



**Minutes of HSLG AGM 2022**

**Venue: Online**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**11am – 11:45am**

**Attendees**

Butler, Jennifer  
Colley, Bernadette  
Carrigan, Marie  
Doyle, Pamela  
Doheny, Michael  
Dunne, Mary  
Farragher, Ailish  
Farragher, Louise  
Feeney, Suzanne  
Fleishman, Isabel  
Lee, Caitriona  
Lucey, Niamh  
Madden, Anne  
McMahon, Jean  
McHugh, Noreen  
Murtagh, Noeleen  
Nelson, Mairead  
Nolan, Shona  
O'Byrne, Anne  
O'Callaghan, Julianne  
Williams, Miriam

**Affiliation**

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Children's Health Ireland, Crumlin.  
Dublin Dental University Hospital  
Health Research Board, Dublin  
St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin  
St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin  
Tallaght University Hospital  
St Michael's Hospital, Dublin.  
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University Hospital, Waterford.  
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South Infirmary, Cork.  
Tallaght University Hospital

### **Item 1: Welcome by the Chair (Niamh Lucey).**

Niamh welcomed all online attendees and outlined the protocol for the meeting.

### **Item 2: Minutes of HSLG AGM held on-line 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**

The Minutes from 2021 were shared on screen by the Secretary and agreed as accepted.

### **Item 3: Reports from officers**

#### **3 (a): Secretary Report, prepared by Miriam Williams**

##### **HSLG Committee Members 2021-2022**

Niamh Lucey (Chair)

Mary Dunne (Vice Chair & Research Officer)

Miriam Williams (Secretary & Membership)

Noreen Mc Hugh: (Treasurer)

Mairea Nelson: (Events Officer)

Linda Halton (Communications Officer- stepped down during the year).

#### **HSLG Meetings since last AGM 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**

The HSLG committee held 7 meetings on:

17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

24<sup>th</sup> October 2022

15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

There were also numerous communications and planning via basecamp and phone etc.

#### **3 (b): Treasurer's Report 2020: Prepared by Noreen McHugh, Treasurer**

The balance at the end of **2021** was **€29,362.55**.

This is mainly because of the sponsorship received for the delayed 2021 conference which took place in March 2022.

2021 continued to be a year of restrictions, but we still had to pay ongoing running costs for administration, communication tools, and bank fees.

The total expenditure for 2021 was **€3,637.53** and total income was **€6,952.76** so there was a comfortable positive balance of **€3,315.23**.

These accounts have been approved by the LAI auditors.

Online attendees voted to accept the accounts as accurate:

**Details of vote:** 21 voted in favour and none against.

### **3 (c): Communications Officer Report by Niamh Lucey.**

The HSLG virtual journal club entered its second year of life in 2022, having finished its first year on a high with the publication of an article about it, written by Mary Dunne, Linda Halton and its first three presenters in the Australian journal, JoHILA<sup>1</sup>. Our congratulations to all involved. The club's membership grew to 26. The journal club is facilitated and hosted by the HSLG Committee, but the content, themes and topics for presentation and discussion are selected by journal club members, with a recommendation that reading material originate from open access sources. Three meetings took place this year:

- Liis Cotter, presented on the lean librarian in March
- Michael Doheny led a discussion on bibliotherapy in health libraries in June
- Caitriona Lee presented on data privacy in Libraries in December.

We are very grateful to all 3 presenters and encourage other members to get their thinking caps on now for 2023.

HINT – we have produced 3 issues of our newsletter this year, in Spring, Summer and Winter. We are very grateful to our regular contributors – Bernard Barrett, Mary Dunne, Elaine Peppard and Niamh O'Sullivan – and to everyone else who has written articles this year.

The HSLG website is regularly updated reflecting all our activity. We have just recently passed the 1000 followers mark on Twitter, and you can follow us @healthlibraries.

### **3 (d): Events / CPD Officer Report by Mairea Nelson**

In January the committee facilitated an online ISSG search filter resource webinar with Julie Glanville. This event was well attended.

The HSLG conference finally took place in the Ashling Hotel on Thursday 24 March 2022 after numerous postponements. It was great to finally get together to network and to hear such great presentations.

In October the committee also facilitated a one-hour online information literacy course 'google is goodish' designed to teach users why Google may not always be the best place to search for evidence hosted by Patricia Lacey.

We have not had a networking event since before Covid usually we usually hosted this event with the A&SL and we had hoped to host one in 2022. There is a new A&SL committee and we have reached out to the new chair about continuing this event. Also, we are finding it difficult to find a venue. If any of our members can suggest a venue Dublin centric for approx. 50 people in the evening with catering facilities, can they please contact the committee.

I would like to remind you all that as members you are all entitled to apply for funding to attend relevant courses and other such events. The bursary form is on our website.

We hope you can attend our conference on 9th March in the Ashling Hotel. The theme for this years conference is **Time to reflect: managing our professional development**

The call for abstracts will be out in the coming weeks so put your thinking caps on. Also if anyone is available to volunteer on the day of the conference please get in touch.

We will send you updated details of this and other events when we have them.

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<sup>1</sup> Dunne, M. et. Al. (2001) Motorways to boreens: the story of the Irish Health Sciences Libraries Group virtual journal club. *Journal of Health Information & Libraries Australia*, 2(3): 71-80.  
<https://doi.org/10.55999/johila.v2i3.88>

### **3 (e): Address by HSLG Chair: Niamh Lucey.**

#### **Chair's report – 2021-2022 HSLG Chair's Report**

Our biggest event this year was undoubtedly our conference in March, which Mairea Nelson has detailed in her report. A lot of people approached us on the day to say how much they enjoyed being able to meet in person again after such a long time. From the Committee's point of view, it was a massive relief to have it finally take place after Covid forced us to cancel in November, as we felt we had run the event twice. The success of the day was down to excellent speakers, wholly engaged and enthusiastic delegates and, of course, the support of our sponsors.

Mary Dunne's research into membership of professional associations in 2021, led to her presenting a poster at the EAHIL Conference in Rotterdam in June where she went on to win the prize for Best Poster. This also resulted in a publication on the subject in the September issue of the EAHIL Journal<sup>2</sup> and a recent article published in EBLIP<sup>3</sup>. Many congratulations to Mary for her achievements and for raising the profile of our group on the international stage.

Another highlight for us was the Health & Biosciences satellite meeting of the IFLA World Library & Information Congress which took place on 29<sup>th</sup> July in Dr Steeven's Hospital. This was jointly hosted by the HSLG, the IFLA Health & Biosciences Section and the IFLA Evidence for Global and Disaster Health Special Interest Group. The Committee thanks Aoife Lawton, National Librarian, Health Library Ireland for generously donating Dr Steeven's board room and her colleague, Anne Kearns, for all her help in making the day run as smoothly as possible.

Many of our members would not be able to attend conferences like these, or CPD events, without the support of our bursary scheme, which is open to all members of the HSLG. This year we provided funding for the following:

- Two members were provided with bursaries to attend the course Searching Techniques for Systematic Review HTAs and Guidelines, by Carol Lefebvre
- Three members received bursaries to attend the EAHIL conference in Rotterdam.
- Two members attended the IFLA WLIC in Dublin this summer, one by bursary and one through a draw held at our conference in 2020.

Members can also avail of the Bernard Barrett Bursary which supports members attend our annual conference and can include travel and accommodation costs.

As of December 2022, we have identified 55 members of the HSLG. At the LAI AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> April the following motion was brought by our Committee which was unanimously passed:

This meeting calls on Council to adopt a plan to actively promote and facilitate membership of groups and sections to members

We look forward to hearing more from the LAI Executive on this in the coming months.

In September, the HSLG was invited to attend an LAI Council induction meeting, where a representative from each Group or Section was invited to speak. There was a great turnout and we were delighted to connect with our LAI colleagues and to learn about the work of the Council and the other groups. What was particularly striking about the meeting was how small the HSLG Committee is in relation to many others, but also how much work we do, as these reports detail. We have an equally engaged and active membership. Our Communications Officer report has already documented the activities of the Virtual Journal Club which always includes a lively discussion by attendees after each presentation, and also our HINT newsletter

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<sup>2</sup> Dunne M. (2022) Library associations: making connections to enable effective change. *JEAHIL*, 18(3):11-5. <http://ojs.eahil.eu/ojs/index.php/JEAHIL/article/view/525>

<sup>3</sup> Dunne, M. (2022). Developing a library association membership survey: challenges and promising themes. *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice*, 17(3), 3–36. <https://doi.org/10.18438/ebliip30157>

for which we get very interesting submissions from our members for each issue. Our discussion list is also very active. All of this adds up to a very lively, dynamic and engaged community.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to two excellent Committee members at the end of this year. Linda Halton (Communications Officer) and Miriam Williams (Secretary) have been such an integral part of our team, dedicated, hardworking and always positive. We welcome two new members – Jennifer Butler and Nicola O’Shea – and look forward to another busy year in 2023.

#### 4) CPD Framework

##### Research and evidence, by Mary Dunne

Mary Dunne gave an update on the CPD (continuing professional development) framework project which is being led by the HSLG committee. The framework was motivated by feedback from our 2021 membership survey and our wish to progress action on our HSLG goals (including to provide opportunities for members to engage in continuing professional development). The project’s aim is that we have a framework to guide decision-making and actions relating to professional development. Essentially, we want to outline our role and grow an evidence base that will be used to improve efficiency, effectiveness and impact of CPD. Our eight draft objectives were outlined.

A survey and focus group(s) are planned for 2023 as part of the process and members were asked to participate. They were also invited to join our project team. The HSLG conference 2023 has a CPD theme and suggestions for invited speakers were requested. Members were also asked to take part in our planned panel discussion on CPD within their organisations.

#### 5. Election of incoming committee members

Introduced by Miriam Williams (Secretary).

The following HSLG members have been nominated for election or re-election to the committee:

<b>Nominations received</b>	<b>Nominator 1</b>	<b>Nominator 2</b>
Niamh Lucey	Miriam Williams	Mairea Nelson
Mary Dunne	Mairea Nelson	Catriona Lee
Noreen McHugh	Anne Madden	Gerry McManus
Nicola O’Shea	Suzanne Feeney	Bernadette Colley
Jennifer Butler	Aoife Lawton	Helen Clarke

Committee member Mairea Nelson is currently in the middle of a two-year term.

#### 6: AOB

Mary Dunne thanked Niamh Lucey for all her hard work as Chair throughout the year.

Niamh Lucey (Chair) thanked all for attending.

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