

JIBS User Group AGM 26th February 2015

Agenda

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Minutes

1. Welcome

Fiona Bowtell , outgoing Chair, welcomed everyone to the 2015 AGM.

2. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

These were approved as a correct record.

3. Chair's report: Review of 2014

Welcome to the 2015 AGM, and thank you for attending. We decided to run an event outside London for the first time in a few years. We would be glad to have your comments on the location on the evaluation form at the end of the day. It is always difficult and we are very conscious of not being too London centric for people located elsewhere around the UK.

This is my swan song as Chair of JIBs User Group, a position I have held for 4 years. The years I have covered have been difficult economically and a time of change in the sector. I would like to thank the committee for their support throughout and in particular to Elizabeth McHugh who has been Vice Chair for the last year, and will take up the reins from me today. All of the committee give their time and dedication to organise events like this, plus the ongoing work that JIBS undertakes.

User Groups and Liaison activity

Our enhancement groups such as Proquest, OvidSP, Ebsco, Scopus and BSOL, continue to take forward user feedback and have discussions around enhancements.

If anyone is interested in taking part in one of these groups, please see a committee member. It is a great way to feedback your users comments directly to the supplier. We use the JIBs Users and LIS Eresources jiscmail lists to ask for comments ahead of meetings.

Committee members continue to take a seat on the Edina Management boards, plus the Electronic Information Resources Working Group (EIRWG) at JISC Collections. In spite of the pressure on our time, it remains imperative that we maintain our independent role and presence on influential boards.

Full details of the groups and minutes from all of the groups and meetings are on our web site: www.jibs.ac.uk

We welcome suggestions for new groups. You do not have to be a committee member to take part in an enhancement group

Workshops

JIBS hold two events a year. Last year the programmes were:

[Licensed to death? Are your contracts killing collaboration? JIBS event and AGM](#)

The day was about licensing for electronic resources, which has become ever more complicated over the years. We invited a number of key stakeholders including librarians, publishers, and negotiation agents to engage in discussion, presentations, and case studies.

[Make do and mend: alternative routes to information](#)

This day was about approaches to information sources. We considered library catalogues, discovery services, open resources, and Wikipedia. We enjoyed some very interesting stories and some unusual approaches to finding content, alongside some we are more familiar with.

Both events were well attended, and we view this part of JIBS activity as vital. We will continue to offer workshop places as part of the annual subscription for JIBS, which in comparison to other events, remains a very competitive price.

We welcome suggestions for topics for future workshops.

Committee Meetings

The JIBS Committee has met three times since the last AGM: April at KCL, August at the Open University and November at University of the West of England. Jenny Carroll from Eduserv joined us for part of the day to look at new licensing options and ideas. We are hoping to take forward more work for FE as a result of this meeting.

Minutes from all meetings, including the groups, are on our website.

Changes to committee personnel

The committee named positions require some changes.

Fiona Bowtell has resigned as Chair and Elizabeth McHugh seeks election as Chair.

Elaine MulHolland seeks election as Vice Chair.

Catherine Parker seeks election as secretary.

Maggie Johnston resigns as Treasurer, and Adam Edwards seeks election.

June Hedges has returned to join us following her maternity leave. We welcome her back! Lynne Meehan and Andrina Howlett reluctantly resigned from the committee. We would like to thank them for their time and dedication. During the last year we recruited Klara Finnimore, Janet Waters and Michelle Walker. We have one vacancy. Please speak to a member of the committee if you are interested.

Website

Following our website move in 2013/14 to become part of the JANET network, we reviewed how and what content we hold. We agreed to retain committee papers for 5 years, and to archive other materials of historic interest to the life of the JIBs User Group. We have now added a clause to the Constitution to reflect this practice, as passed at last years AGM.

JIBS prize

We offer an annual prize to a library school dissertation in the area of library information systems, bibliographic databases or other electronic technologies and how such resources or technologies are being developed or exploited. I am very pleased to announce that John R Taylor from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, is the winner of the 2014 prize. It is entitled "A survey of bibliometric tools and techniques and their applications for technology forecasting. The prize committee said: "It was quite a technical subject, and not one that any of us knew much about, but we felt that it was very well written, with clear objectives and with an excellent literature review. It was an innovative and interesting way of using bibliometrics in an ultimately practical context, and we all felt that we knew a bit more about the subject when we had finished reading it."

He will give us a short presentation in a moment of his work, but please welcome him up to receive his prize of £300.

For future submissions:

Projects must meet a list of criteria and library schools are invited to nominate projects which fulfil the criteria. Previous winners are on our website:

<http://www.jibs.ac.uk/prize.html>

4. Treasurer's report

I am presenting the accounts for the year November 2013 to October 2014.

Income for the year 2013/14 was £12,599.35 and expenditure was £14,367.05

(although almost £2,000 of this was a payment in error to us, which was repaid). We had a loss of £1,767.70. Our closing balance was £14,900.05.

Running events continues to be our main expense, with the costs not always covered by the membership fee income and delegate fees. Committee expenses are also quite high because of the cost of travel to meetings, given that we have committee members from all parts of the country.

In 2013/14 the membership fee was £70. To address our short fall the committee has implemented the previously agreed membership subscription rise to £100 which appeared on the 2015 invoices. Institutions were also given the option of a 3 year membership for £275 which saves on administration for both us and them. We continue to offer membership to FE colleges at a special rate of £50 to encourage them to join. Non-member delegates at events now pay £150, up from £100.

Membership runs for the calendar year and at the end of 2014 membership consisted of 100 higher education institutions, 3 research councils and 2 further education colleges.

I would like to propose that Alan Bowtell be once again appointed as Honorary Auditor. ***(This was agreed.)***

Also will the meeting give current signatories permission to continue until the bank has confirmed the change to the new signatories? ***(This was agreed.)***

5. Membership of committee

JIBS Committee 2014 - 2015

Elizabeth McHugh (Chair) (EIRWG)
Elaine Mulholland (Vice-Chair) Edina Management Committee
Catherine Parker (Secretary)
Adam Edwards (Treasurer)
Yvonne Cotton (Webmaster)
Maggie Johnston (Research Councils representative)
Julie Hamley (Eduserv and Mimas liaison)
Janet Waters (FE representative)
Fiona Bowtell
Nicola Tricker (Eduserv liaison)
June Hedges
Michelle Walker

Advisors list (23 subscribers)

Fiona Bowtell
Mark Clowes (Chair OVID enhancement group)
Louise Cole (EIRWG)
Nadine Edwards
Martin Gill
(June Hedges)
Linda Humphreys (WOSEC)
Frances Hyde (Chair CIS enhancement group)
Maggie Johnston (WOSEC)
Bertha Low
Andria McGrath
Lynne Meehan (WOSEC)
Linda Purdy
Carole Rhodes (Chair Scopus enhancement group)
Catherine Robertson (Chair Proquest enhancement group)
Ann Siswell
Adrian Smith
Liz Stevenson
Liam Sullivan (Ebsco enhancement group)
Sarah Thompson (Chair Ebsco enhancement group)
Michael Whitton (Chair BSOL enhancement group)
Nick Woolley

Lis-Jibs-users = 328 members

The AGM was then declared closed.