

sherif User Group Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 19 March 2024

In Attendance:

Adam Robinson [AR] - Chair, Sue Abbott [SA], Sarah Mann [SM], Nicola Tricker [NT], Michelle Walker [MW]

Apologies:

Jane Cooke, Elaine Mulholland

		Action Points
1	Additional prize for early-career information professionals	
	<p>The group explored options for establishing such a prize in a partnership, with UKSG being an obvious organization to explore partnering with. It was felt that attendance at the UKSG conference is an attractive option as the prize, since pressures on institutional budgets mean that colleagues are often unable to attend the UKSG conference. The prize should also include payment of travel costs. As a first step, the committee will reach out to UKSG to explore this possibility. It was noted that UKSG are sponsoring 10 places at their conference this year, so any discussion with them will explore whether it is appropriate for sherif to run a separate award.</p> <p>The committee will review what UKSG is asking of applicants for its sponsored places.</p> <p>It would also be helpful to know the number of applications UKSG received for these places.</p> <p>Other options for partnerships include NAG and CILIP.</p> <p>The committee considered that entries should be a short paragraph or a video on how the applicant would benefit from the prize. The prize would be awarded with a requirement to write up the conference for the sherif website or mailing list, covering what the prize recipient has learnt from the conference and how they will apply that learning in their professional role.</p> <p>Questions for the application would therefore include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do you want to attend the conference? 	<p>NT to contact Joanna Ball for suggestions of appropriate UKSG contacts.</p> <p>Committee to review UKSG requirements.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are you dealing with in your working life that this will help with? <p>Criteria for applications will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The institution is a sherif member.• One or two applicants only would be permitted from each institutional member.• The applicant is in the first two years of their library career OR in a junior post related to the sherif remit OR in a post related to the sherif remit for a short time so far.	
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