



Minutes of HSLG AGM 2024

Venue: Online

Date: 21st November 2024

11am – 12pm

Attendees

Lucey, Niamh
Dunne, Mary
McMahon, Jean
Nelson, Mairead
McHugh, Noreen
Herlihy, Breeda
O'Shea, Nicola
Cotter, Liis
O'Byrne, Anne M
Williams, Miriam
Feeney, Suzanne
Colley, Bernadette
Halton, Linda
Doyle, Pamela
Keane, David
Farragher, Ailish
Lee, Caitriona
Joanne Callinan
O'Brien, Niall
Boland, Heather
McGettigan, Dymphna

Affiliation

St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin
Health Research Board, Dublin
Tallaght University Hospital
Health Research Board
St Michael's Hospital, Dublin
University College Cork
CHI at Crumlin
Adult Mental Health Service, Cork
Rotunda Hospital, Dublin
Tallaght University Hospital
CHI at Crumlin
CHI at Temple Street
Our Lady's Hospital, Navan
Tallaght University Hospital
St Francis Hospice,
Health Research Board, Dublin
Health Research Board, Dublin
Milford Care Centre
RCSI, Dublin
Rotunda Hospital, Dublin
St Luke's Hospital, Dublin

Apologies:

O'Callaghan, Julianne
Foley, Delia

South Infirmery Victoria University Hospital, Cork
SETU Libraries

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 23rd November 2023

The Minutes from 2023 were shared on screen. Ailish Farragher proposed the minutes as accurate and Noreen McHugh seconded, no objections.

Item 3: Reports from officers

3 (a): Treasurer's Report, prepared by Noreen McHugh

The balance at the end of **2023** was **€24,087.40**

Rising costs have impacted our events, so registration fees will increase next year. Bursaries are available to support members attending HSLG and other relevant events.

These accounts have been approved by the LAI auditors.

Online attendees voted to accept the accounts as accurate, all in favour and none against.

3 (b): Communications Officers' Report delivered by Jean McMahon

Jean McMahon, Breeda Herlihy and Julianne O'Callaghan have all worked on various communications projects throughout the year.

There have been 3 issues of HINT since our last AGM. The Christmas issue is in production. Last year the fiction competition winners were Ann Byrne, Lisa O'Leary, and Marie Carrigan.

Due to declining user of X/Twitter, the HSLG will be building up our LinkedIn profile so make sure to follow us there <https://www.linkedin.com/company/health-sciences-libraries-group/>

As the quality of HINT submissions has been consistently high, the HSLG plans to launch a professional journal to replace the newsletter. Policies and procedures are in development, with some sections to be peer reviewed, and regular features to continue with editorial oversight. We will be inviting members to submit ideas for potential names for the new journal.

3 (c): Research Officer Report, prepared by Mary Dunne

Mary Dunne gave an update on the recent HSLG member survey, thanks to all who contributed feedback. Questions on confidence were included in the survey this time. There is still a preference for the annual conference to be held in Dublin.

If there are any opportunities for train the trainer courses, please get in touch with the HSLG as we would be consider funding.

Mary Dunne and Nicola O'Shea gave a presentation at the EAHIL conference in Riga in June this year, and were able to share the work done on our CPD Framework and peer learning schemes.

3 (d): Events Officer Report, prepared by Mairea Nelson

The HSLG annual conference 2024 was held on the 7th March in Dublin. The theme was "Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" and our keynote speaker was Lollie Mancy. There was a

good variety of speakers, and presentations are available on the HSLG website. Lollie Mancy recently hosted Futureville on RTE, and David Robert Grimes, our Keynote in 2022, regularly features on Newstalk.

The Academic & Special Libraries Section organised this year's joint networking evening in June. Deirdre Madden of UCC gave an interactive talk on assistive technology. We will be organising the event next year – suggestions for speakers are welcome.

As part of the Graphic Medicine Conference in July, a workshop on Developing Graphic Medicine Collections was held at the RCSI in conjunction with the HSLG.

An in-person CPD event was held in the HRB in October on developing strategic foresight and quality reviews. Presentations are available on the HSLG website.

We are delighted to announce our annual conference will take place on March 6th 2025 and the theme is "Cultivating Curiosity: A Wonderland for Librarians". Incoming CILIP president Sue Lacey Bryant will be the keynote speaker, and a call for abstracts is to follow. Again a reminder that bursaries are available to attend the conference.

