

**HSG Annual General Meeting
November 2, 2022
Bogota, Colombia and virtual**

Meeting Minutes

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<p>Board Members attending in Person: Adnan Hyder Ana Amaya Andres Vecino-Ortiz Barbara McPake Daniel Maceira Devaki Nambiar Edwine Barasa Felix Abrahams Obi Francisco Oviedo Gómez Goran Zangana Lucy Gilson Racha Fadlallah Steph Topp Tolib Mirzoev Vladimir Gordeev</p>	<p>Board Members attending Virtually: Katherine Ann Reyes Pragati Hebbar Rima Afifi Shazra Abbas Taufique Joarder</p>	<p>Secretariat Staff: Jeannine Richard Johanna Manga Nanuka Jalaghoia Nazik Avagyan Sarah Brown Eva Slawecki – ex officio</p>

Minutes

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Chair of the HSG Board, Barbara McPake, welcomed all in-person and virtual attendees and called the meeting to order.

2. 10th Anniversary of HSG

Barbara McPake spoke briefly about the history of HSG and invited all guests to participate in a celebratory toast to mark the 10th anniversary.

3. 2021-2022 in review and Strategic Plan

Executive Director, Eva Slawecki, reviewed the activities that took place over the past biennial (2021/22) and invited members to view the [2021 Annual Report](#);

- Transitions in Secretariat, Board, and TWG leadership
- HSR2020 Journal Supplement
- Regional pre-conferences held in advance of HSR2022
- Development of a Capacity Strengthening framework
- Launch of Women’s Mentorship Program

She highlighted some activities taking place in 2022:

- Completion of Strategic Plan 2022-2026
- Selection of HSR2024 Host City
- HSR 2022, in Bogota, Colombia, and virtual.

Please refer to the [2021 Annual Report](#) on the HSG website.

In 2021 HSG embarked on a comprehensive strategic planning process, the aim of which was to develop a 5-year strategic framework that positions our organization at the forefront of health systems policy and research within the changing landscape of global health.

Through an extensive consultation process, it was agreed that the original vision, mission, and values of HSG should remain, but that the Strategic Objectives would be refined to better reflect HSG priorities within the current global context. The Strategic Objectives for 2022 – 2026 are:

1. Promote the field of HPSR, strengthening intersectoral and interdisciplinary approaches and collaborations.
2. Reinforce and sustain HSG's role in facilitating the production and dissemination of HPSR, bridging the gap between researchers and practitioners, ensuring diversity, equity, and inclusion in HSG's membership.
3. Advocate for health systems strengthening at the regional and global levels.
4. Promote and contribute to HPSR capacity strengthening across and beyond HSG's membership base
5. Ensure strong governance mechanisms, a robust Secretariat, Functional TWGs and RNs, and diverse and sustainable funding for HSG.

The full strategic plan document is available on the HSG website [here](#).

4. Presentation of 2021 Audited Financial Statements

Tolib Mirzoev, Board Treasurer, updated the membership about the findings of the annual audit, conducted by RSM in accordance with the Swiss Standard on Limited Statutory Examination. The auditors concluded that the financial statements and the proposed appropriation of available earnings comply with Swiss law and the articles of the association.

Tolib Mirzoev then proceeded to provide an overview of HSG's financial position, beginning with the HSG Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021. The 2021 annual financial statements are found on the [HSG Website](#).

Total noted that HSG revenues followed a declining trend in the course of 2015 through to 2020 for both non-symposium and symposium years. Although revenues were comparable between 2015 and 2018, they went down by around 48% in the next biennium (2019 – 2020). For 2022, we expect a similar revenue level as it was in 2020.

5. Presentation of HSG Board of Directors

Barbara McPake welcomed the incoming board members and recognized the current [Board](#) as a whole:

- Taufique Joarder, Pragati Hebar, Goran Zangana, Edwine Barasa, Shazra Abbas, Ana Amaya, Racha Fadlallah, Stephanie Topp, Rima Afifi, Francisco Gomez, Fellix Obi, Devaki Nambiar, Daniel Maceira, Tolib Mirzoev, Adnan Hyder

Barbara McPake introduced Adnan Hyder as newly appointed Chair of HSG and handed the meeting over to Adnan to continue.

Adnan Hyder thanked the outgoing Board members for their tremendous work, with special recognition to Barbara McPake (outgoing Chair) for her leadership of the Society over the past two years. Outgoing members of the Board are:

- Vladimir Gordeev, Andres Vecino, Barbara McPake, Lucy Gilson, Kathy Anne Reyes

6. Resolutions from Members

Adnan Hyder explained that because this was the first time that HSG had received resolutions from members, the Board has held over voting on them until a more in-depth review can be completed.

The process for moving forward is as follows:

- Proponents will present their resolutions to the AGM (3 minutes each);
- The members attending the AGM will have the opportunity to discuss;
- The resolutions and key discussion points will be taken to the HSG board to determine if the resolution fits within the mandate of HSG and should be taken to membership for a vote;
- Sent to the Governance Committee to review for conflicts and HSG policies;
- the secretariat will engage with the movers/seconders to better understand implications of implementing resolutions on HSG resources and processes, and any amendments which may be required
- Membership will then be asked to vote on whether or not to accept as is (or amended resolutions as resubmitted by the movers), reject, or revise.

The following resolutions were received by HSG and presented to the members:

1. Commitment to community-based solutions and resourcing of community-level platforms by Ministries of Health and other relevant stakeholders to further progress towards Universal Health Coverage
2. Commitment to the delivery of high-quality services and commodities as determined by context-specific and evidence-based benchmarks in quality of care to further progress towards Universal Health Coverage

Resolution [link](#)

Supporting document [link](#)

Supporting document 2 - [link](#)

Mover: Dr Radhika Khanna Hexter (HSG member)

Secunder: Elizabeth Berryman (HSG member)

*These members were not available to present their motion for discussion at the AGM.

3. A call to Health Systems Global to recognize visa privilege and address visa discrimination towards the Global-South

Resolution [link](#)

Mover: Agnes Gatome (HSG Member)
Seconder: Jacob Kazungu (HSG Member)

4. Bringing robust Health Systems Research to the core of equitable health care delivery

Whereas it is the vision of Health Systems Global (HSG) to “support health systems to attain better health, equity, and wellbeing by strengthening health policy and systems research, policy, and practice communities.

Resolution [link](#)

Mover: Xavier Bosch-Capblanch (HSG Member)
Seconder: Christian Auer (HSG Member)

5. Comprehensive Health Systems Research to address the crisis of the TB pandemic

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Resolution [link](#)

Mover: Christian Auer (HSG Member)
Seconder: Xavier Bosch-Capblanch (HSG Member)

7. Discussion with Members

Adnan invited members to discuss what they would like to see HSG take on or how they would like HSG to approach relevant topics.

Member comments included:

- We would like to see HSG promote rigorous approaches and further the methodology used when studying health systems.
- We note that HSG is a strong proponent of equity diversity and inclusion (EDI) but would like to see it further reflected in efforts to make things more inclusive – including at the HSR.

- We would like to see more partnerships in universities through the working groups of the Board – this will further engage health systems professionals to link up with HSG.
- We would like to further work that is being done between CSO's (Civil Society Organizations) and HSG.
- We would like to see an additional focus on indigenous populations.
- We would like to identify and the impact that entrepreneurship has had on Health Systems.

8. Adjournment

Adnan thanked all members, the Alliance, the Secretariat and attendees to the general assembly and adjourned the AGM at 6:45.