

**Annual General Meeting of the Health Science Libraries Group, at the  
Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2006**

Minutes of the Meeting

**1. Apologies**

K. Kelly, NUI Galway, M. Haire, INO, F. McCarthy, Temple St., D. Mockler, TCD, C. O'Brien, HSE, P. O'Connor, HSE, D. Tate, Biomed Central

**2. Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2005**

Proposed: Brian Galvin  
Seconded: Tim Collins

**3. Matters Arising**

None

**4. Reports from Officers**

**4.1 Chairpersons report**

Bernard Barrett stated that it had been another busy year for the committee and thanked the committee members for their work. He also thanked the wider group for their involvement.

**4.2 Vice chairperson/communications officer**

Louise Farragher outlined some of the major projects over the year. One of which was HINT, the HSLG newsletter, the next issue would be out in Oct. and it was hoped to get a 3<sup>rd</sup> issue out before Christmas.

Work on the web site and mailing list were ongoing. Louise emphasised the importance of reporting SPAM to her and also welcomed any recommendations for BLOGS.

She went on to discuss the EAHIL workshop 2009 which is to be held in Dublin. There is currently an organising committee of 11 for this event. In order to gather information for this important undertaking she had attended the EAHIL conference in Cluj, which was attended by 333 information professionals from across Europe. The conference had been very well organised and she encouraged HSLG members to attend the EAHIL workshop in Crakow, next year.

She is also currently developing publicity information on the HSLG and encouraged members to take with them any material available when they attend other conferences in order to promote the group.

**4.3 Treasurer**

Brian Galvin gave a summary of the income and expenditure which is given in full in the annual report. He also reported that 3 major projects this year had been quite expensive and that a purchasing policy had therefore been developed.

#### **4.4 International Liaison Officer**

Jane Farrelly informed the group that since taking over as ILO she horizon scans for international events, which are of interest to members and these are put on the HSLG web site. She is also developing links with other professional bodies and as part of that remit she attended the annual conference of the Health Libraries Group of CILIP in Eastbourne, along with Bernard Barrett. Whilst in the UK she also attended the launch of "Partnerships in Health" which helps develop links between UK libraries and those in the 3<sup>rd</sup> world. Details of this project are on the HSLG web site. She gave plans to develop links with the MLA and is looking at ways of funding HSLG members to visit or speak at other overseas conferences

#### **4.5 Cochrane Library Liaison Officer**

Bernard Barrett informed the group that this post which was previously held by Ciara McCaffrey had been taken over by Fiona McCarthy who unfortunately was unable to attend the AGM. He informed the group that Fiona had been busy during the year attending training courses in Cochrane and running training events as part of the HSLG's CPD programme. She will also be assisting Joanne Callinan who is presenting a workshop at the Cochrane Colloquium In OCT 2006. Unfortunately due to being unable to negotiate a one day rate for the event few HSLG members would be able to attend.

#### **4.6 Continuing Professional Development**

Aoife Lawton explained that the CPD group currently has 7 members with each member taking responsibility for organising a course. 5 courses have been held so far this year and that a total of 8 are planned by the end of the year. The last 3 will be on Copyright, Writing for the Web and Systematic Reviews.

There are also plans to run a joint survey with the Academic and Special Libraries Group to assess training needs.

The LAI are to begin certifying courses run by the group.

#### **4.7 Web site working group**

Bernard Barrett explained that this group has now folded as the site is now up and running however a content working group may be developed to oversee the ongoing development of the site.

## **5. Conference**

The annual conference is to be held in the Hodson Bay Hotel in Athlone on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2007. The theme of this year's conference will be on teaching/learning and marketing.

## **6. Presentation on the HSE on-line Library**

Tony Linane from the HSE libraries gave a presentation outlining the background, development and plans for the HSE on-line library.

Jane Farrelly asked if negotiations were annual, Tony replied that the contracts were for 3 years.

Brian Galvin asked when the current contract would end; Tony replied that the current contract would end at the end of this year.

Tony concluded by thanking the HSLG for the opportunity to speak at the AGM.

## **7. Motions**

Proposer: Catherine Kennedy (HSE West)

Secunder: Tony Linnane (HSE West)

Building on the achievements of the HSE Libraries Online website, the desirability of healthcare librarians joining forces across all sectors so that we can speak with one voice for the sake of developing a truly inclusive national electronic library for health

The motion was passed unanimously by the members:

## **8. Election of Committee Members**

Nominees: M. Doheny(Athlone Inst. Technology), P. Murphy(RCSI), J. Callinan(Daughters of Charity)

In line with the Policies and Procedures document and having been duly proposed and seconded all of the nominees were elected to the committee for a two year term..

Bernard Barrett thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed