



Minutes of HSLG AGM 2017

Venue: Dublin Castle Printworks, Poddle Room

Date: Wednesday June 14th, 2017. 5.00pm

Attendees**Affiliation**

Burns, Jane

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin

Carrigan, Marie

St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network

Doheny, Michael

Institute of Technology, Athlone

Dunne, Mary

Health Research Board, Dublin

Farragher, Louise

Health Research Board, Dublin

Flynn, Maura

HSE Midlands Area

Galvin, Brian

Health Research Board, Dublin

Healy, Jim

Health Products Regulatory Authority

Honahan, Caitriona

Trinity College Dublin

Lawlor, Fiona

Our Ladies Hospice, Harold's Cross

Lawton, Aoife

Health Service Executive, Dr. Steevens Hospital

Lee, Caitriona

Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin

Lucey, Niamh

St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin

Madden, Anne

St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin

Murphy, Anne

Tallaght Hospital Library

O'Byrne, Anne

Rotunda Hospital

O' Sullivan, Niamh

Irish Blood Transfusion Service, St James Hospital, Dublin

Rickard, Bennery

Health Service Executive, Dr. Steevens Hospital

Apologies: Louise Bradley

Item 1 Minutes of AGM held on 12th May 2016

Michael Doheny proposed these as accurate; Anne Madden approved, Niamh O'Sullivan seconded; no objections.

Item 2 Reports from officers

2.1: Chairpersons address:

Address by Michael Doheny

Michael welcomed all attendees to the HSLG AGM taking place in the surrounding of Dublin Castle at the EAHIL/ICML conference. He noted that while HSLG is not the organising group it is safe to say we have had a major impact on this conference. Michael acknowledged that HSLG members (not necessarily committee members) in Ireland that are the main organisers and HSLG has also sponsored ICML to a substantial amount and also made bursaries available for HSLG members as well as working with conference partners in the early stages.

This year has seen the HSLG working with Aoife Lawton on the campaign #EvidenceInformedHealthcare and Michael encouraged all medical librarians to get involved in this campaign which is available on the HSLG site. He noted that last year also saw some development of our current WordPress website and new issues of HINT. All the committee have worked during the year to contribute to ongoing support for HSLG members and bringing forward our agenda.

Our current committee consist of myself (Michael Doheny), Bennery Rickard (vice chair) Louise Bradley (Secretary) Marie Carrigan and Mary Dunne (communications) Louise Farragher (Treasurer & ICML liaison) Maura Flynn and also Anne Madden manages CPD externally.

Michael added that we could use some extra hands on the committee and we have nomination forms here that we can distribute to anyone who might be interested.

2.2: Communications officer report.

Report by Marie Carrigan and Marie Dunne.

Since our last AGM in May 2016, Mary Dunne and Marie Carrigan have taken on the role of HSLG Communication Officers.

We had an active post-2016 conference Twitterchat “Advancing health library skill sets”. It was great to engage with so many members.

In August, we worked with our CPD liaison Anne Madden to organise and promote a research/evaluation workshop with renowned librarian Alison Brettle entitled ‘*Research in libraries: Designing a study to demonstrate effectiveness, value or impact*’. We also held a post-workshop gathering to discuss developing a consistent and evidence-based plan for evaluating current awareness.

We produced three issues of our HINT (Health Information News and Thinking) newsletter and promoted the excellent HEAR (**Health Evidence Awareness Report**) bulletin, compiled by HSLG librarians. Back issues of HINT and HEAR are available from the HSLG blog: <https://hslgblog.wordpress.com/>

Over the last 12 months we have continued to promote the HSLG, LAI and the ICML/EAHIL 2017 conference through our email list, website and Twitter account: [@healthlibraries](https://twitter.com/healthlibraries), [\(which now has 757 followers\)](#).

Our HSLG blog has been given a new fresh look, so do please take a look. In 2016 we had 1115 visitors and 4118 views of the site. We encourage members to follow this blog and share and like posts. We would also like the blog to be more interactive so please feel free to add comments to blog posts’.

Going forward, we are closely involved in the new #EvidenceInformedHealthcare communication campaign, led by Aoife Lawton in her role as HSE National Librarian. Information on this campaign can be found on our HSLG blog: <https://hslgblog.wordpress.com/category/value-and-impact/>. Importantly, we wish to promote and collate submissions of case studies and surveys demonstrating evidence of value and impact by health librarians.

2.3: Treasurer's Report 2017 Prepared by Louise Farragher, Treasurer

Statement of income versus expenditure for year ending 31 December 2016 for the HSLG

In 2016 HSLG finances remained healthy, showing a positive balance. The HSLG account ended 2016 with a credit balance € 27,106.04. In 2016 income was slightly up compared to 2015, however expenditure was significantly higher than in past years, and the net result was a negative balance of income over expenditure of just over €3,780.00.

