



LiSLIG ANNUAL REPORT : 2014

1. Leadership

National Strategic Statement on Leadership

Strengthen relationships with existing stakeholders such as Department of Arts and Culture, sponsors, exhibitors, vendors and, funders and donors. Develop relations with DBE; DHET; Portfolio Committees. Develop and mentor a new cadre of leaders through workshops and, training and development programmes. Continuously scan the national legislative environment for interventions by the professional body.

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IG actions (four active branches):

- **EC Committee:** no formal meetings were held – they liaised via telephone and email
- **FS Committee:** had five meetings
- **KZN Committee:** no information received
- **WC Committee:** had two meetings

2. Good Governance

National Strategic Statement on Good Governance

Continuously visit constitution, structures, guidelines, procedures and policies and review such if and when necessary. Develop strategies for financial stability through the establishment of competent income generating streams. Continue with Professional Development and Workplace Learning.

IG actions (four active branches):

- **EC:** balance on 7/08/2014 = R1,915-81
- **FS:** balance on 31/07/2014 = R363-81
- **KZN:** no information received
- **WC:** balance on 29/06/2014 = R4,745-24 + 32 Day Call Account – R 18,247-02

3. Membership and sector engagement

National Strategic Statement on Membership and sector engagement

Develop strategies for membership recruitment. Engage with other LIS agencies such as the Provincial Library Services, Specialized LIS member associations and, museums and archives. Develop strategies for membership retention. Engage with LIS employers on matters such as staff active participation in the profession, staff training and development and, contribution to the growth and development of the country. Strengthen existing and explore new communication channels. Maximize the use of cutting edge technology for marketing and communication purposes. Scan and engage the media landscape.

IG actions (four active branches):

- **EC:** 22 members
- **FS:** 11 individual members, 2 institutional members
- **KZN:** no information received
- **WC:** 47 individual members, 3 institutional members

4. Marketing and Communication

National Strategic Statement on Marketing and Communication

Develop strategies for the extensive promotion of LIASA as a brand. Design, develop and implement a marketing plan. Explore investment opportunities. Demonstrate and inculcate a culture of accountability within LIASA and the profession in general. Inculcate amongst members a strong attitude towards the profession and commitment to LIASA.

IG actions (four active branches)

- **EC:** Branch meetings included report-back sessions from attendees to improve information sharing about activities in their libraries.
- **FS:** News items, with photos, of the meetings were sent to the editors of *Liasa-in-*

Touch (1 so far published) and the *FS LIASA Newsletter* (3 published); LIASA Website: Posted the Annual Report 2012-2013.

- **KZN:** To increase membership they had targeted and contacted some institutions for recruitment purposes.
- **WC:** None

5. Advocacy

National Strategic Statement on Advocacy

Continuously engage with the relevant government ministries for the promotion of the Association and the significance of information and knowledge for the growth and development of the country. Develop an advocacy toolkit. Engage with various political parties at regional, provincial and national levels. Scan, collaborate and engage the changing political landscape.

IG actions (four active branches)

- **EC:** To accommodate members who can't attend meetings due to long distances, they introduced in 2013 a system whereby members, who can't attend, may send in agenda items on their news, etc, which will then be included in the minutes and so they can remain in touch.
- **FS:** 16 non-members on address list (those special librarians they had identified) were invited to all their activities to "allure" them to LIASA/LiSLIG.
- **KZN:** Chairperson visits to small and large organizations to meet with the information professionals.
- **WC:** None.

6. Training and Development

National Strategic Statement on Training and Development

Engage the ETDP SETA with regard to accreditation status. Continue with Professional Development and Workplace Learning.

IG actions (four active branches)

- **EC:** 4 Sep 2013 AGM;
7 Aug 2014 on new NELM building by Chrystal Warren – 11 attendees.
- **FS:** 28 Aug 2013 AGM, then joined AGM of LIASA FS Branch, with theme of "Customer Care";
12 Feb 2014 at the Education Library where the librarian, Ms Erna Mostert, told the attendees more about the services of the library – attendees = 6;
23 Apr 2014 visited the Pellissier Museum in Bethulie where Ms Trudie Venter show and tell about their activities – attendees =6;
18 June workshop on "Cloud Computing" – facilitated by Mr Randall Pienaar. Attendees = 14.
- **KZN:** 16 May 2014 "Change Management" presented by Karen de Welzim;
4 Jul 2014 "Records Management" presented by Keitumetse Jantjies.
22 Aug 2014 AGM discussed membership, planning 2015, identifying strengths and failures, issuing attendance certificates and accreditation, LIASA membership fees for 2015.

- **WC:** No meetings – had problems finding speakers who were available to address their group. Assisted LIASA BEC with arrangements for the “Librarians as agents for social change, community development and democracy” armchair conversation.

Additional Comments

- Long distances to travel for meetings played a big role in attending LiSLIG activities;
- Members are satisfied with the type of activities the branch committees had arranged for them;
- Lack of participation in the national nomination process for electing a new national committee for 2014-2016 resulted in having only one nomination, i.e. for Chair-Elect;
- A member of LiSLIG FS, Adri Smuts, passed away on 30 June 2014. Her hard work and enthusiasm will be missed.

Conclusion

All the chairpersons declared their gratitude towards their IG Committee and Branch members for support and hard work.

There are already some plans made for 2015 and we are looking forward to a new year.

Best wishes for all the new incoming committees!

Erna Mostert

Chair-Elect

(on behalf of the Chairperson, Ms Busi Mbiyo)

12 September 2014