

MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

HEALTH INFORMATICS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Date: Tuesday 8 August 2017
Time: 1.02pm to 1.40pm (AEST)
Venue: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

1 Welcome and attendance

1.1 Attendance

Members present were noted by name by HISA Staff members on entry to the meeting

List of attendees attached

1.2 Apologies

John Lambert, Cassandra Jordan, Julianne Oorloff

2 Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes were accepted as true and correct; motion was proposed by Trish Williams, seconded by Louise Schaper.

3 Chairperson Report

David Hansen thanked members for attending HIC 2017: Bring together health's most forward thinking innovators, which received over 1000 registrations this year. He then gave a verbal chairperson report, accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation.

3.1 HISA's Strategic Framework

The chair reiterated the vision, mission and strategic framework of HISA, and highlighted the Strategic Priorities for 2017 in relation to the strategic pillars of Workforce & Professional Advancement; Leadership, Influence and Advocacy; and Innovation.



David acknowledged the contribution of all HISA staff in reaching out mission – Louise Schaper, Joanna Dekleuver, Greg Moran, Amanda Barbone, Nicola Gardiner, Katrina Burbuto, Josie Di Donato, Heather Hunt, Biba Ignjatovic, Vera Jovanovic, Miroslav Dzoic and Val Issa.

3.2 LEADERSHIP, INFLUENCE AND ADVOCACY

As HISA is a member-based organisation, thanks were extended to all those members who actively contribute to HISA activities, from the board members, communities of practice, special interest groups, through to the state committees. This strategic priority includes policies and position statements, communities of practice, digital health intelligence and strategic alliances.

Activity highlights in this strategic priority include the:

- Australian E-Safety Professional Practice Guidelines being released for trial implementation.
- Applying the E-Safety Guidelines Workshop scheduled for today.
- 3-volume set being available for purchase from HISA – Assuring Patient Safety in Relation to E-Health Systems and Applications: Professional Practice Guidelines – Part A: Information Paper, Part B: The Guidelines, Part C: Supporting Resources. The set is authored by David Rowlands, Dr John Zelcer and Professor Trish Williams.
- launching of the Nursing Informatics position paper at the 2017 NIA conference (https://www.hisa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Nursing-Informatics-Position-Statement_06082017.pdf). Produced collaboratively by the Australian College of Nursing (ACN), HISA and its special interest group Nursing Informatics Australia (NIA) following sector consultation, the paper is the first national statement to affirm the role of nurses in digital healthcare at all levels and in all health settings.
- positions statements for CXIO and CNIO currently in progress.
- launching at HIC (7 August 2017) of a new Australasian Digital Health Executives Network – a forum for digital health executives across Australia’s healthcare sector to promote health system excellence. The network is for people in senior executive roles related to digital health, such as healthcare CIOs, CMIOs, CCIOs, and CNIOs and for people who are targeting these types of roles.
- creation of a HISA Journal Club (www.hisa.org.au/journalclub/), which showcases academic endeavour in digital health.

3.3 WORKFORCE AND PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

This strategic priority includes workforce capacity building, CHIA, training and professional development, career development, HISA profiles and awards.

Activity highlights in this strategic priority include the:

- current 285 CHIAs, 85 more than this time last year.
- dedicated commitment of both the CHIA Board and the CHIA Examination Committee.
- University of Tasmania Faculty of Health HISA Member Scholarship Program, which provides 50% scholarship on HECS fees for the Bachelor of e-Health (Health Informatics) with Professional Honours.

- Digital Health Workforce Training Initiative by HISA last year (www.digitalhealthworkforce.com) – a new initiative for the Australian health sector, designed for clinicians, IT professionals and healthcare managers that will assist you to build your digital health capability. The courses are fully online, self-paced and offer discounts for HISA members.
- The successful #WeareHealthInformatics promotion, which celebrates and showcases what health informaticians do (<http://wearehealthinformatics.com/>).
- HISA is strongly committed to advancing the digital health workforce. If health informatics is to be recognised as a distinct profession, then people must meet a certain standard. It is not just about IT or skills, and does require investment in time, money and goodwill. HISA considers this to be a 5 year+ horizon project, in which they will work nationally with ACHI and HIMAA and internationally with IMIA, AMIA, COACH and NHS/BCS/Fed-IT on collaborative efforts to reach our goal – a well-defined knowledge and skills informatics framework and competencies followed by models around how others can use it.