HSLG's main area of expenditure was on the annual conference, though this was exceeded by the income generated from the conference through fees and sponsorship. We continue to thank our sponsors for supporting our annual conference and making it possible for us to offer CPD events and bursaries for our members.

The other main area of expenditure was HSLG sponsorship of the ICML + EAHIL 2017 conference. By bringing the conferences to Dublin it was hoped to provide a platform for Irish health librarians to present their research and practice in addition to providing an opportunity for members to avail of excellent CPD opportunities and hear current best practice from our international colleagues. In addition, HSLG supported its members by providing bursaries to attend CPD events and conferences in order to support their development as professionals and advocates for the profession.

HSLG accounts were sent to the LAI auditors in January 2017 and were approved. HSLG continues to use online banking to make and receive payments, greatly increasing efficiency and making it generally easier for our members to conduct transactions with us.

Health Sciences Libraries Group Income vs Expenditure:

From 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016

Income	€
HSLG Conference 2016	11,554.81
CPD 2016 (Research In Libraries – Alison Brettle)	650.00
Total Income	12,204.81

Expenditure	€
Conference 2016	5,345.73
CPD 2016 (Research In Libraries – Alison Brettle)	643.36
Sponsorship ICML + EAHIL 2017	4,920.00
HSLG Bursaries (3 bursaries)	1,753.01
Basecamp, Regonline & Hootsuite subscription	976.50
Joint HSLG / AS&L Networking event	671.44
Bank Charges	20.00
Expenditure in 2016 for 2015	
HSLG 2015 CPD Cost	513.85
Total Expenditure	15,984.89

Income Over expenditure	-3,780.08
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2.4: CPD Report

Report by Anne Madden

In 2016, two CPD training events took place.

“Bibliometrics”: this took place on Day 2 of the HSLG Conference in Dublin. The presenter was Dr. Fintan Bracken BSC MLIS PHD, Research Services & Bibliometrics Librarian in the Glucksman Library in University of Limerick. The format was an interactive workshop. It was well-attended and feedback was very positive.

“Research in libraries: Designing a study to demonstrate effectiveness, value or impact”: HRB, Dublin. This also proved popular and booked out very quickly. The presenter/facilitator was Dr Alison Brettle, Senior Lecturer and Information Specialist in the School of Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work & Social Sciences, University of Salford, Manchester. Participants worked in groups and by the end of the session, each group had produced a rough blueprint for a research project. The event was hosted by the HRB Librarians and, given the degree of enthusiasm at the workshop, they had the inspired idea to hold a follow-up session for participants who wished to progress their project.

Attendees at each event were provided with a Certificate from the LAI which added significantly to their value and is an important factor for many when applying for funding or leave to attend.

For 2017, in addition to the enticing variety of workshops and interactive sessions available at ICML/EAHIL, EAHIL have also launched a number of webinars including:

- Andrew Booth: “50 shades of review”
- Carol Lefebvre: “10 things you may not know about the Cochrane Library”
- Julie Glanville: “Search filters: what are they good for?”

Anne Madden reminded colleagues of the value of attending training and CPD outside of the health librarian fold: this can include events by other librarian groups but also and more importantly in other health-related fields.

Finally, the Library Association of Ireland has obtained a licence to use the PKSB (My Professional Knowledge and Skills Base) toolkit from CILIP UK (<http://www.libraryassociation.ie/pksb>).

2.5: Election of Members

HSLG committee members re-nominated for a two year term

Michael Doheny: Proposed by Louise Farragher, seconded by Anne Madden

Marie Carrigan: Proposed by Mary Dunne, seconded by Catriona Lee

5: AOB

Anne Madden asked if we (HSLG) could create an entity - such as a charitable organisation - that would have the status to apply for community funding such as the HSE lottery grants (<http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/National-Lottery-Grants-2017/>)? As far as I can tell, we would qualify for charity status (<http://www.wheel.ie/support/forming-your-charity>). We're not-for-profit and provide a service and I think we already have a suitable structure. It would mean for instance that we could apply for funding to promote "HEAR" and add features such as interactivity which is where we'd like to see it go. Actual applicants would vary depending on the project but would be HSLG members.

Michael Doheny read out an email response from Lorna Dodd, Treasurer of the Library Association of Ireland. She said 'No, we are not a charity, we are a professional body...'

This was followed by a lively discussion with HSLG members. Jane Burns suggested clarifying our position at the next LAI committee meeting. Bennery Rickard suggested that there could be funding in the current structure that could be used to fund HSLG related projects. Anne Murphy expressed concern and said she is not hearing compelling evidence to change our governance structure. Louise Farragher also suggested looking at funding under our current structure, could there be other ways to funding projects e.g. HEAR? Niamh Lucey suggested identifying funding streams.

Michael Doheny concluded that we would take a further look at it and investigate and if necessary raise it as a motion at the next LAI meeting. Jane Burns said she could put it in the agenda for the next meeting.

Louise Farragher thanked Anne Madden for having the discussion and Michael Doheny thanked everybody for their attendance.