

2017 - 2019 HISA Board Member Elections Board Nominee Statements

Candidates – presented in alphabetical order

	<p>Prof Matthew Bellgard</p> <p>Professor Bellgard’s leadership in digital health and health informatics has naturally evolved from the diverse health and medical research and development he is undertaking, underpinned by information communication technology, bioinformatics and biostatistics. He is responsible for introducing and delivering a new Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics at Murdoch University.</p> <p>Professor Bellgard is Chair of the APEC Rare Disease Working Group, which is tasked with a number of issues relating to legislation for orphan drug policy, registries and biobanks, patient advocate engagement, clinical diagnoses and management. He is co-leader of the Australian consortium in the FP7 €12m RD Connect program that provides an integrated platform connecting registries, biobanks and clinical bioinformatics for rare disease research. He is now working with clinicians to undertake Platform clinical trials; this activity critically relies on quality health data linkage and reliable secure digital platforms that can operate across jurisdictions and health stakeholder business units.</p>
	<p>A/Prof Paul Cooper</p> <p>I am currently engaged as an A/Professor at Deakin University where I am delivering a new course on Health Informatics Management to Masters of Business students. My unique background and experience as an IT strategy consultant, as a medical researcher, and in digital marketing enable me to offer a blend of insights and expertise to the HISA Board. As a foundation member of the CHIA program and as a HISA member of long standing, I am passionate about furthering the efforts of HISA to deliver value to its members, to increase the standing of health informatics professionals and to ensure that younger members have a voice.</p> <p>If elected as a board member I will bring my energy and experience to work with my colleagues to advance the goals of HISA and to further the careers of young health informaticians. I also commit to extending my own knowledge of Health Informatics and spreading the word further on the value of certification.</p>

	<p>Leigh Donoghue</p> <p>Leigh joined the National HISA Board in 2014, having previously served on the HISA Vic Branch. He has taken a leading role in revitalising telehealth as Chair of the ATC for the past two years.</p> <p>Leigh is passionate about the mission of HISA: the need and opportunity to improve healthcare through better use of technology and information. This has been his focus: working for Accenture in senior roles on the NHS programme (UK), the My Health Record programme, development of a new National Telehealth Service (NZ) and more recently on clinical genomics (Vic/NSW).</p> <p>Leigh believes that Australia has come a long way in digital health, but there is still a lot further to go. HISA needs to be a catalyst in this, bringing together the various players – public and private, providers, payers, vendors and policymakers – and developing a strong health informatics profession. He wants to help make this happen.</p>
	<p>Dr Timothy Fazio</p> <p>Tim is a registered medical practitioner and certified health informatician, currently employed in a dual clinical and informatics role at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. In 2018, he is expected to attain Fellowship with the RACP, as well as graduate from a Master of Information Systems (Health).</p> <p>Tim has nearly ten years’ experience in the public health system, working in a variety of metropolitan and rural health services, as well as community mental health. He has utilised IT to streamline processes, improve patient safety, reduce hospital costs and improve doctor satisfaction. Outside of health, Tim has developed iPhone/iPad applications which have been featured by Apple and in mainstream media, been involved in an e-health start-up, and served on a variety of community organisation boards.</p> <p>Tim is excited about advocating for e-health innovation to hospital and governments, expanding the e-health research field and contributing to ongoing eHealth education.</p>



Karen Gibson

My name is Karen Gibson and my experience in e-health spans some 25 years. Currently a consultant with The Checkley Group, previous roles include Director, eHealth Planning at QH; General Manager, NEHTA; Deputy Chair of (what is now) SNOMED International; and leadership of projects in Queensland, NSW and Victoria.

It has been a privilege to serve as a member and Vice-Chair of the HISA Board for the past three years. Over that time, the Board, together with our passionate CEO and her capable team, has been striving to grow our membership and provide more opportunities for education, recognition and professional development of health informaticians - growing HISA's role as an advocate for our digital health community. We have worked hard to ensure HISA is financially strong and positioned to take advantage of new opportunities in a rapidly changing environment. I look forward to continuing to take up this challenge!



Christopher Guest

I have specialised in the design and development of business solutions and software solutions for Government and Corporate for over 30 years.

