealt with yesterday, advising delegates if there were further questions they could ask JD.

IFLA's achievements over the last 12 months

- 1) JH highlighted work against Plan IFLA targets and what had been achieved in the last 12 months. Achievements included;
 - a) Focused IFLA's activities on the core areas where we can have the most impact. These are summarised in PLAN IFLA.
 - b) Prepared instructions and directives on how to operate. These directives, such as Association Member Delegate Responsibilities, are presented for approval at this World Council meeting.
 - c) Strengthened IFLA's finances, including discharge of all outstanding historical debt (Financial Report).
 - d) Developed alternate means of income in addition to Member Association dues (Sponsorship Report).
 - e) Taken an active part in assisting NLA in the organisation of the 2019 World Council meeting and World Congress.
 - f) Made IFLA's operations more transparent, including clearly mapping the Federation's organisational structure comprising primarily of the World Council, Executive Committee, Standing Committees and Working Groups.
 - g) Improved relationships with Member Associations and IFLA regions, working to support both on local and regional issues.
 - h) Launched a new IFLA website (www.iflaworld.org) and domain to address issues with security, visibility and participation.
 - i) Met monthly (by Zoom) as an Executive, with meeting minutes recorded and distributed promptly, including reporting of actions against PLAN IFLA.
 - j) Improved relationships and contact with other organisations and NGO's operating on a global level. We have applied and expect membership of IUCN and have jointly launched the IEC+N project with UIA. We have re-established a relationship with UN Habitat.
 - k) Appointed a service provider to assist IFLA with independent financial accounting, sponsorship management and policy development.
 - l) Commenced a review of IFLA's legal identity and governance, confirming IFLA's formal registration in France. As a result of this review, IFLA's street address returns to Versailles.



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- m) Audited the existing MOU's in place with IFLA. We found some of these are inactive or have not formally be ratified.
 - n) Organised and uploaded IFLA's administration files and records to the Cloud for increased security and access.
 - o) Ensured IFLA's contractual employment agreements with the Executive Secretary and service provider are in place and performance monitored.
- 2) JH encouraged delegates to share any comments on the plan to the FBP Chair and/or himself on an on-going basis.



I - PPP Committee Report

- 1) MC presented the work of the committee over the last year to accompany the report which was submitted to the World Council
 - a) MC introduced the Regional Chairs of the PPP committee, Tak, Herman, Armin, Carlos and Maimuna and explained their role connecting the regions and IFLA World.
 - b) MC explained the process of rationalising the existing working groups to align them with one of the UN bodies. She shared the diagram she had presented to ExCo which illustrated how best to make that connection and be as visible and effective as possible.
 - i) This sees Climate Change group aligned with IUCN. MC also proposed CMC stays on as chair of this group.
 - ii) Emerging Professionals Advocate: MC recommended that AN be ratified as chair for one more year. She urged delegates to go and see the presentation at the congress.
 - iii) Landscape Architects Without Borders also have a presentation at congress.
 - iv) Cultural Landscapes: MC reported that this group has been less aligned with IFLA's core activities. In addition there is also the IFLA ICOMOS group and it makes little sense to duplicate efforts. MC proposed the current working group is cancelled and that IFLA pursue a more direct relationship with IFLA ICOMOS.
 - v) GPS-ILO – The ILO task force was set up in spring 2019. The main objective of this committee is to work on the definition of the profession that should be oriented not on a detailed job description but more on global tasks and targets.
 - 2) Membership: MC reported 2 new association members
 - a) Dominican Republic has been accepted.
 - b) Guatemala have submitted their documents and it is proposed they are accepted.
 - c) The agreement of Botswana, who were approved in principle last year, takes the number of African members to 5.
 - d) MC reported the Middle East region has 3 members now that JALA is a member. She thanked ZA for her work on this. Having 3 members consolidates the region.
 - e) MC advised there were 4 new individual members.
- 3) MC proposed a motion that Guatemala is accepted as a Category A member. RR seconded. 0 against, 0 abstentions, the motion was carried unanimously.**
 - 4) MC proposed a motion to approve recommendations on the reorganisation, CD seconded. 0 against, 0 abstentions, the motion was carried unanimously.**
- 5) JH thanked MC for all her work on the PPP committee.

