

## **General Assembly Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 14th, 2022, 11h00 Eastern Daylight Savings  
Expo Center, Lakeside Village, University of Miami & Online via Zoom**

President Anna Wałek welcomed everyone to the General Assembly and celebrated the gathering of so many members both in the room and online. She introduced the Board members to the assembly. AW thanked IATUL Vice-President Charles Eckman (Dean of Libraries, University of Miami) and Anna Prestamo (Dean of Libraries, Florida International University) and their teams for successfully hosting this hybrid 42nd Annual Conference. AW noted delegates would be voting both online and by a show of hands for those in the room and combining the count.

### **FORMAL MATTERS**

The agenda was approved unanimously.

The Minutes of the General Assembly held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, in Porto via Online platform FLOOR were approved unanimously.

In matters arising from the minutes, President Wałek reported on successful transition from former office at TUM Munich to CPO HANSER SERVICE, an association management company based in Barsbuettel, near Hamburg, Germany, after a tender issued by the Board. The new IATUL Office was established in November 2021, ably managed by Office Manager Rita Pape.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Secretary Donna Bourne-Tyson reported 238 members from 68 countries; 16 new members, 6 cancellations; 26 memberships expired due to non-payment of membership fees. Bourne-Tyson noted that many members have been facing budgetary pressures and travel difficulties due to the pandemic and expressed gratitude for the strong continuing participation of the members.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Gerda Winkler thanked Donna Bourne-Tyson for a smooth succession into the role over the past year. A few extraordinary costs this year due to the office transition from TUM to CPO HANSER SERVICE, anticipated in the budget. GW highlighted 2021 revenue from membership, increased from 2020, 43,037. No conference profits due to pandemic, low travel for Board as a result of pandemic. Expenses 35,266, down from estimate of 87,360.

The audit was performed by Steuerberater (Tax Consultant) Joseph R. von Ranke, Löffler & Partner, Munich, Germany, on 12 June 2022. Records pronounced to be true and complete, cash account and deposited securities correct, no issues to report.

Budget for 2022 more cautious than 2021, estimating 81,250 down from 87,360. Projecting 41,750 for admin and 19,500 for travel and 20,000 for events, for expenditures. There were extraordinary costs for the hybrid conference in Miami; a hybrid conference was encouraged by the Board, in spite of additional expenses and potential loss rather than profit, which will be covered by the Board.

## **BOARD MATTERS**

The President proposed four new board members, which were approved unanimously by the membership: Kara Jones, American University of Sharjah, UAE; Liliana Luchi, Universidad Austral, Argentina; Michelle Blake, University of Waikato, New Zealand; Xinwan Li, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, People's Republic of China. AW thanked DBT for her service to the Board as Treasurer and Secretary.

The motion by the President to approve the new Executive Committee was carried unanimously: Anna Wałek, President; Charles Eckman, Vice-President; Gerda Winkler, Treasurer; Kate Robinson, Secretary.

## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

President Wałek reported on goals stated in the previous Strategic Plan, and noted the Board is launching a planning process for the new plan this summer. Members will be invited to provide input throughout the process.

Highlights of the year including semi-annual newsletters in December and June; the Autumn 2020 Seminar which was held virtually in Innsbruck; and the December 2020 World Forum on the Future of Academic Libraries.

The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) include SIG ALICE, SIG DATA, SIG MaRI, SIG IL, and SIG SPACE. SIG activities will be presented during a session at the conference. The 41st Annual Conference was hosted virtually by the University of Porto, Faculty of Engineering in July 2021. This General Assembly is taking place during the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference in Miami, U.S.A., June 2022.

Members will hear more about the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, which will be hosted in the United Arab Emirates in March 2023, later in the conference. There will also be a presentation regarding the Fall Seminar hosted by ETH Zurich, Switzerland, in December 2022. AW reminded members to watch for the call for papers for the Fall Seminar and the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, on the IATUL website.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

President Wałek remarked that the IATUL Board has the discretion to award an Honourary Life-time Membership, to recognize an individual from an IATUL member institution who has served the Association with marked distinction and has made significant contributions to IATUL through their leadership and engagement. The IATUL Board has approved a nomination to give this richly deserved award to Reiner Kallenborn, University Librarian at Technical University Munich (and former IATUL President), Germany. The Honourary Life-time Membership is considered the highest honour that IATUL can bestow. This recognition honours Kallenborn's countless contributions to IATUL. As President of IATUL, he brought significant improvements to the organization of IATUL's Office, the management and sustainability of IATUL, and inspired a lasting vision for an association that continues to serve the international academic library community extremely well. Kallenborn served as a mentor for new IATUL members and was an invaluable support for new Board members. IATUL is a stronger organization thanks to his leadership. Kallenborn was able to join the General Assembly via Zoom and thanked AW for the honour. He also thanked his wife Maria, Chuck Eckman and previous IATUL Board members including Elisha Chiware and Gwen Ebbett for their support and dedication.

The next General Assembly will be held during the 43<sup>rd</sup> IATUL Annual Conference in Dubai, UAE, in March 2023.

Dr. Anna Watek  
President

Donna Bourne-Tyson  
Secretary