For the past 17 years my specialty has been in the delivery of Mental Health solutions for the public and not-for-profit sector.

At Forensicare, I architected and wrote the clinical information system and electronic medical record.

I have and continue to promote the use of informatics to promote better patient and corporate outcomes: whether it's simple data analysis, trend analysis, model of care modelling based on data, I know better outcomes arise from the effective collection and use of clinical information.

I continue to promote increased use of inhouse developed clinical information systems by appropriately trained health informaticians: and to continue to actively contribute to that development and training.

	<p>Prof Michael Henderson</p> <p>Michael Henderson founded the not-for-profit International Skills and Training Institute in Health (ISTIH) that has developed significant ‘train-the-trainer’ facilities in countries including Indonesia, Nepal and Myanmar. Michael is the founder & Exec Chair of Emergency Triage Services, a global TelePresence acute trauma provider.</p> <p>He is the past national Vice Chairman of CSIRO’s Digital Productivity & Services Flagship Advisory Committee. He is past Chairman of Western Australia’s Technology Industry Advisory Council TIAC. In 2011, he was recognised with the prestigious Ernst & Young “Social Entrepreneur of the Year” Award. He is an adjunct professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at The University of Western Australia and the Faculty of Law, Business and Information Technology at Murdoch University.</p> <p>It is via his background and networks that Prof Henderson would bring significant ‘complimentary’ value to the national Board of the Health Informatics Society of Australia.</p>
	<p>Dr Nadish Chamika Kariyawasam</p> <p>I am applying for a director position with HISA to enhance its effort in bringing professionalism to the field of health informatics. Professionalism in apex bodies will help health informaticians to play major roles in decision making in designing, developing and implementing health information system and governance of these systems.</p> <p>As a director in HISA, I will bring with me my knowledge in medicine and health informatics with a Bachelor’s degree in Medicine, Masters in Biomedical Informatics and current doctoral studies in Health Informatics. Further, I will also bring with me my firsthand experience in developing and implementing the first countrywide health informatics tool to be used in Sri Lanka(eIMMR) and my current experience in Health Information system optimisation and implementation as a Health Informatics Coordinator at Queensland Health. I am a Fellow of Australasian College of Health Informatics and a past treasurer of Health Informatics Society of Sri Lanka.</p>



Dr Grace Lai

Grace has a passion for patient education, health equity and the future of medicine. She graduated from UTS with a B.Inf.Tech (Distinction) in 2001 and held senior roles in market analysis, marketing and sales operations for Australia and Asia/Pacific (incl Japan). She became concerned about the unequal access to healthcare globally, and retrained as a medical doctor, graduating with a MBBS(Honours) from the University of Sydney in 2009. Her companies have a common goal to create sustainable systems that afford people and their families access to healthcare anytime and everywhere, through education, technology and investment.

Grace is a member of the global TEDMED community, Peter Diamandis' Abundance360 mastermind, the AMA and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Grace seeks to apply her future-focus and digital health experience to health informatics for the benefit of the HISA community.



Dr Mary Lam

Mary Lam is a member of HIMAA, a CHIA and a Fellow of ACHI, with many years of experience in health information management and health data science. She has been a member of HIMAA and HISA for many years and was a committee member of the HISA NSW branch from 2011–2013. After years of practice in the industry, she developed an academic career with a focus on promoting health information and health data science education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. She is currently the Acting Director of Studies in Digital Health and Innovation at the University of Technology Sydney. Mary is dedicated to equip students with the professional attitude, knowledge, and skills to face up to the challenge of a data rich healthcare environment. If elected as a Committee member, Mary is committed to enrich the field with her combined expertise in health information management and health data science.



Dr John Lambert

As Chief Clinical Information Officer for eHealth NSW, my mission is to place patients at the centre of digital healthcare. My office achieves this by ensuring patient health information crosses boundaries, building better, safer tools through human centred design, and engaging clinicians to optimise the safe use of digital systems. I have overseen the successful implementation of several NSW Health digital programs and have recently expanded the capacity and scope of my Office, building a team of health informatics professionals.

