



Minutes of HSLG AGM & Annual Report 2010-2011

Venue: Sheraton Hotel in Athlone

Date: Thursday 3rd of February 2011

Attendees

Adams, Niamh	Irish Nurses and Midwifery Organisation
Barrett, Bernard	Health Service Executive, Limerick
Boyle, Susan	UCD, Medical Library
Callinan, Joanne	Milford Care Centre: Librarian
Dalton, Michelle	Regional Medical Library Limerick HSE
Denise Duffy	University Hospital Galway
Doheny, Michael	Athlone Institute of Technology
Dunne, Mary	National Documentation Centre, HRB
Flynn, Maura	Beaumont Hospital: Clinical Informationist
Fleischmann, Isobel	Dublin Dental School: Dental Library
Galvin, Brian	Health Research Board
Hillis, Grace	St Vincent's Centre
Kerrigan, Cathal	UCC: Health Science Librarian
Kelly, Kate	Royal College of Surgeons: Librarian
Lawton, Aoife	Health Service Executive Dr. Steevens Hospital Dublin
Madden, Anne	St Vincent's Hospital
Martin, Tom	AMNCH Tallaght Hospital Library
Mc Naughton, David	Trinity College Library
O'Sullivan, Niamh	National Blood Centre Irish Blood Transfusion Service
Rickard, Jean	HSE Dr. Stevens' Hospital
Rooney, Catherine	Librarian An Bord Altranais

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted as follows:

Collins, Tim	NUI Galway
Farrelly, Jane	Librarian: HSE South
Smith, Breffni	Beaumont Hospital

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th February 2010

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

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Reports from Officers

4.1 Chairpersons report

Aoife Lawton Acting Chair spoke of the achievements of the last year.

- HSLG awarded two bursaries to enable two members to train in Pub Med database in America, this training will be cascaded to HSLG members.
- The Research tender, awarded to Loughborough University by HSLG under Goal 4 of its action plan, to prepare a researched report on the state of Health Science Libraries in Ireland
- HSLG Action Plan is finalised and was displayed on Posters at the conference.
- The HSLG welcomed two new HSLG Committee members last year; Breffni Smith and Niamh Adams

4.2 Treasurers Report

Brian Galvin, HSLG Treasurer summarised the present state of the HSLG finances. The accounts are currently with the LAI auditors and a full report will be given when they are available.

- **Total income for 2010** amounted to **€22,341.90c**; HSLG received €7,104.90 in 2010 from EAHIL conference.
- **Total expenditure for 2010** amounted to **€15,296** of which €3,230.51 was accounted for by HSLG funded bursaries.
- **Total Income for 2010** amounted to **€7,045.90**

4.3 Communications Officer

Susan Boyle, HSLG Communications Officer presented the communication Officer report: The Primary focus of the Communications Officer this year was on the HINT publication. There have been two successful issues this year with a lot of interesting articles. The communication subcommittee has an expanded membership and is as follows: Susan Boyle (CF) Breffni Smith, Niamh Adams, Aoife Lawton and Louise Farragher (On leave).

Susan thanks all the members for their contribution during the year. Susan mentioned the new member driven content of HINT and the 'Positive article reviews' feature, which reviews articles in the literature that focus on practical usable ideas for Medical Library Staff.

This year a HINT style guide has been created for the newsletter and helped with presentation and proofing. The HINT working group use the basecamp space on the HSLG site to facilitate editing and communication.

Susan encouraged members to contribute to HINT. HINT will also disseminate ongoing achievements in the HSLG action plan.

4.4 Continuing Professional Development Working Group

Last year the members of the CPD group consisted of Anne Madden, David McNaughton and Aoife Lawton and David Mockler. Fiona McCarthy will re joining the group in March.

CPD courses: 2010

- 21st January 2010: Getting the most out of Pub med

- 16th September: How to give an effective presentation by Ronald Van Diem and arranged by Niamh O'Sullivan, thanks noted.
- In 2010 a Cochrane workshop was cancelled due to lack of interest, hopefully may be re-offered in 2011.

It was noted that other HSLG members be likewise most welcome to help organise CPD courses or other HSLG work without needing to join the committee

Gethin White and Jane Farrelly who attended the Pub Med and NLM Database training in Davis in California will facilitate training during 2011: (cost of training €50.00)

Pub Med training Dates 2011

- UCC: on 24th February; Facilitator: Jane Farrelly.
- St James Hospital on 23rd March. Facilitator: Gethin White.
- Trinity College on 25th May. Facilitator: Gethin White.
- TBA Another venue outside Dublin: Facilitator: Jane Farrelly.

