



Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Health Libraries Group

13 June 2023| 13.30-2.00pm | online

Attendees (committee): Lesley Allen (LA) Chair | Lynsey Hawker (LH)| Imrana Ghumra | Alison Paul | Maria Grant | Hong-Anh Nguyen | Alice Cleaver | Sharon Stevens | Celestina Xuen | Stephen Reid |

Apologies: Ruth Carlyle | Potenza Atiogbe | Sarah Hennessey | Phillip Barlow | Preeti Puligari | Cheryl Francis | Yasmin Noorani |

The AGM was also attended by 50 delegates.

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

The meeting was opened by Lesley Allen, Co-Chair of HLG

The meeting was recorded and is also available on CILIP HLG website.

LA handed over to Imrana Ghumra, immediate past co-chair to run through the annual report for 2022.

2. Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the previous HLG Annual General Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2022

Minutes of the meeting are accurate and Alison Paul proposed this while Lynsey Hawker seconded it.

- **Annual Report for 2022**

Annual report shared on screen.

A landmark year especially with our HLG75 anniversary kicking off in October.

We celebrated this hybrid event in October at Friends House. Welcoming past and present members of HLG.

IG outlines committee changes in 2022

Imrana Ghumra stepped down as Co-Chair

Richard Bridgen stepped down as Co-Conference lead

Emma Ramstead stepped down as Treasurer

and Lesley Allen stepped down from Co-CPD lead ready to become Co-Chair in January in 2023.

IG sends heartfelt thanks to these outgoing members for all their hard work and to current committee members for all their contributions to HLG.

Partnership Working

IG highlights our partnership working for 2022. Including our research programme run with IRG. Our presence and CILIP 2022 was noted as was our best presented SIG stand where we networked with members over the 2 days.

Legislation and Strategy

IG goes on to note The Health and Care Bill passed in April 2022, and the first women's health strategy was published in July. Noting a significant year in health legislation and strategy.

Health Information and Libraries Journal (HILJ)

The impact factor for our academic journal (HILJ) increased to 3.220 in 2022. Ranking the journal at 32/64 in the Information and Science and Library Category. We send heartfelt thanks to Maria Grant our editor in chief and the editorial advisory board who work really hard to make sure our journal is successful. Our virtual issue in 2022 was dedicated to our 75th anniversary.

Core Collection and other publications

We published the Medical Core Collection in 2022 but are still working on the revision of the Nursing and Midwifery Core Collection. IG notes this sentence to be amended in the annual report for accuracy.

We continue to work with Health Education England (HEE) now NHS England Knowledge and Library Services to improve Health Library & Information Services Directory (HLISD).

Activities

We have 1307 members in 2022. We continue to work with CILIP to increase our membership

In August we welcomed to Cheryl Francis as our bursary and awards lead. We have a full programme in place for that going forward.

Marketing and promotion on going, important way to ensure we continue to reach new and potential members. IG call for anyone to submit to our monthly news bulletin and newsletter.

Our CPD panel is always busy carrying out surveys asking what you want and then providing the study sessions you need. We continue to make our sessions free to the end user as much as possible with the exception of the annual conference

We are working with African Health Libraries to produce a new core collection for sub-Saharan health Libraries. We are working with academic libraries across the region.

We also continue to build links with library groups across the globe. Tom Roper has joined us our rep for the Medical Library Association.

Our HLG Leadership bursary winner is Susan Smith and we look forward to hearing more from her on her experience on this.

IG gives thanks to Ruth for policy work this year. (See report for further details)
We continue to work with CILIP HQ in partnership in this area.

Conference report

IG celebrates the success of our hybrid event in October and the popularity of the HLG75 poster competition run in collaboration with HEE.

HILJ report

We continue to work with Wiley to ensure more and more open access and to ensure we meet the needs of our members

Newsletter

As ever goes from strength to strength. IG calls for contributors highlighting it as a great place to start your writing journey.
Also mention of our Nursing Bulletin and successful digitisation project.

HLISD

Working in conjunction with HEE, to provide a directory for the community

Finance

Treasurer has listed income and expenditure. We continue to rely on the income from our flagship journal HILJ. We have ended the year with a healthy balance.

Please see full report for more details of all of the above. This will be on the website along with minutes from the AGM.

IG again thanks our volunteers who contribute to a lot of work for us over the year. Those who are formally on the committee, our CPD panel members, our marketing group members and all our micro-volunteers who do bits and pieces for us.

Questions

LH submits question on behalf of a member who couldn't make the AGM:

Suzanne Toft asks our CPD leads whether we would consider adding a health librarian profile to the Prospects career page

LH answered on behalf of CPD panel leads saying yes we could do this. We have previously contributed something to NHS careers, which probably needs updating. So at the same time as doing this we could add something to Prospects as well.

Action: Committee/CPD panel to follow up on this.

Committee receive thanks from Sue Lacey Bryant for work for the year.

IG asks if anyone is interested in getting involved then please do let us know. We can provide you with a letter to go towards revalidation or performance appraisal.

IG then asks current committee members to come on screen and introduce themselves.

Introductions from Lynsey, Lesley, Alison, Tom, Hong-Anh, Sharon, Maria, Alice and Imrana

3. AOB

Announcements

1. HLG24 will be happening in June 2024. We've signed up with a new conference organiser We are looking at hybrid events as this is the new way of working
2. HLG and Partners have been selected to host the next International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML) in 2026. We are very proud of this achievement lead by Imrana in her new role as conference lead. We've been working alongside groups such as CHILL: Consortium of Health Independent Libraries in London, the International Clinical Librarians Conference (ICLC), African Hospital Libraries and Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP), a representative from University of Strathclyde, along with Glasgow Convention Bureau to make this happen.

Our bid was based on Glasgow's coat of arms, (Let Glasgow Flourish) and flourish will be the main theme running throughout the conference.

Further information can be got from Imrana at conference@ciliphlg.com

IG thanks everyone who was part of putting the bid together and closes this formal part of the AGM before handing back to LA.

LA congratulates Imrana on the achievement of ICML. Very exciting for HLG and all parties involved.

LA then hands over to Hong-Anh and Sharon for a panel discussion.

Close.

The full AGM and following panel discussion can be viewed on the CILIP HLG YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPMHP24n9n8>