Throughout my career I have been focused on enhancing healthcare delivery by harnessing the power of technology. During my 12 years as intensive care specialist and critical care director with Western NSW Local Health District, I introduced new technology and helped Orange Health Service become a regional leader in clinical system efficiency.

If elected, I would value the opportunity to contribute to shaping the future of digital healthcare.



Tyana Lawless

My career commenced as a Medical Imaging Technologist, working in public and private practice in Australia, and the UK NHS. My breadth of experience in health extends from clinical roles, administration and management of patient travel, patient safety, credentialing, policy development, telehealth, database development and project management.

While my interests include, socio-technical solutions that contribute to health innovation, personalised healthcare, eHealth, digital health and workforce. I believe this combined with health literacy for a health literate and informed health consumer, has the potential to contribute to an efficient and responsive health system and service for all Australians.

Digital health is rapidly progressing toward mainstream. The combined demand and expected response to issues, by an array of health consumers is driven by expectations and experiences derived from beyond the health ecosystem. I want to collaboratively contribute to solutions and offer my experiences, analytic skills, agility and zest for governance and innovation.



Ann-Marie Liddy

I have 27 years’ experience working across the health sector, spanning not-for-profit, public sector, hospitals, primary health care and academia, including the past fifteen years as Chief Executive Officer of CheckUP Australia.

I have served as a member of the Queensland Branch Committee for the past 2 years and am keen to expand my involvement with the HISA community. As a Board Director, I would bring extensive networks across the primary health and community services sectors, including current knowledge of the advances that are occurring in health informatics and digital innovation. I also have direct experience of the impact of system-wide policy and funding changes; new digital technologies and evolving service and business models.

Having worked with a Board of Directors for the past fifteen years, I understand the roles and responsibilities of a Board Director and the pivotal role of good governance in driving organisational performance.



Helen McMahon

I have had service delivery and managerial experience across primary and community health; mental health; disability; and child protection. I am the Operations Manager for Country WA Primary Health Network, WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA). I have a leadership role in planning and commissioning for equity in health service access across rural and remote Western Australia working with Curtin University to use health information and data for planning, evaluation and impact assessment.

Within WAPHA’s commissioning framework I have promoted e-health solutions to improve system navigation, service integration and individual responsibility for health information; have facilitated implementation of the virtual mental health clinic (PORTS) in Country WA; and have developed and managed telehealth service contracts for country people with chronic health conditions.

I believe that future equity in primary health care for people in rural and remote areas lies in e-health solutions developed by people who are committed to quality service.



Alison Patrick

Current role: Executive Director Nursing & Midwifery for Mercy Health Services: Providing professional leadership for all Nursing & Midwifery staff within Mercy Health and a range of support services including Health Information services. I am currently leading the EMR business case development for the health service and implementation of Master care EMR within the mental health services. As a clinician and health service executive I am passionate about ensuring Health Informatics has a strong presence within health services and solutions are aligned with clinical need to ensure safe patient care.

I have more than 20 years working in senior leadership roles within a wide range of health services. My leadership experience includes working in metropolitan and regional health services, leading multidisciplinary teams in public and private not for profit health services in Victoria and NSW. I have been actively involved in clinical and corporate governance within each of these roles.



Katharina Redford

My background in is Emergency Nursing, but in 2000, I decided to push to new horizons and completed a Grad Dip of Health Informatics. My current position is Director - Clinical and Corporate Information/Deputy CEO at the South West Alliance of Rural Health (SWARH) Victoria.

Of particular interest to me is the change process that drives the transformation of health through uptake of ICT platforms.

I am interested in understanding the process and progress of the EHR as it continues to evolve to become an integral tool within healthcare.

In the paradigm of the EHR, the statement of outcomes and measurement of those outcomes as they pertain to improved clinical governance and service delivery is the next frontier. We have the opportunity to build a set of measures relevant to Australia and to demonstrate what can be done through collaboration, consultation, diligence and deliberation. Bring on the next ten years!!



Philip Robinson

Phil Robinson is one of Australia’s most experienced health informaticians with over 30 years’ experience including almost 15 years as Chief Information Officer or equivalent within University-affiliated health agencies.

