



Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Health Libraries Group

23rd July 2020 | 10 -12 pm | Online

Attendees (committee): Lesley Allen; Richard Bridgen; Imrana Ghumra; Lynsey Hawker; Sarah Hennessy; Doug Knock; Phillip Barlow; Yasmin Noorani; Rachel Gledhill; Alison Paul; Emma Ramstead; Potenza Atiogbe and Maria Grant

Apologies: Ruth Carlyle, Joel Kerry, Helene Gorrington and Preeti Puligari

The AGM was also attended by 38 members and non-members

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

Imrana Ghumra welcomed attendees to the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Health Libraries Group held online on Zoom for the first time and noted apologies received.

2. Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM held at the 2019 HLG Conference in Keele were corrected and agreed. This was seconded by Tom Roper. This was then followed by a look back at the 2019 HLG achievements via the annual report.

• Annual Report for 2019

IG provided an overview of the HLG activities in 2019. Infographics was used to show the HLG activities in 2019. IG acknowledged that it was a busy year with the HLG Conference venue confirmed for #HLG2020 at Macdonald Aviemore Resort, Scotland.

IG noted that HLG will endeavour to keep the study days and webinars free of charge as a member benefit and only charging for the Conference every two years.

IG also mentioned some changes to the Committee with Naila Dracup as the new Honorary Secretary replacing Preeti Puligari who is now the Core Collections Lead. Yasmin Noorani took up the role as the new International Lead in place of Helene Gorrington who is now part of the Marketing team. IG welcomed the new micro group of volunteers to support the marketing team.

IG honoured Shane Godbolt who passed away end of 2019 and HLG donated £2000 in her memory.

HLG responded to a Green Paper titled “Advancing our health: prevention in 2020s” and produced a “thought piece” on role of libraries in health and digital literacy.

IG noted the collaboration between HLG and other SIGs such as PMLG and ILIG by contributing as speakers at the Conference or hosting them.

IG highlighted the amazing contribution of Maria Musoke to international librarianship and in honour of her work, HLG nominated Maria for her Fellowship Award (Hon FCLIP) and supported a joint ILIG/HLG informal to present this award and hear more about her work.

Please read the report for more details.

Attendees were then given the opportunity to feedback about what they felt was the most useful thing/service provided by HLG. The top three responses were:

1. CPD events including HLG conference
2. HILJ
3. Newsletter and Nursing Bulletin

The attendees were also asked what HLG could improve upon. Respondents were allowed to make multiple choices from our array of services. The top three responses were as follows:

1. CPD events including HLG Conference
2. HILJ
3. Members discussion list

3. AOB

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

The AGM part of the meeting was then brought to a close and attendees were given an enlightening presentation by Hannah Wood, Librarian, Weston General Hospital entitled "AI and libraries". Hannah's presentation and a transcript are available here on **our website**