



Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Health Science Libraries Group, at the Mercer hotel, Dublin 27th February 2009

Attendees

Boyle, Susan	UCD
Byrne, Anne M O	Rotunda Hospital (5pm AGM only)
Collery, Jennifer	Library (Health Sciences) University College Dublin
Doheny, Michael	Athlone Institute of Technology
Doyle, Gay	St Lukes
Farragher, Louise	Health Research Board
Fleischmann, Isabel	Dublin Dental Hospital
Galvin, Brian	Health Research Board
Jim Healy	Librarian, Irish Medicines Board,
Hillis, Grace	St Vincent's Centre
Kelly, Kate	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Kennedy, Brigid	St John of God Services, Stillorgan
Kennedy, Catherine	National Institute of Health Sciences HSE West
McCarthy, Fiona	Children's University Hospital, Temple Street
Paul Murphy	RCSI
Murtagh, Noeleen	Food Safety Authority of Ireland
O'Sullivan, Niamh	National Blood Centre Irish Blood Transfusion Service
Lawton, Aoife	Health Service Executive Dr. Steevens Hospital Dublin
Rickard, Bennery	HSE Regional Library & Information Service
Rooney, Catherine	Librarian An Bord Altranais
Smith, Kathryn	UCD Library - Health Sciences
White, Gethin	HSE
Walsh, Geraldine	Rotunda Hospital

I. Welcome

Brian Galvin acting Chairperson, welcomed all present. Brian referred to the work done in 2008 in preparation for EAHIL and also to the successful HSLG conference in Athlone in February 2008. It has been a busy and successful year in spite of prevailing economic challenges. The Chair also noted that 27th Feb was the date for the HSLG AGM and also the date for launch of EAHIL registration and also the LENUS Irish Health Repository. Finally Brian mentioned that the HSLG committee was in need of increasing its members and encouraged those present to consider contributing to the HSLG in this way.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted as follows:

Claire O'Brien,	University College Cork
Sue Faulkner	Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary
Caroline Pfeifer	Irish Hospice Foundation
Breda Bennett	St. Michael's Hospital
Emma Quinn Librarian	(Formerly Waterford Regional Hospital) Now based at HSE, Lacken, Kilkenny
Niamh Lucey	St Vincent's Healthcare Group -
Frank O'Deorain Assistant	Subject Librarian University of Ulster DERRY
Pamela O Connor	Education Centre Library St. Conal's Hospital Letterkenny Co. Donegal
Ann O'Sullivan	Houses of the Oireachtas
Seán Hughes,	Trinity College Library Dublin
Bernard Barrett,	Health Service Executive, Limerick
Julie Hayes,	Cork
Dr. Daria Brennan	St. John of God Hospital Stillorgan Co. Dublin
Denise Duffy	University Hospital Galway
Donna O Doibhlin,	University of Limerick
Angela Rice Mater	Misericordiae University Hospital
Fiona Morrissey Athlone	Institute of Technology
Marie Higgins	Enable Ireland
Peter Hickey	UCD Library
Timothy Collins	NUI, Galway
Dymphna McGettigan	
Fiona Lawler	Librarian Education and Research Centre Our Lady's Hospice Ltd Harold's Cross Dublin 6W
Suzanne Feeney	Library & Information Service Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin 12
Michael Foley,	NDA Library, 25 Clyde Road, Dublin 4
Tony Linnane	HSE West
Majella King	GMIT, Castlebar Westport Road Castlebar Co. Mayo
Trish Patton,	Irish College of General Practitioners.
Joe Murphy	Library and Information Service Mercy University Hospital

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th Feb. 2008

These were duly proposed and seconded and passed by all in attendance.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Reports from Officers

4.1 Chairpersons report

Brian Galvin, HSLG Acting Chair spoke of the challenges and triumphs of the year gone by. Brian pointed out that there will be no HSLG conference in 2009 due to the Dublin EAHIL workshops which is not anticipated to be a big income generator. This will mean a large drop in HSLG income for 2009. CPD are cutting the number of courses due to reduced demand and will look also at alternative course delivery methods during the year which might reduce the need for attendees to travel. Brian also mentioned that the CPD committee would welcome new members for its working group.

4.2 Vice-Chairpersons report / LAI Update

Louise Farragher, HSLG vice-Chair gave an update on LAI activities in 2008. Louise is also on the LAI Executive Board and attended 5 of their meeting during 2008. Louise reported that the 'An Leabharlann' library journal was now been produced on a regular basis. Louise also mentioned that submission of articles, conference reports etc were always welcome from LAI members.

Louise mentioned the advantages of 'LAI associate membership' and encouraged delegates to apply for this. Louise also mentioned the work done by the LAI in preparing for 'Library Ireland week 2009' and the help given in this regard by the new development officer for the LAI, Jane Clavin and also by Kathryn Smith. Delegates were encouraged to consider applying for nomination to the LAI Executive Board next year.