Thanks are due to David Mc Naughton for his help in leading the CPD working group and for his assistance with the joint social networking evening with the Academic and Special Libraries Group

4.5 LAI Executive board Report

Kate Kelly will join the LAI Executive Board in March. The HSLG annual report detailing our groups work and activity was sent to LAI before Christmas. Two motions were recently submitted to the LAI for their AGM by the HSLG. Aoife read out the two motions as follows:

Motion 1.

“That this Annual General Meeting requests the Executive Board on behalf of the Library Association of Ireland to reconfigure membership fees to encourage new membership and to reflect the pay cuts that members are currently experiencing, perhaps by reducing all fees by 15%, or by increasing the flexibility of the salary-based fee structure to include new/additional sub-divisions of the salary range/fees between levels 1-4.”

Motion 2.

“The HSLG notes that in the current recession the LAI has opportunities to issue Press Releases on items relating to positive offering and progress, in Libraries and information policies, and availability in Public / Special / Academic and medical libraries, in Ireland and also opportunities for advocacy by issuing of Press releases on items that effect libraries in Ireland, Funding, closure, cutbacks. The HSLG believes that due to the good will of public opinion towards libraries in Ireland, an increase in such releases will positively influence the prestige, standing and funding of libraries in the country. The HSLG proposes that the LAI as a matter of priority look at structures and mechanisms relating to LAI communications, advocacy and Press Releases with a view to optimizing same. Proposed by Health Sciences Libraries Group”

Bernard Barrett from floor suggested shortening and clarifying the second motion [Bernard subsequently submitted an abbreviated version to the committee which was adopted*].

*[The HSLG proposes that the LAI commit to reviewing and consulting with it's groups and sections, over the lifetime of the next Executive Board, to produce an integrated strategic plan for developing internal/external communications (to include press releases and development/ownership of it's web site) as well as laying the foundations for an ongoing programme of library/librarian advocacy.]

4.6 HSLG action plan

The HSLG action plan was completed in 2010 and some initial work also carried out on same:

(1) Goal 1. Professional Development

Two Pub Med Bursaries were awarded to Gethin White and Jane Farrelly after Kathryn Smith made contact with US librarians while attending the MLA conference in Philadelphia in 2008. This is a practical demonstration of the importance of networking and HSLG members attending conferences. Gethin and Jane will give courses in Pubmed in 2001.

(2) Goal 2: Professional Promotion Advocacy & New Roles:

An advocacy Officer to be appointed to the committee

(3) Goal 3: Collaboration & Sharing Resources:

Fostering of cooperation and links; there is a lot of work which will be ongoing as part of our action plan

(4) Goal 4: *To research the development of the health library professional and health Library, using an evidence-based approach.*

A research group has already been set up and a tender granted to a research team at Loughborough University to carry out research on the current status of Health Librarianship and Libraries in Ireland. The research group who drew up the tender consisted of: Kate Kelly; Brian Galvin; Aoife Lawton and Valerie Rickard.

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 Magella King and seconded by Susan Boyle);
- Anne Madden (proposed by Aoife Lawton and seconded by Niamh Lucy)

Remaining committee members: Aoife Lawton, Brian Galvin, Magella King, Niamh Adams, Breffni Smith and Susan Boyle are currently in the middle of their two year terms.

6. Any Other Business

- It was stated that the committee continues to need new members and that an Advocacy Officer and a Research Officer position need to be filled in 2011.
- Volunteers are needed to form an organising committee for the HSLG conference in 2012
- 14 bursaries (Bernard Barrett Bursaries), were awarded by the committee to allow participants to attend this year's HSLG conference.
- AL raised a motion to recognize the work and contribution of Gay Doyle to the Health Science Libraries Group – this was proposed and accepted by the group.
- The HSLG is making 3 bursaries available for EAHIL workshop in Turkey this year. Notification of Bursaries by HSLG at end March 2011.

- HSLG committee are also considering funding other international seminars and events, details will be posted on the HSLG website.
- Bernard Barrett from floor asked regarding the TOR for the positions for Advocacy Officer and Research Officer and these will be made available to him.