

JIBS User Group AGM 2nd April 2014

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1. Welcome

Fiona Bowtell, Chair, welcomed people to the 2014 AGM.

2. Minutes of the 2013 AGM

These were approved as a correct record. It was noted that JIBS has not increased the Fee's to £100 as the Committee are awaiting further analysis by the honorary auditor on income and expenditure.

3. Chair's report: Review of 2013

Welcome to the 2014 AGM, and thank you for attending. I would like to thank the committee for their time and dedication to organise events like this, plus the ongoing work that JIBS undertakes. The last few years have been about the changing landscape, difficult economics, and changes to Higher Education fees and funding. The external landscape appears to be in recovery now and we look forward to seeing that reflected in the education sectors.

User Groups and Liaison activity

Our enhancement groups include Proquest, OvidSP, Ebsco, Scopus and BSOL, and we have representatives on the Web of Science enhancement committee. We meet regularly with Eduserv.

This form of liaison has been very useful, and gives an opportunity for independent discussion with our suppliers. 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. Recently there has been a lot of conversation around the upgrade to the Web of Science Interface.

Committee members continue to take a seat on the Edina and Mimas 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 we looked at discovery systems and what progress is being made, including case studies of several institutions experiences.

[New dawn: the changing resource discovery landscape](http://www.jibs.ac.uk/workshops/RDN/programme.htm)

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In November we ran an event on Ebooks, and aimed part of this day at FE colleagues, who have struggled to find suitable content at the right price.

[The joys and perils of Ebooks, we thought it would be easier!](http://www.jibs.ac.uk/workshops/ebooks/programme.htm)

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Both events were well attended, and we view this part of JIBS activity as vital in difficult times. We will continue to offer workshop places as part of the annual subscription for JIBS.

We welcome suggestions for topics for future workshops.

Committee Meetings

The JIBS Committee has met three times since the last AGM. We met at the University of Huddersfield in April, and at UCL in December, which included meeting with Carolyn Alderson and Liam Earney to discuss JISC Collections work. We raised the issues for FE institutions at this meeting and our Ebooks event in November was an out come from that meeting. Finally we met at University of Greenwich in January, which was a planning meeting for this event and AGM.

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

Website

The JIBs website had been held by UKOLN at Bath University. During 2013 they informed us that they were no longer able to offer hosting. We wanted to retain our .ac.uk domain and investigated the options available. We are now part of the JANET network, and the website was moved last summer. Thank you to Yvonne Cotton for managing this. 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 propose adding a clause to the Constitution to reflect this practice.

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. Although this year we did not receive any eligible entries, we remain committed to supporting new research from future professionals, and perhaps future JIBS committee members! Previous winning entries have included valuable studies on image retrieval and tagging; word clouds as metadata and cross disciplinary citations.”

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 took over the Treasurer's job in December when June Hedges went on maternity leave. It has been quite a steep learning curve since then. So I hope you will excuse me if I'm not able to answer any complicated questions you may have about the accounts which I am about to present for the year November 2012 to October 2013.

At the end of the financial year membership consisted of 90 higher education institutions and 2 from further education. At the end of last year we introduced a special £50 rate to encourage new further education members and I'm pleased to say we recruited an additional 6 and that further education is also represented on the committee.

Income for the year 2012/13 was £9,545.91 and expenditure was £8,497.38 thus leaving us in the fortunate position of having a surplus of £1,048.53; the first time we have not had a deficit for at least 5 years. The balance at the end of the year was £16,488.65.

Running events continues to be our main expense, with the costs not always covered by the membership fee income. 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. Although we have used video conferencing a little it is not always easy to organise within our institutions where others take priority.

It is our intention that in the coming year the committee will invest time in working out a financial strategy to ensure that the important work of the JIBS User Group can continue in the future.

5. Membership of Committee

Election of committee members with officer roles were approved (Fiona Bowtell - Chair for a final year, Elizabeth McHugh - Vice Chair, Lynne Meehan - secretary and Maggie Johnston – Treasurer).

The Chair reported that Louise Cole, James Caudwell, Andria McGrath, and Nadine Edwards has had to resign from the committee and a committee place is being held for June Hedges during her maternity leave. We would like to thank them for their time and dedication. During the last year Adam Edwards, Elaine MulHolland and Andrina Howlett joined the committee.

There are two vacancies on the committee and welcome nominees from either E Resources support or subject librarians. They would need to have support from their manager, and also be able to offer some time outside of working hours. Organising events, being able to submit ideas and attending meetings three times a year are required. Please talk to one of the committee if you are interested in joining.

The AGM was declared closed.