4.3 Treasurers Report

Brian Galvin, HSLG Treasurer summarised the present state of the HSLG finances. HSLG finances are in a healthy state, but it is anticipated that 2009 will see a drop in income and an increased need for bursaries and subsidies for HSLG members. The accounts for 2008 have been submitted to the LAI auditors. Brian also mentioned the success of the officers (Chair, Treasurer & Secretaries of the groups) meeting with their counterparts in LAI and that this will become an annual fixture as the LAI is keen to work more closely with its groups and sections.

4.4 Communications Officer

Susan Boyle, HSLG Communications Officer, reported that two issues of HINT were published in 2008. The intention is to increase the number of issues per year and this will facilitate the increasing trend to disseminate information electronically. Susan thanked Jane Farrelly for all her valuable help and contribution during the year and encouraged delegates to contribute to the HINT newsletter or/and to join the HINT working group. Susan indicated that communication to HSLG members of upcoming events was also part of her role.

4.5 Continuing Professional Development Working Group

Fiona Mc McCarthy, HSLG CPD Officer reported in 2008 there were 6 training events and one workshop. The Parallel sessions at the HSLG conference which were organised by the CPD were a great success and received much positive feedback. One course at the latter end of the year was cancelled due to lack of interest.

During the year one member left and 3 new members joined the CPD working group and Fiona indicated that any HSLG members interested in volunteering their services to work on the CPD group would be very welcome.

CPD are hoping to run a new skills survey before the end of 2009 which will help in devising a new training programme. The national economic situation was alluded to and the difficulty experienced by members getting expenses for travel and course fees. In this regard the number of CPD courses in 2009 will be scaled back from 6 in 2008 to 4 in 2009. The 1st course this year is scheduled for April and notification will be sent to HSLG during March. Fiona also indicated that alternative course delivery methods particularly those facilitating remote access will be examined for future courses.

4.6 EAHIL Report

Louise Farragher, Chair of the EAHIL organizing committee reported on progress to date. The LOC Chair formally thanked all the members of the LOC and IPC for their work during the year. The IPC hosted a number of delegates in Dublin in November to judge the submission of abstracts. Louise indicated that there has resulted a good variety of CE and workshops to choose from. The libraries that were good enough to organise free tours for this event were thanked, they are as follows: Marsh's Library; National Library of Ireland; Royal Irish Academy; Royal College of Physicians of

Ireland; Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and Trinity College Library. Louise also mentioned the forthcoming Bursaries (eight - ten in number) for Irish attendees.

4.8 HSLG Conference 2008

Louise Farragher reported on the successful HSLG conference in February 2008 in Hodson Bay Hotel in Athlone. There were 61 delegates in attendance. Highlights of this event included the address by Cathy Hudson from Dublin Dental Hospital and Linda Moore from HIQA, Beatrice Doran's talk about the creation of a Clinical Informaticist post in Beaumont hospital and Penny Wiggles talk about the post of research librarian. The integrated CE courses organised by the CDP were also a success. On Friday the Hollywood Librarian European movie premiere was followed by communication skills from the Gaiety school of acting.

4.8 Tributes and Committee update

Brian Galvin express appreciation to Louise Farragher for all her work during the year, In addition to all her work as Vice-Chair of the HSLG committee, Louise is also Chair of the EAHIL LOC and is also on the EAHIL IPC and the LAI committee. Tribute was also paid to HSLG members who left during the last year; they were Joanne Callinan, Sean Hughes and David Mockler. There are two new members inducted onto the committee in 2008, Susan Boyle and Magella King.

5. Election of Committee Members

The following having been duly proposed and seconded were elected / re-elected to the HSLG Committee to serve a two year term, as per the HSLG agreed policies and procedures: Michael Doheny (Proposed by Louise Farragher and seconded by Brian Galvin) and Catherine Kennedy (Proposed by Tony Lenane and seconded by Siobhan Mc Carthy).

6. Any Other Business

Bernard Barrett Bursaries: The EAHIL Bursaries were mentioned: 8- 10 are been offered for Irish delegates, these will cover registration costs and help encourage Irish attendees. These Bursaries are to be called the Bernard Barrett Bursaries in recognition of all the work done by Bernard during his 8 years as HSLG Chairman.

The winner of the HSLG raffle for the Action Planning questionnaire was announced. The lucky winner was Scott Mc Loughlin, St. Vincent's Hospital, Fairview. He won an Ipod Nano.

There was also a raffle for the AGM attendee and this was won by Catherine Rooney (An Bord Altranais) who received a voucher for the Hodson Bay Hotel

Brian Galvin thanked everyone for attending.