**K – EAA Committee Report**

- 1) SS, Chair of the EAA Committee presented the work of the committee over the last year to accompany the report which was submitted to the World Council
- 2) Student Design Competition: SS detailed how she and the Chair of the Jury Beverly Sandalack (BS) had undertaken a review of the competition process. This included looking at jury stability, the timing of the competition to better align with University teaching programmes whilst staying in sync with the varying times of congresses and also developing a business plan for the competition. SS formally thanked BS for all the work she had done in relation to the committee. The report was noted.
- 3) Continuing Education: SS presented a cycle of work it was proposed the committee did:
 - a) provide opportunities for professional development,
 - b) collaboration with IFLA Region /NA CE courses,
 - c) Establish Links with Allied Professions offering CE
 - d) Website + Newsletters to provide Info about professional learning opportunities
 - e) CE credit certification Juried Academic Programme IFLA Annual Congress,
 - f) Develop a “Guidance Document” for CE.The report was noted.
- 4) Research hub: SS reported an initiative focussed on the development of a research hub. She advised that this proposal will be developed further within the EEA committee and then presented ExCo for comment and recommendation.



J – CER Committee Report

- 1) MP presented the work of the committee over the last year to accompany the report which was submitted to the World Council
- 2) Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Award (SGJA). Vacancies according to the rules of appointment of the nominations committee and the jury were proposed.
 - a) Nominations Committee: MP proposed Tom Tauengwa (Africa), Reem Alissa (Middle East) and Peter Zoech (Guest) to the nominations committee.
 - b) Jury: JH proposed Nayla Ataki (Middle East) to the jury.
 - c) MP proposed a motion to accept the names as proposed, AT seconded, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed, the motion was passed unanimously**
 - d) Gareth Doherty (GD) Chair of the SGJA Nominations Committee explained the design process behind the new medals which was heavily influenced by the process employed by Jellicoe himself. The design of the medal and its box were shared with the World Council.
 - e) JH thanked GD for all his work on the committee and during the medal re-design process, he also thanked *Why Not Smile* the design agency who worked on a pro-bono basis and *Ecoland* who sponsored the fabrication of the medals.
 - f) MP encouraged delegates and their associated networks to promote and share information about this important award as much as possible.
- 3) MP detailed a communications strategy and made a call for help in relation to the IFLA news publication, encouraging submissions from member associations and their networks,
- 4) Similarly in relation to IFLA's social media platforms she encouraged delegates to use, share and reference in order to increase followers. Gertjan Jobse (GJ) offered to help MP on this.
- 5) MP explained how she too was restructuring some of her working groups as some were not operational and others were missing a chair. These would be consolidated to:
 - a) Communication: Knowledge hub, Website, Blog, Advisory Circle
 - b) Awards; SGJA and IFLA Awards
 - c) Liaison: Relation with other international organisations
- 6) MP advised the new website is live and will continue to be populated over the coming months. In line with this IFLA's email addresses will also change to @iflaworld.org. JH thanked MP and SR and Daniela Micanovic (DM) for their efforts during the website issues.
- 7) GJ enquired about the Congress hosting guidelines. JH advised these have been revised slightly however the fundamentals remain the same. As it had only just been done JH advised that delegates were not being asked to vote on accepting them at this council, rather the conversation would continue over the coming year.
- 8) JH thanked MP for all her work in this committee over the last year, especially given the trying circumstances of the website being down for so long.



Key theme 4 - Community Involvement and Participation

- 1) Bruno Marques (BM) introduced the session on community involvement and participation explaining involving people in the design process in a meaningful and ongoing manner was an important topic across the globe. He highlighted the talent within communities and outlined the three stage workshop where the council was split into groups to answer questions before reporting back and taking part in a discussion about how these topics could be turned into policy
- 2) The questions and responses were;
 - a) What values/assets do our communities need to have represented by IFLA?
 - i) Equity
 - ii) Democracy
 - iii) Water scarcity
 - iv) Air pollution
 - v) National identity
 - vi) Culture
 - vii) Need for public spaces
 - viii) Gender equity
 - ix) Right for the land
 - x) Unemployment
 - xi) Diversity and tolerance
 - b) How does IFLA deal with different world-views and cultural competency?
 - i) Code of ethics
 - ii) Analysing regional and local diversity
 - iii) Translate popular concepts (e.g. sustainability, etc.) to the local context
 - c) What are the main challenges and opportunities for our communities that IFLA should be aware of?
 - i) Communities can be trans-local and trans-border
 - ii) Shared inner value system, strong control of the group
 - iii) Inside/outside dichotomy
 - iv) Needs – are those from the community?
 - v) Culture heritage
 - vi) Globalisation
 - vii) No to forced preservation
 - d) What are the current challenges that impact on the wellbeing of our communities?
 - i) Climate change -- fire, flooding...
 - ii) Natural disasters – earthquake...
 - iii) War
 - iv) Food security
 - v) Access to potable water
 - vi) Urban policy responses to population growth
 - vii) Rapid urbanisation
 - viii) Biosphere protection (eg. creation of national parks can push out local communities and their way of life)



