



## 1. Introductions

- a. Committee: Blessing Mawire [South Africa], Caroline De Brun [UK], Cindy Pierard [USA], Emma Farrow [Finland], Maggie Tarpley [USA], Margaret Sullivan (Convener) [USA], Ola El Zein [Lebanon]
- b. Guests: Patrick Danowski, Chair, IFLA Science and Technology Libraries
- c. Apologies: Peter Murgatroyd [New Zealand]

## 2. Approval of Past Meeting Notes

- a. Approved

## 3. Updates

- a. *Unofficial info recorder, secretary?*
  - i. Emma – website updates
  - ii. Caroline – social media
  - iii. Cindy – meeting notes today (we will rotate)
- b. *Committee resignation:* Hannah Rutledge resigned. She moved to a new position and will no longer have focus complementary with the SIG. New member recruitment? Gender/geographic diversity? Emma can review list of people who've expressed interest in the SIG and ask about interest. Cindy suggested asking Advisory Group members.
- c. *New working model with HBS:* Margaret met with Beth Ketterman, incoming Health & Biosciences (HBS) chair. HBS is parent organization for E4GDH; individuals cannot be members of both groups, but there is a desire to build closer relationships. One idea could be to have both groups meet quarterly. Another could be a joint project such as a webinar (health as a human right may be one idea). At WLIC, Margaret also talked with ENSULIB about potential webinar partnerships. What do others think? E4GDH is theoretically a short-term group—may want to build upon our partnerships with and beyond HBS to maintain autonomy and expand our reach. Also important to maintain focus on a few key areas where we can add value and achieve our aims. We resolved to meet with HBS in October, see how things develop, and then determine future joint meeting schedules accordingly. If we pursue webinars, it is beneficial to hold them regularly to maintain familiarity with platforms and procedures.
- d. *Satellite meeting for next year:* We agreed to opt out of pursuing a satellite meeting at the next WLIC. Webinars can be an effective, even better alternative.
- e. *Wikipedia project with HBS:* Is anyone from E4GDH involved with this project? No one present.
- f. *WLIC 2024:* Who will attend? Margaret, Maggie, and Emma plan to attend, as will Beth Ketterman from HBS. Others are not yet sure.

#### 4. Action Plan – Developing our Ideas

- a. Detailed plans must be completed for each area the SIG will pursue. These are due October 31. Can we identify and develop 3 areas?
  - i. Evidence briefing on role of libraries during times of crisis, which is 75% complete, thanks to Caroline's efforts.
  - ii. *World Evidence-based Healthcare Day*: We are working closely in partnership with the HIFA team leading this event, which centers on Global Health Equity. Our related work includes: opportunities to prepare consultation paper for the WHO, article on findings for a journal, survey for universal access to healthcare information. Margaret will write a blog post for WEBHC Day detailing these efforts.
  - iii. *Sense about Science*: This organization aims to help citizens understand and evaluate evidence, especially involving socially and scientifically difficult issues. Caroline and Emma attended their meeting. They want to build people's capacity to help citizens feel more confident in reviewing scientific evidence— could involve health literacy, science literacy. Since Patrick chairs the Science and Technology Libraries section, Emma invited him to join us in exploring this idea. Patrick is still considering, would like to better understand their expectations. Could IFLA's role be to train local librarians to support and empower citizens through programming? Would we want to tackle equity issues that relate to this? Margaret and others also like this as a partnership opportunity.
  - iv. *Other projects? Webinars*. Blessing was approached by IFLA's Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning group (CPDWL) to explore the possibility of collaborating on some webinars? This could be a good opportunity to raise awareness of our SIG and our work. We also have interest from ENSULIB to work together on a webinar. Overall, we like the idea of partnering with other entities to develop and provide webinars.
  - v. *Resource Guide from WLIC Session on Libraries Leading in Times of Crisis* - Emma will head up this effort, but it is not new, just finishing up a past project.
  - vi. *Action Plan Summary*:
    - 1) Evidence Briefing – Caroline will work on this template;
    - 2) Collaboration with HIFA – Margaret will work on this template;
    - 3) Partnership projects such as webinars with 2-3 other groups – Blessing will work on this template.

#### 5. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting could be the joint meeting with HBS. We will adjust our meeting time so the next one can work better for Peter. May be very early for US members but we can be flexible to support everyone in the SIG.
- b. We will want to finalize our partnership projects at the next meeting.