



ALIA HLA Advisory Committee Annual Report 2017

January 2018

Membership

- There are 16 members of the HLA Executive: Ann Ritchie (convenor), Gemma Siemensma (secretary), Sharon Karasmanis (Treasurer), Diana Blackwood, Natasha Bradley, Jeanette Bunting, Kathleen Gray, Sarah Hayman, Taryn Hunt, Susanne Lewis, Jane Orbell-Smith, Rob Penfold, Bronia Renison, Rolf Schafer, Angela Smith, Catherine Voutier.

Meetings

- HLA Executive met monthly by teleconference; there are now 16 members of the Executive
- Strategic Planning Day held 15th July 2017
- The Executive's standard agenda covers the 5 portfolios: Professional Development, Education & Training; Partnerships & Collaborations; Membership; Demonstrating Value – Awards, Research, Marketing & Advocacy; Publishing & Communications
- The HLA Publications Editorial Board (comprising members of the HLA Executive and representatives of the general membership) met 3 times in 2017

Summary of main activities

- Professional Development, Education & Training. Events held:
 - HLA's national PD Days were held in Perth 13th - 14th July at Curtin University, focusing on Systematic and other types of reviews;
 - 3 ANDS "10 medical and research data things" workshops (Kate LeMay) were held in Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide;
 - 8 Advanced Searching workshops (Carol Lefebvre) for Librarians and Researchers were held in Melbourne, Newcastle, Townsville, Brisbane, Geelong and Adelaide;
- Partnerships & Collaborations
 - MoU with EAHIL (European Association of Health and Information Libraries)
 - Submitted annual report to International committee of MLA (Medical Libraries Association, USA)
 - HLA is represented on the ALIA Specials group
 - MoU with the Health Information Management Association
 - HLA is a member of 2 groups who are collaborating in the health information workforce education and workforce planning initiatives:
 - The Health Information Workforce Census research management committee,

- The Health Information Workforce Alliance.
- Membership
 - Social Media plan to engage with members is being implemented
- Demonstrating Value – Awards, Research, Marketing & Advocacy
 - HLA/MedicalDirector Informatics Innovation Award won by Barwon Health (Helen Skoglund and Cecily Gilbert) for their 'Consumer Health Information Prescription' service.
 - The Health Libraries for National Standards (HeLiNS) research has submitted quarterly reports to the ALIA Research Awards Committee detailing progress on this research project.
- Publishing & Communications
 - A new Editor of HLA News was appointed; 4 issues published in the year
 - 11 issues of HLA Alerts published
 - @HealthLibsAust has 31 Followers and is following 258; 2 TwitterChats were held
 - HLA Communities has 113 members
 - HLA LinkedIn has 146 members
- Advice provided to the ALIA Board
 - Monthly minutes of Executive meeting provided to ALIA Board to inform regarding issues in health librarianship
- Advocacy, including submissions
- Participation in events, conferences
 - Presented at ICML/EAHIL 2017 (Dublin) conference 'Interim results of the Health Libraries for National Standards (HeLiNS) research'
 - Poster at ICML/EAHIL 2017 (Dublin) 'Census of Australian Health Librarians'
 - Attended EAHIL Board meeting and presented 'Issues for health librarianship in Australia'
 - HLA was represented at the Innovations Roundtable with a Danish contingent, held in Melbourne December 2017.
 - Represented at HIMAA Conference (Cairns, Nov 2017)
 - Joint author of papers presented at 2 international conferences about the Census research project - these won "best scientific" paper awards
- Reports generated
 - HeLiNS quarterly reports

Brief comments about how this work has aligned with the ALIA Strategic Plan

Strategic Priorities

- Leadership and Advocacy
 - MoUs with national and international associations
 - Health Information Workforce Alliance to progress collaborative advocacy in health information education and workforce planning
 - 2017 HLA Posters

- Members and Membership
 - Regular communications and publications within the framework of the HLA Communications Strategy and Social Media Plan
- Education and Professional Development
 - PD Days and training events
- Future Proofing
 - Collaborative research (National Standards; Census of the Health Information Workforce) on which to base future advocacy and evidence-based policy
 - 10-ways infographic

Forward plans

- Issues, opportunities and challenges for the following year
 - HLA competencies update
 - Australian Health Library Guidelines to be reviewed
 - HLA Publications review
 - MoU with the CILIP Health Libraries Group and a leadership development opportunity
- Proposed activities
 - Workshops to be run by Julie Glanville – Complex Searching and Text Mining (Melbourne and Sydney) in April 2018
 - PD Day in Sydney Thursday 19th July
 - HLA Executive Strategic Planning Day 20th July
 - Australian Evidence Based Librarianship Institute (AEBLI) to be held in Sydney Nov 2018
 - Carol Lefebvre Workshops Nov/Dec 2018 (venues to be decided)
- Awards to be presented:
 - Anne Harrison Award for a health research project (biennial award);
 - HLA/MedicalDirector Informatics Innovation Award

Summary of the sector/topic

- The vision of Health Libraries Australia is that “all Australians benefit from health library and information professionals’ expertise that is integral to evidence based health care”.
- For more details of the work of the HLA group, see the HLA Home page: <https://www.alia.org.au/groups/HLA>
- Census of Australian Health Libraries (presented at ICML/EAHIL, Dublin, 2017) poster: <https://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/CENSUS%20Poster%20-%20Final%20ICML%20and%20%20EAHIL.pdf> and overview: https://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/Census%20Overview%20ICML_20170603.pdf