- ix) Political decision making
- x) Disconnect with policies on different scales
- xi) Industrial and economic restructuring (requirement for changing skills in response to changing economic activities)
- xii) Migration
- xiii) Xenophobia
- xiv) Cultural and religious identity
- xv) Global economic systems
- xvi) Decisions regarding mobility
- xvii) Distribution of resources
- xviii) Tourism
- e) What to do with the connection of the physical, spiritual, mental and communal values of our communities?
 - i) Respect: hands-off
 - ii) Listen: enable the community
 - iii) Embrace it: making things simple
 - iv) Proportional
 - v) Preserve
 - vi) Raise awareness
 - vii) Facilitator and translator
 - viii) Keep quality and make them aware
- f) How can we improve the governance of land and natural resources for our communities?
 - i) Value – how to get it and map it
 - ii) Opinion of local community, quality of the landscape
 - iii) Guidelines and methodology provided by IFLA
 - iv) Awareness
 - v) Impact assessment
 - vi) Legal frameworks in each country
- g) What are the good examples of community involvement and participation through the means of professional practice and/or academic research that IFLA should know about and how could this be strengthened in the future
 - i) Open to lot of ideas
 - ii) Design is not everything
 - iii) Go beyond our skill set
 - iv) Lead the process of participatory design
 - v) It does not end with implementation
 - vi) Scale is important
 - vii) Cultural trauma with re-settlement areas affected by natural disasters
- h) How can IFLA develop a more coherent approach to policies that empower our communities? Who should we be working with?
 - i) Communication in first meeting (grieving process: anger, sadness, mourning, etc.
 - ii) Different platforms for communication
 - iii) Transparency
 - iv) Involve stakeholders



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- v) Inform, empower, implement
 - i) What are the future opportunities for community participation in Landscape Architecture and its related professions and how can policies change to help realise this potential?
 - i) Vision
 - ii) Respect
 - iii) Recognition
 - iv) Objective: task group in IFLA
 - v) External relations: citizens, partners and community
 - j) How do you envision an integrated framework and policy for community involvement and participation?
- 3) JH thanked BM for his leadership on this topic and advised a high-level guidance document will be created for associations around the value of participation. It will make a strong statement about its importance in design and how we conduct ourselves as a profession.



O - Regional Meetings

These took place for all 5 regions

P - Regional Presidents Reports

P2 - Americas Region

- 1) RR presented the developments in the region over the last year to accompany the report which was submitted to the World Council
- 2) The key items the report covered were the IFLA Americas Business Plan and improvements in the areas of Governance and Representativeness of IFLA in the Region and financial management including transparency and sponsors. Work relating to the various committees and their working groups as well as developing a new Constitution and By-Laws and the Americas Landscape Charter.
- 3) JH advised that RR's tabled recommendation to approve the Americas Landscape Charter could be done regionally.
- 4) RR recommended that the World Council Approve IFLA AR Constitution and By Laws, CD seconded, 0 against, 0 abstentions, the motion was passed unanimously.**
- 5) The World Council welcomed new members Dominican Republic (ARPA) and Guatemala (GuateLAND).
- 6) JH thanked RR for all his work in the IFLA Americas Region.



P3 - Asia-Pacific Region

- 1) DT presented the developments in the region over the last year to accompany the report which was submitted to the World Council.
- 2) DT advised the IFLA ARP structure is aligned with IFLA World, there is no overlap regionally of what IFLA World does, the work is complimentary.
- 3) DR reported on the community resilience building work in Sidara, Timore-Leste
- 4) DT reported on the APR awards programme
- 5) DT advised the region has a Youth Chapter, YLAA
- 6) **The report was noted**

P1 - Africa Region

- 1) CD presented the developments in the region over the last year to accompany the report which was submitted to the World Council.
- 2) A key focus has been on the education and recognition. CD thanked IFLA APR for their contribution and sharing their experience in this field.
- 3) CD detailed the capacity building concern in the region – she highlighted the low levels representation at the World Council by the region - in part due to visa issues and high fees and travel costs.
- 4) The IFLA Africa Constitution and By-laws were circulated for comment in February 2019, a final draft was issued in June 2019 and were presented for approval at the World Council.
- 5) The African Landscape Convention has had many iterations since 2012 it is now a brief and nimble document and the aim is to have it adopted by all associations, NOGS and the African Union.
- 6) CD welcomed Botswana to the region.
- 7) CD thanked the regional ExCo for their work.
- 8) CD invited all delegates to the symposium taking place in Tunis in October.

9) CD proposed a motion that the WC approve the IFLA Africa Constitution and Bylaws. TW seconded, 0 opposed, 0 against, the motions was approved unanimously.



