

Governing Board Elections 2009-2011

Statement of Candidacy

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In the 10 years I have been an active member of IFLA, I have witnessed significant changes in the organisation and, in a small way, I have contributed to some of these changes. I want to see these changes continue.

IFLA has become a much more open and transparent organisation that encourages participation from members across the breadth of the countries represented. I believe in diversity and making sure that the voice of all members is heard. One of the important changes I have witnessed is the encouragement of younger professionals to participate in IFLA activities. I want to see this continue and grow as IFLA cannot be seen as for the 'boss class' only.

Having been chair of the Academic & Research Libraries Section for the past four years, and before that it's Information Officer, I have tried to make sure our conference activities were transparent and open: we normally call for papers and referee submissions; we partner with other sections to deliver a stronger programme; and we introduced the Hot Topics cabaret-style session so that delegates could ask *their questions* rather than be talked at for two hours. If I was elected to the Governing Board, I would be able to continue to strive for innovation in the way we deliver the conference and other services.

I have a reputation as a 'Can Do' person who delivers on promises; I believe in the importance of the information sector and its critical role to government and its impact on the lives of people; I am passionate about sharing my experience and encouraging other professionals to contribute to the important work of IFLA.

It would be an honour to be able to directly contribute to the ongoing reformation of our peak body.

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