The deliverables that HISA is striving for include:

- Health informatics competencies for Australia (52 across 6 domains)
- Entry level certification for health informaticians (CHIA program with 300+ CHIAs by end 2017)
- Workforce Advisory Committee – forming, including representatives from clinical colleges, primary health networks, education and government)
- Position statements – CXIO, CNIO, Nursing Informatics (with ACN)
- Professional Networks - CCIO network and newly announced
- Career Resources for Employers and Professionals
- Recognition and Industry Certification
- Workforce Thought Leadership and Original Research
- Professional development events for clinicians
- Education Broker Model, including HISA online courses
- Workforce Advisory Services

3.4 INNOVATION

This strategic priority includes innovating health (executive engagement) and hacking health (system, service and product innovation).

Activity highlights in this strategic priority include the:

- continuation of the Innovating Health Thought Leadership Series, established in April 2016. HISA partnered with Accenture to bring together health leaders with industry experts, to challenge the zeitgeist with disruptive perspectives, harness our collective ideation and ultimately generate new solutions to stimulate sector change (<http://innovatinghealth.org.au/>). Using round-table events as a catalyst, targeting topical health industry challenges, HISA aims to raise the profile of the digital health

innovation agenda in healthcare. Past roundtables include culture of innovation, the internet of things, cybersecurity, the blending of health and human services, system innovation, knowledge translation, responding to changes in funding and payments, and innovative private models of healthcare.

- continuation of Hacking Health at HIC, where health professionals, software developers, designers and researchers come together to solve everyday health problems.

3.5 EVENTS

HISA events include conferences (HIC, ATC and Health Data Analytics), state branch meetings, webinars, breakfast series, and Hacking Health. These events also accrue CPD points for CHIA recertification.

3.6 COMMUNITY

- There are currently 1274 members, of which 26% have been members for 5+ years.
- State branches are run by committed and dedicated volunteers who ensure HISA a local presence by hosting events and networking opportunities. HISA currently has state branches in Qld, NSW, Vic, and WA.
- Current communities of practice include Clinical Informatics Network, UX Network, Nursing Informatics (active since 1991), Cybersecurity and Digital Hospital Design. Others are coming soon, including Precision Medicine.

3.7 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Influential audiences for HISA include members, network groups, media, government and policy makers, educational institutions, professional associations and colleges, primary health networks, healthcare provider organisations and HISA partners.

The strategic engagement principles include:

- Strategic engagement aims to build long term sustainable relationships to further the vision and goals of HISA, Australia's digital health community.
- HISA prioritises engaging influential audiences in targeted areas most aligned to the HISA Strategy.
- HISA takes a national view on lobbying and advocacy activities and represent the interests of all members on the national and international stage.
- Branches are included in engagement activities in their States to build and strengthen relationships at the local level.
- HISA members are consulted regularly on key issues to ensure proposed engagement activities are also in their areas of topic interest.
- The annual conference program (HIC) will reflect the goals of the engagement plan for the year through the targeted inclusion of relevant organisations, companies, healthcare topics and issues.

Lastly, the Chair thanked the Board and the HISA CEO and staff.

The Chairperson's Report was accepted by Phil Robinson, seconded by Leigh Donoghue.

4 Treasurer Report

Phil Robinson presented the financial report for 2016-2017. The surplus for 2016/2017 was \$223,434 and the Members Equity was \$640,806. The audited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2017 are available on the HISA website, and paper copies were distributed at the meeting. The Treasurer requested that the report be accepted; proposer to this motion was Karen Gibson and seconder was Chris Bain.

5 Approval of the Audited Financial Accounts 2016-2017

Jen Bichel-Findlay moved acceptance of the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Report and Declarations which was made available at the annual general meeting, and this was seconded by Peter Williams.

6 Appointment of auditors

The appointment of Auditors, Sean Denham & Associates, was approved for 2017-2018 by all present voting unanimously. Moved by Liz Herbert and seconded by Joy Smith.

7 Election of four (4) Board members

There are four (4) vacant 2-year positions for the HISA Board, and 22 nominations were received. 245 votes were submitted electronically prior to the AGM, which is more than double the votes in the previous year (n=113). Counting was validated by the Returning Officer, David O'Driscoll, and Vera Jovanovic. The successful nominees were John Lambert, Karen Gibson, Leigh Donoghue and Phil Robinson. David Hansen congratulated the successful nominees and thanked all nominees for their commitment to HISA. He also thanked the previous Board, with appreciation extended to Martin Seneviratne, who did not renominate due to his relocation to the US.

All board members take on activities, and if particular expertise is required, appointees can be co-opted for specific activities.

8 Other Business

No other business was raised

Meeting closed: There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.40pm.