

HL7 Australia General Meeting 25 March 2004

MINUTES

Meeting opened 1700

Present:

Peter Johnson, Vivaserve P/L
Gavan Lim-Joon, eClinic P/L
Robin McCathy Rolls Filing Systems P/L
Graham Grieve, Kestral P/L
Evelyn Hovenga, CQU
Dick Harding, Qld Health
Chris Linton-Moll, CCeH
David Rowed, VAMC
Russell Mc Donell, Hume Alliance
Vincent McCauley, McCauley Software P/L
Peter MacIsaac, DHOA
Isobel Frean, UoW
Michael Legg, ML&A
Sam Heard, OI
Thomas Beal, OI
Klaus Veil, HL7S&S

Apologies:

Elizabeth Moss

Report from Chair

KV- presented:

- HL7 Core activities
- Referred to Business Plan
- Australia Activities – almost 12 Australians now in official roles in HL7
- 515 – 110 participants from overseas attending San Diego
- Education activities, acknowledged role of Evelyn Hovenga
- Distribution of HL7 materials, acknowledged role of CCeH and Chris Linton-Moll
- Membership 70 members (150 names), 6 Benefactor members – new member Mayne Health
- Support for expert travel
- Other Activities- SAIIT14, MoU with HIMMA (WIP), HISA

Treasurers Report

- Net worth as at 25 March 04 \$68,492
- May need to look at secretariat support to manage finances, acquittal of grants etc

- KV noted that current travel grant expires next year, if not renewed HL7 may need to draw upon reserves
- Question re liability insurance. Ins. taken out for events. Issue of D&O Ins. is on board's agenda.
- IF to send details of recent D&O purchase, Robin McCarthy Rolls to check HIMMA arrangements. Meeting noted board members receive no coverage for expenses.

Decision Support Report – VM reported

- Aug 2003 working group set up, KH and VM appointed Co-Chairs
- Ran CDS working group meeting in Dec 03. Report produced and on website.
- Major outcomes was list of action items and areas of work:
 - Medicines Terminology – working group established
 - Disease Terminology
 - Common interface to vendors of therapeutic guidelines – working group being established to develop common interface
 - Common API to link clinical record and patient demographics – working group yet to be formed
- Medicines Terminology working group has since been established with vendors (of drug knowledge resources) under auspice of HL7. First meeting was held in Sydney in Feb 04, with stakeholder representation from academia, industry and government. Secured general agreement by vendors to contribute to a central medication store (to support decision support). Aim is to get agreement on a standard representation for a medications data model. This is the first time vendors have been asked to cooperate at this level.
- Further teleconference 2 week ago, further face to face in April aimed at gaining agreement on database structure and model to be used and the governance arrangements to manage.
- Aim is to form two other groups to develop common interface for therapeutic guidelines and clinical records interface.

Education – EH reported

- Tremendous set of resources available on website
- Sales slow of resources
- Curriculum in draft form
- Resource materials for distance education are few and far between. Only resources available on HL7.org are Power Point, which not suitable for distance learning needs. Requested members to provide anecdotes to learning needs, live problems, and resources.

General Discussion

- Joint meetings:

- General agreement in support of joint meetings
- Future topics:
 - V3 implementers and analysis focus
 - Connectathon – main benefit would be in association with HIC
- Travel grants process:
 - GG concerned there is lack of transparency in process, concerned re impact on future role of HL7 in managing this task
 - Current process yet to commence
 - Question re where the report is from San Diego – KV advised all reports are on the website
 - Request for early report (joint report) so those not attending know soon after major impact.
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Recommendation

KV entertained motion to move all four reports; moved: Peter Johnson, 2nd Isobel Frea

Meeting closed 18:28.