3 (e): Secretary Report, prepared by Nicola O'Shea

HSLG Committee Members 2023-2024

Niamh Lucey (Chair)

Mary Dunne (Vice Chair & Research Officer)

Nicola O'Shea (Secretary & Membership)

Noreen Mc Hugh: (Treasurer)

Mairea Nelson: (Events Officer)

Jean McMahan (Communications Officer)

Breeda Herlihy (Communications Officer)

Julianne O'Callaghan (Web Officer – elected in May)

HSLG Meetings since last AGM 23rd November 2023

The HSLG committee held 5 meetings on:

25th January 2024

4th April 2024

22nd May 2024

29th August 2024

7th November 2024

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

Virtual Journal Club

The HSLG facilitated 2 virtual journal club meetings in 2024.

- Nicola O'Shea presented on Ebook use by healthcare staff in May.
- Deli Foley presented on Google is goodish in July.

There are currently 30 journal club members.

HSLG Membership

There are 92 current members of the HSLG.

You can now join the HSLG via your member login on the LAI website. On your account page go to group memberships and choose the HSLG. Make sure to join the group here to avail of event discounts and bursaries in the coming year.

3 (f): Address by HSLG Chair: Niamh Lucey.

The Chair highlighted the work of the committee.

Work on the LAI membership system has been very beneficial. As a committee we can now know who our members are and communicate with them. Thanks to Nicola O'Shea for joining the LAI membership working group to address this.

The Chair and Research Officer attended the LAI AGM in May. A taskforce is looking at the labour market for librarians, hopefully more information will come from this. A centenary celebration committee was established for the LAI centenary in 2028. They are open to suggestions on how to celebrate from groups and members. If you want to make a suggestion on this you can contact us or the LAI directly.

The Chair and Secretary attended the LAI Groups and Sections meeting in October. Our activity was acknowledged and the group congratulated by the LAI President. New lobbying legislation was discussed – the LAI is now registered as a lobbyist and must submit information on lobbying activities.

Mary Dunne is also a member of the CPD Committee which recently held a colloquium on CPD for the LAI groups and sections. We look forward to the outcomes from that.

Costs of our conference and in-person events have been increasing. This will require us to raise our prices but we will try to keep them as low as possible for HSLG members and continue to provide bursaries including the Bernard Barrett bursary for our annual conference, and the Anne Madden bursary for the EAHIL Conference.

Ailish Farragher is the new EAHIL representative for Ireland.

The Chair gave a big thank you to the committee members for all their hard work during the year. In particular Breeda Herlihy who is stepping down from the committee. She developed and ran the Literature Search Peer Review Buddy Scheme, gave our social media a glow up, and did a huge amount of work on HINT and the development of the new journal. We have no new committee nominations this year but we do take members mid-year if you want to get involved!

4. Mentoring Programme

Jean McMahon gave an update on the mentoring programme which was announced at our last AGM and launched at this year's conference with Eimear Carney. Two training sessions have been held, and another will take place on 27th November.

A dedicated email has been set up hslgmentoring@gmail.com or you can contact Jean directly with any queries. A call for mentors is open (must have completed the training). If interested please provide a bio which will be shared on the website, and Jean will match mentees with mentors.

5. Literature Search Peer Review Buddy Scheme

Breeda Herlihy thanked the Chair for her comments and all her hard work.

She gave a summary of the peer review buddy scheme rounds that took place in winter 2023/2024 and summer 2024. Announcement for the next round to follow.

6. Election of incoming committee members

Introduced by Nicola O'Shea (Secretary).

The following HSLG members have been nominated and re-elected to the committee:

Nominations received	Nominator 1	Nominator 2
Niamh Lucey	Gerry McManus	John Moylan
Mary Dunne	Caitriona Lee	Mairea Nelson
Noreen McHugh	John Moylan	Gerry McManus
Nicola O'Shea	Suzanne Feeney	Nadina Yedid

6: AOB

Mary Dunne took a group photo on Zoom.

Liis Cotter thanked the committee and Breeda Herlihy for all hard work – it was very much appreciated.

Jean McMahon made a final call for submissions to the Winter edition of HINT.


