

## Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting

Umbrella Conference | 12 July 2011 | 17.15 | Room N001, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield

**Attendees:** Pauline Blagden; Andrew Booth; Alison Brettle; Heather Chesters; Louise Goswami; Debbie Hagon; Beverley Hixon; Emily Hopkins; Kathleen Irvine; Shaun Kennedy; Doug Knock; Kim Montacute; Gil Young

### 1. Apologies

Gary Birkenhead; Richard Bridgen; Imrana Ghumra; Helene Gorrington; Dorothy Halfide; Andrea Lane; Chris Thornton

### 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2009 held on 19 July 2010

The minutes were held to be a true record, proposed by Shaun Kennedy and seconded by Andrew Booth.

### 3. Annual Report for 2010

Copies of the Report were available at the meeting and also on the HLG website. During 2010, the focus of the Health Libraries Group's work was in two spheres:

- (i) Responding to the NHS White Paper "Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS". Pauline Blagden thanked colleagues within the Health Libraries Group (HLG) and within CILIP for their assistance in framing responses to this paper.
- (ii) Activities directly supporting Health Libraries Group members and supporters.  
The HLG commissioned research to gain a better understanding of the professional needs of its members and potential members. The results of this have appeared on the HLG website. The 2011 HLG Business Plan has addressed some of the outcomes of this research, for example finding different ways to support learning and continuing professional development, using the website to improve communication, and increasing engagement.  
The Core Collections project has been very successful, especially the incorporation of Library Thing into the publishing of the lists.

Pauline thanked all the people who put work into the Health Libraries Group and thanked the membership for their support.

The annual report was accepted, proposed by Beverley Hixon and seconded by Kathleen Irving.

### 4. Financial statement for 2010

Heather Chesters reported that HLG remained in a strong financial position throughout 2010. The chief source of income was from royalties from the publication of the Health Information and Libraries Journal (HILJ). Other primary sources were CILIP capitation, 2009 Umbrella Conference, funding for the Research in the Workplace Award (RIWA).

HLG had utilised its financial position during 2010 to support members in a number of ways, including awarding bursaries, subsidising continuing professional development events, contributing to the Core Collections project and commissioning research into the needs of members and potential members of HLG.

Two questions were asked about how the surplus was to be used in 2011 and how long the surplus could be retained. Pauline reported that finances were being used to expand and develop current HLG services and activities such as bursaries, continuing professional development events, or the HLG website.

The accounts were accepted by Doug Knock and seconded by Gil Young.

#### **5. Election of Honorary Auditors for 2011**

The Honorary Treasurers of the HLG sub-groups Information for the Management of Healthcare (IfMH) and Libraries for Nursing (LFN) were elected as honorary auditors for the 2011 accounts.

#### **6. AOB**

There were no other items of business.

#### **7. Cyril Barnard Memorial Prize**

The Prize, which is awarded once every three years, was given to Andrew Booth in recognition of his outstanding services to medical librarianship. The Prize was presented by Pauline Blagden, HLG Chair. Andrew Booth thanked the Health Libraries Group.