Phil is the current Treasurer of the HISA Board having been co-opted to the Board in 2010 and re-elected in 2011, 2013 and 2015. He previously served on the Victorian Branch (as Chair) and the Board prior to working overseas to implement a University Hospital in the UAE.

Phil has extensive governance experience as a Director of hospitals, community health centres, and local government and is committed to growing HISA while ensuring its financial viability and status as Australia’s premier digital health member organisation.

He is a Senior Member of the Australian Computer Society and Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He is currently assisting the New Bendigo Hospital with Electronic Medication Management within their Electronic Medical Record project.



Jorge Silveira

It was with great passion for digital transformation that I have taken on the role of Director of Information Management at Northeast Health Wangaratta, a health service in regional Victoria, to write and implement a Strategic Information Management plan that focus on digital transformation to addresses challenges from ICT and cybersecurity to implementing new ways of working and leading change. I believe that there is always room to evolve, develop and learn by leveraging from health informaticians and best practices to develop and adopt systems.

Throughout my career I had the opportunity to explore various areas of ICT, information management and more recently being actively involved in cybersecurity by representing three health services in Hume region as their accountable cybersecurity executive. I am also a qualified Quality Management System Lead Auditor and recently nominated the Hume region representative for Cybersecurity at the Health Sector Cybersecurity Working Group. Thank you.



Sian Slade

I am a pharmacist (UK), MBA, GAICD and CHIA qualified with 20+ years' experience in global, regional and country roles. I am passionate about ensuring effectiveness of point of care delivery to benefit patients.

I bring to HISA and the membership a track record of working through and delivering in rapid change environments as well as a comprehensive knowledge of board governance and performance imperatives.

Having developed, lead and delivered worldwide capabilities in content and knowledge, I have demonstrated managing complexity, diverse stakeholders and systems to deliver a common vision. Inherent has been collaboration as well as technology to ensure "the right information, in the right place, at the right time" enabling end-user decisions.

My successful application would allow me to bring significant change management experience to HISA at this exciting time and continue to develop/accelerate the future healthcare infrastructure for Australia as a leading country, both nationally and worldwide.



Dr Deborah van Gaans

Dr Deborah van Gaans is a Research Fellow in the Centre for Population Health Research at the University of South Australia. Her research interests include spatial modeling for equity in health service accessibility and health informatics for data management. She was part of the project team that developed the Cardiac Accessibility and Remoteness Index of Australia (Cardiac ARIA) which measured access to cardiac care through a 'geographic lens' via an objective, comparable measure of time and distance from any population location to evidence-based cardiac care. She is a reviewer for the Health Informatics Society of Australia and is on the editorial board of the journal "Research in Health". Her research has been recognised with the 2012 South Australian Spatial Excellence Community Contribution Award, 2014 South Australian Spatial Excellence Postgraduate Research Award, and she was a finalist in the 2015 National Asia Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards.



Fiona Webster

I offer a broad mix of public and private sector health care experience as an Executive Director within the hospital sector and more recently in software development.

Originally a psychologist, I have always been a passionate user of data to manage services, drive performance and support research. This is coupled with a deep understanding of the clinical operations and change management.

My history spans the introduction of casemix funding within the Victorian Government, the oversight of clinical costing, the development of a business intelligence system and the implementation of a number of successful health IT projects including an electronic medical record system within a large tertiary hospital.

As a candidate for the HISA Board, I offer both practical insights into the health sector coupled with a strong appreciation of data and experience of governance at senior levels, including as a board member of a not for profit.



Peter Williams

Having moved to an industry role last year I am keen to continue to contribute to the promotion and development of health informatics in Australia. I have worked in senior executive positions in information management and technology in state health departments and nationally. Currently I am the Health Innovation Advisor for Oracle Australia, helping healthcare organisations to undertake business transformation and digital evolution and developing health industry patterns that are used across Asia-Pacific and Europe.

I am a member of the international standards community (ISO and HL7) and current Treasurer and past President of the Australasian College of Health Informatics. I am a qualified CPA and CHIA.

The rate of change in health is accelerating, with new models of care and digital disruption across the sector. It is essential that the health informatics community contributes to and helps shape those changes to deliver the best health outcomes.