P4 - Europe Region

- 1) TW presented the developments in the region over the last year to accompany the report which was submitted to the World Council.
- 2) TW advised the new website was now commissioned.
- 3) TW advised the region will look at how to respond specifically to the declaration of a climate emergency and asked for suggestions.
- 4) TW felt the recognition panel needs to continue to be resourced and thought auto recognition via IFLA World has merit.
- 5) Finally TW highlighted some of the many projects IFLA Europe do, including the Blue Green Infrastructure project.
- 6) **The report was noted**

P5 - Middle East Region

- 1) Regional President Mohammad Motallebi (MM) was not able to attend the World Council.
- 2) Armin Pharizi Rad (AP) addressed the World Council on behalf of the region, he thanked MM for all his hard work and contributions.
- 3) **JH advised Mohammad is formally retiring and recorded a formal vote of thanks to him for all the work he has done to build the Middle East region and support IFLA as a member of its ExCo.**



Key theme 5 - Governance and Reform

- 1) Tim Arnold (TA) introduced the final focus session of the World Council which he led.
- 2) TA highlighted the importance of good governance and the requirement for continuous review and improvement.
- 3) TA advised that in the ExCo meeting immediately prior to the World Council there was a review of what is working and what isn't.
 - a) He shared the matters which work well, these included
 - i) Diversity of opinion
 - ii) Regional representation
 - iii) Opportunity for everyone to have input.
 - iv) Good gender equity.
 - v) Committed ExCo people/Volunteers
 - vi) Open
 - vii) ExCo Qualities: Specialised, Commitment, Management, Listening and Compromise
 - b) and that which can be improved, these included
 - i) Representative (regional balance)
 - ii) Too big for effective decision making
 - iii) Hard to manage
 - iv) There has not been a meeting where all of ExCo members attended.
 - v) Greater diversity needed
 - vi) Lack of resources
 - vii) Complexity – lots of issues for lots of people to get across
 - viii) Volunteers
- 4) There were 2 discussions
 - a) What does good governance look like?
 - b) What changes can IFLA make to it's governance (how can we improve)?
- 5) TA advised how the responses helped inform the question of validation – answering if there is a need for continuous review and improvement of governance and also to develop recommendations:
 - a) on what is working and is to be retained
 - b) what could be enhanced – needs to be better than what we have
 - c) on Constitutional change if it is needed.
- 6) TA advised the time frame was that an options paper would be developed by December 2019, January to April 2020 is a period for member association feedback, before a refining options paper in May 2020.
- 7) JH thanked TA for leading the council through this session and the delegates for their contributions.



R – Other Matters

R1 – 2021 World Congress

- 1) There was a presentation from the organisers of the 2021 World Congress, Sweden and Kenya

S – Closing

- 1) JH thanked delegates, observers and contributors to the 2019 World Council, he thanked ExCo and the organisers NLA and the hosts.
- 2) He declared the next decade to be the decade of Landscape Architecture. This World Council has outlined an empowering and powerful road map for IFLA over the next 12 months. Delegates are not listeners, they are enactors. As chief representatives of the landscape architecture profession the President encouraged them to spread the word.
- 3) The council was ended by giving each of the attendees chance to sum up their experience in a few words.....below is a selection of just some of the comments

‘Inspirational’ Farimah Sadat Jamali

‘One of the best world councils - we did real stuff!’ Tony Williams

‘Action’ Niall Williams

‘Its nice to see the IFLA family growing’ Katarina Gkoltsiou

‘Common Ground is the theme of this congress and this meeting has been a solid foundation to build on’ Gertjan Jobse

‘A different meeting, a positive meeting’ Xong Li

‘Very promising’ Emily Wade

‘Very exciting to hear the global conversation about Landscape Architecture’ Phil Meyer

‘It has produced the best outcomes of all the World Councils I have attended - there has been an unprecedented transformation’ Damian Tang

‘Keep experimenting, it has been an interesting meeting of minds’ Elezina Van Melle



'An extraordinary meeting' Reze Ali Anwar

'Glad the rules were broken' Claudia Onate Pechini

'My first meeting - very welcoming' President FILA

'Mt first world council - inspiring' Bjork Guonundsdottir

'Thank you for having Presidents around the table' Christina Kupper

'Bold, encouraging and promising' Anna Levonmaa

'Not my first meeting! but first time used these structures and approaches.
Very good approach, congratulations on the forward thinking' Fritz Auweck

Croatia is a small country with a small number of landscape architects, thank
you for the opportunity to be part of the family and the opportunity to grow'
Daria Perkovic

'Congratulations to James and Exco, for a great job, you made good changes'
Helena Gutmane

'By far the best world council ever' Ioana Tudora

'I have a complaint - now we have a lot of work to do! It was a dynamic
meeting, I feel involved' Vincent Asselin

'I've attended since 2014, this room is great - inspiring for our IFLA Europe
meeting' Hermann Gunnlaugson

'Get a button! spread the word' Hope Parhnam

End of day 2

End of 2019 World Council