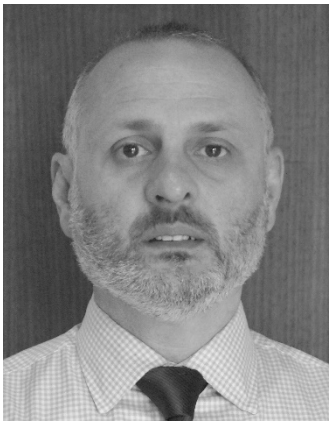



2018 - 2020 HISA Board Member Elections Board Nominee Statements

Candidates – presented in alphabetical order

	<p>Tony Abbenante</p> <p>I am passionate about enabling the healthcare ecosystem to move toward clinically safe digital health information initiatives with a vision and direction that is practical and appropriate for our current and future capability and needs. Patient considered and centred care that aligns with enabling healthcare providers with access to the right information is key to this journey.</p> <p>I have 29 years of ICT experience in healthcare, key roles and engagements include; Victorian Heart Hospital enterprise ICT design and strategy, Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre - Parkville Precinct models of care (ICT director and enterprise design), Hervey Bay St Stephen's Uniting Care enterprise digital hospital design and Director of health standards and advisory for Victoria. I am the current chairman of HISA Victoria and chairman for other Victorian and national committees.</p> <p>I can draw on this experience to provide significant input and direction into enabling our healthcare future together with HISA.</p> <p>HISA member: 5+ years</p>
	<p>Dr Jen Bichel-Findlay</p> <p>Jen has been employed in the health service industry for nearly 45 years in clinical, educative and managerial roles, and understands how technology and digitisation can influence patient outcomes and service delivery efficiency in the complex healthcare environment.</p> <p>Having worked on several local, state and national health informatics activities, she is not only committed to supporting data driven decision making at the local level but also major health reform through innovation and digital health initiatives at a state and national level.</p> <p>Jen is the inaugural Director of Digital Health & Innovation in the UTS Faculty of Health, and has co-authored chapters addressing health informatics in nursing texts. She is a Fellow of both the Australasian College of Health Informatics and the Australian College of Nursing and achieved CHIA certification in 2014. Her active contribution to HISA include HISA Board Secretary since July 2014 and HISA NSW Branch Chair since 2010.</p> <p>HISA member: 5+ years HISA Board member since: 2012</p>

**A/Prof Paul Cooper**

I am an independent consultant who also teaches a post-grad course in Health Informatics Management at Deakin University. I enjoy passing on knowledge and hopefully inspiring the next generations to help us achieve the societal benefits of digital health.

My passion is in promoting the field of health informatics with emphasis on diversity. I entered the informatics field later in life after a start in medical research, and subsequent detour via fields of IT, Strategy and Organisation Development. I believe that our society and the field of digital health is greatly enhanced by people from different career pathways, cultures, gender and experience. CHIA certification is particularly valuable since it then enables an achievement level to be marked – and maintained regardless of career pathway.

I currently serve on the Vic Council of HISA and look forward to bringing my energy, network and skills to the National Board.

HISA member: 5+ years

**Michael Costello**

I am enthusiastic about achieving pragmatic healthcare outcomes for Australians, ensuring the effective use of national resources to deliver these outcomes. In particular I see the use of technology and information as being fundamental to achieving improved healthcare. I whole heartily believe in the HISA vision of being a connected community focused on transforming Australian healthcare through digital health.

I enjoy the potential of digital health, having delivered strategies and innovative solutions including NSW Health's eHealth 10yr strategic plan, Healthdirect Australia's 3yr strategic roadmap, My Aged Care e-Referral solution, and appointed one of the first health Jurisdiction's Chief Information Security Officers.

My understanding of Australia's digital health strategic requirements and directions, supported with my experience in enhancing strategic outcomes by harnessing the power of technology and data, places me in a strong position to support HISA in delivering a connected community focused on transforming Australian healthcare through digital health.

HISA member since: 2015



Janine Cox

I am currently employed as the Systems Integration Lead at the North Queensland Primary Health Network. I have a degree in Information Technology and have just completed the first semester of my Honours in E-Health through the University of Technology. I have worked in various sectors over my career including farming, education, tech start-ups and consultancy and fulfilled many roles ranging from software and web developer, database administrator, project manager, user design and most recently systems integration.

I am passionate about the uptake of digital health initiatives in Australia and would like to bring this prospective to HISA. My vision is to empower primary health providers with the knowledge to utilise their data effectively to find high risk patients and allow them to think beyond seven-minute medicine. Daily I witness the fragmentation of data models, health directories, transfer protocols and federated data models and how this frustrates our health providers.

HISA member since: 2017



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Clinical A/Prof Terry Hannan

I am a clinician who has worked in health informatics since 1984 and I directed the first successful international translocation of a complex CIS [EMR] from 1984 to 1992 [Australia]. I have published on the implementation of eHealth systems both locally and internationally. I am accredited with ACHI, ACMI and was selected as an inaugural member of the International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics. I am a visiting Faculty member at the Centre for Health Informatics at Macquarie University.

