



Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Health Libraries Group

14th June 2018| 12.30 -1.00 pm| Keele University

Attendees (committee): Ruth Carlyle; Imrana Ghumra; Maria Grant; Helene Gorrington; Sarah Hennessy; Preeti Puligari; Richard Bridgen; Lesley Allen; Doug Knock; Margaret Scarce; Joel Kerry, Rachel Gledhill, Phillip Barlow, Alison Paul, Emma Ramstead

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The AGM was also attended by over 50 delegates.

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

Imrana Ghumra welcomed attendees to the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Health Libraries Group and noted that 1 apology had been received.

2. Annual General Meeting

- **Minutes of the 2017 HLG Annual General Meeting held on 22nd June 2017 at CILIP HQ**

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were held to be true and accurate record. Proposed by Imrana Ghumra and seconded by Ruth Carlyle.

- **Annual Report for 2017**

IG presented the HLG Annual Report 2017. IG highlighted the following achievements:

- HLG now have a new branding and logo.
- HLG CPD Panel completed the NHS Careers website for job roles in LKS.
- A number of health events were organised and delivered over the year in collaboration with NHS bodies and special interest groups
- HLG is supporting a research project, commissioned by CILIP, to scope a sector wide evidence base portal for Library and Information Knowledge Management and a report will be published soon in 2018.
- Free CPD days have been offered to members – MAP toolkit and PiF study days.
- HLISD is being redeveloped in partnership with HEE and HLG.
- Joel Kerry joined the Editorial team as the HLG Newsletter Editor.

Please read the [report](#) for more details.

- **Finance Report**

IG highlighted that the expenses of the group was about £51,600 out of which 10% was being spent on committee expenses. Zoom and Web Conference facilities were increasingly being made use of. A 2 year

business plan is being adopted. HILJ Annual Report will be included in the HLG Annual report from next year. IG mentioned that the team is working with Wiley to refresh the HILJ Journal pages. More peer reviewers are required in HILJ as spaces are available and members could get in touch with MG.

3. Dissertation in Practice Award

MG introduced the 'Dissertation in Practice' Regular Feature in the HILJ which has a dual aim of: encouraging students, recent graduates and new professionals to write for publication; and to highlight the impact of student research on policy and practice. MG highlighted that by choosing to institute this biennial award the intention is to celebrate student achievement, and draw attention to the real impact that this type of research can have in informing practice. The inaugural Dissertations in Practice award was presented by MG to Aoife Murray, St Angela's College, Sligo. She co-wrote this with her dissertation supervisor, Hugh Preston at Aberystwyth University.

4. Launching RIWA [Research in Workplace Award]

IG launched RIWA as a biennial award designed to fund small UK based workplace research projects which the aim of developing a strong evidence base for health information practice. This award is sponsored by HLG, University Health and Medical Librarians Group and Library and Information Research Group. IG maintained that the award of up to £3000 is open to any applicant employed for at least 17.5 hours per week in health and social care library or information service providing health and social care information. Any service interested in this Award could apply by 30th September 2018. For more information, members could visit www.cilip.org.uk/hlg

5. Sharing ideas for future developments

IG opened the discussion to all at the meeting and encouraged everyone to share any ideas they had for future developments. Some comments are highlighted below:

- A need to deliver 'health literacy' training was expressed by Lisa Gardner
- A need to promote HILJ articles and develop reading into action was expressed. Use of 'Social Link' on CILIP portal for discussing a specific article from the HILJ issue could be explored. Alan Fricker expressed interest in taking this forward.
- Kate Misso who is part of the InterTASC Information Specialists' Sub-Group wanted HLG to set up a Systematic Review specialist group to support information specialists who are involved in conducting systematic reviews. **Action:** IG to follow up
- Open Access to HILJ was raised as authors do not have information repositories to host their articles. **Action:** IG/MG to meet with Wiley to explore how this barrier can be overcome in the future.

6. AOB

IG thanked the work of the committee members for their support on a range of work streams.