In 2000 I was associated with the development and implementation of one of the largest Open Source eHealth projects in the world [openmrs.org] for developing nations. It is now in more than 1800 locations worldwide supporting more than 8.7 million patients. This project has received two Nobel peace Prize nominations.

With this extensive background I believe I have much to offer health informatics especially direct patient involvement, in Australia, through HISA.

HISA member: 5+ years

**Dr David Hansen**

The next few years are going to be exciting for digital health in Australia. HISA initiatives - including CHIA, the HISA conferences and webinars, our state branches and SIGs – have already placed HISA in the role of leading Australia's Digital Health community.

I'm proud of the contribution I have made to this growth and hope to continue to contribute as a member of the HISA board. I'm very excited to have the international Nursing Informatics and Medinfo conferences heading down under over the next three years – providing HISA with a real opportunity to increase the awareness and impact of health informatics and its importance to a safe, efficient and high-quality health system.

My day job is CEO of the Australian e-Health Research Centre, CSIRO's e-Health Research Program, leading 90 CSIRO scientists and engineers in digital health research and implementation projects around Australia.

HISA member: 5+ years

HISA Board member since: 2012

**Claire Holt**

I wish to join the HISA Board because I bring a unique yet vital perspective to the Australian Digital Health Landscape. Health Informatics brings many benefits to remote and rural health services and communities yet elevating the needs of smaller health services can be extremely challenging.

As an active leader in regional development of the electronic health record in South-West Victoria, I am passionate about leveraging all the benefits emerging technologies and solutions can provide. I am now driving the move into Data and Health analytics to transform our huge data collections into knowledge that will enable collaboration to drive service planning and rural health service sustainability.

I am an inaugural Certified Health Informatician of Australasia and the first to recertify and a HISA member for four years. I have 18 years experience in Health informatics including the last six years at Portland District Health as Director of Health Informatics.

HISA member: 5+ years

**Dr Kudzai Kanhutu**

In 1998 a colleague wowed our entire medical school class with a casual flash of his palm pilot.

5 years later the interns were still chasing hardcopies of orthopaedics X-rays. The pace of change isn't always fast but digitisation in healthcare has the potential to deliver unprecedented improvements for the healthcare system. However, my recent telehealth implementation experiences have reinforced the need to prioritise digital literacy and digital inclusion as critical social determinants of health. In 2018 patients and clinicians shouldn't continue to be subjected to low bandwidth internet connections!

People need to be provided opportunities to upskill and connect with one other. In this respect HISA should take the lead on digital health workforce and community development.

Like the Tigers of Old I'm going for a back to back premiership. You can help.....

I'll work hard to make everyone feel like a valued member of the tribe. Thank you!

HISA member since: 2016

HISA Board member since: 2016

**Dr Robin Mann**

I am driven to improve quality and efficiency in health and care through better use of information, technology and analytics. In my career I have practiced medicine, designed clinical systems, led programs, developed strategy, developed teams, and designed architectures and governance systems for state and federal governments; this through roles in KPMG, PwC and Calvary in Australia, the NHS Wales' Informatics Service and Royal College of Physicians in the UK, and as a doctor in the NHS.

My relationship with HISA started in when I presented at HIC2011 in Brisbane. This year I am the conference chair. I also sit on the CHIA Examination Committee.

I am excited about the future of digital health in Australia and the opportunity we collectively have to improve healthcare and outcomes for patients. If elected I will advocate for HISA's key role in facilitating effective collaboration and developing the profession to further this objective.

HISA member: 5+ years

**Jeff Parker**

I am an experienced company Director and outcomes-orientated consultant who a) advises Boards, CEOs and executive teams on strategic investment in IT and Digital enabled change, and b) is often called upon to create and lead programs for clients to deliver the changes they seek. I do this with my own consulting company (www.jpconsulting.com.au), which specialises in digital health.

With broad governance experience, a private sector mindset and special expertise in digital health, the value I can provide HISA as a Director is through the application of the learnings, skills and experience gained over my 30+ year career. In addition to achieving my GAICD qualification, I am a Fellow of the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM), which is a testament of my knowledge, experience and standing in the leadership and management domain of the healthcare industry.

A founding member and have served it in many roles.

HISA member: 5+ years

**Professor Patricia Williams**

Professor Trish Williams is a leader in research and innovation in digital health. Trish is Cisco Chair and Professor of Digital Health Systems at Flinders University in SA, and co-director of Flinders Digital Health Research Centre.

Internationally recognised in her field, Trish applies 30 years' experience in healthcare computing to research and practical outcomes in cybersecurity, health IoT, mobile health, medical devices, governance, patient safety, and health software safety.

A passionate contributor and advocate for digital health informatics standards, Trish is co-chair HL7 International Security Workgroup and national expert on many ISO standards. She is co-editor of HISA's Privacy Guideline and E-Safety Professional Practice Standard and has authored over 120 medical information security and safety publications.

With a community focus, she contributes to NPS MedicineWise Data Governance Committee, the HISA Board (2014-2018), and devotes time to the practical assessment of boutique gin and full bodied red wine!

HISA member: 5+ years

HISA Board member since: 2014