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## **Spring Meeting Minutes** **April 24, 2015**

### **Opening:**

The Spring 2015 business meeting of BQSIMB was held at North Shore-LIJ Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, NY. Before calling the meeting to order, attendees were invited to breakfast. Joshua Strugatz, Associate Executive Director, Lenox Hill Hospital, welcomed the BQSI/MB members to the institution.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM by William (Bill) Self, President, who opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

The Members List and Attendance Sheet are attached. A copy of the attendance sheet is available here:

[http://bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/BQSIMB\\_Spring%202015\\_meeting\\_attendance.pdf](http://bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/BQSIMB_Spring%202015_meeting_attendance.pdf)

### **Business Meeting:**

#### **A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

Agenda:

[http://bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/BQSIMB\\_Meeting\\_Agenda\\_Spring2015.pdf](http://bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/BQSIMB_Meeting_Agenda_Spring2015.pdf)

#### **B. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Fall 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. No corrections were made.

Many committee reports had been posted online prior to the meeting for members to review in advance. Committee chairs referenced these online documents as they gave their reports.

### **C. Open Issues/Reports**

#### **1. President's Report**

Mr. Self noted that this year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of BQSIMB. He explained the organization's mission, which includes cost control through resource sharing and consortial database purchasing. Mr. Self read aloud a letter from Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker of the New York City Council, to BQSIMB. Ms. Mark-Viverito thanked members for their work that has "helped contribute to the health and success of all New Yorkers."

Mr. Self recognized the current members of BQSIMB who were also part of the organization at its inception: Kalpana Desai (not present), Lydia Friedman, and Laraine Tursi. He presented plaques of recognition to these founding members.

#### **2. Treasurer's Report, posted online at:**

[http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Treasurer\\_Report\\_Spring2015.pdf](http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Treasurer_Report_Spring2015.pdf)

Barbara Gugliuzza, Treasurer, discussed her financial report. Currently there is \$5,623.65 in the account.

#### **3. Archives Committee Report, posted online at:**

[http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Archive\\_Committee\\_Report\\_Spring2015.pdf](http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Archive_Committee_Report_Spring2015.pdf)

Laraine Tursi, Archives Committee Chair, noted that there have been no new acquisitions for the archives. The Committee's current activities involve digitizing existing print materials, which will be added to the BQSIMB web site. Please send any new materials to Ms. Tursi.

#### **4. Bylaws Committee Report**

Julia Stuart, Bylaws Committee Chair, indicated that there have been no changes or proposals since October 2014. Ms. Stuart summarized the newly approved bylaws changes, which include:

- 1) Change the acronym for the organization to BQSIMB (from BQSI/MB).
- 2) Require that only members who have renewed their membership and paid their dues are eligible to attend meetings and receive benefits of membership, including holding office.
- 3) Create provisions for a special election if the position of President and/or Vice President/President-Elect becomes vacant.

5. Cooperative Purchasing Committee Report, available online at:  
[http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Coop\\_Purchasing\\_Committee\\_Report\\_Spring2014.pdf](http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Coop_Purchasing_Committee_Report_Spring2014.pdf)

Mr. Self, Cooperative Purchasing Committee Chair, stated that BQSIMB is continuing its partnership with the Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey (HSLANJ) and its Group Licensing Initiative (GLI) for consortial purchasing of electronic resources. Mr. Self reminded members that GLI's Spring 2015 offer has been extended and is currently available.

6. Membership Committee Report, available online at:  
[http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Membership\\_Committee\\_Report\\_Spring2015.pdf](http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Membership_Committee_Report_Spring2015.pdf)

Natalia Ryvkin, Membership Committee Chair, was not present. Members were referred to the report posted online.

7. METRO Update

Joan Napolitano, METRO Hospital Library Services Program (HLSP) Manager, was not present. Mr. Self presented on behalf of Ms. Napolitano. He stated that METRO's Medical Information Service Program (MISP) grant money will be deposited soon into member libraries' Electronic Funds Transfer System (EFTS) accounts. A new METRO Executive Director is also expected to be named soon.

METRO will continue its subscription to Rittenhouse R2 electronic books for all HLSP member libraries. Two new titles have been added this year: the *Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy*, 45<sup>th</sup> edition, and *Rosen and Barkin's 5-Minute Emergency Medicine Consult*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition.

8. Political Action Committee Report, posted online at:  
[http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Political\\_Action\\_Committee\\_Report\\_Spring2015.pdf](http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Political_Action_Committee_Report_Spring2015.pdf)

Rimma Perelman, Political Action Committee Chair, discussed new developments in medical education as well as government funding for Medicare and for libraries.

9. Publicity/ Web Site Committee Report, posted online at:  
[http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Publicity-Website\\_Committee\\_Report\\_Spring2015.pdf](http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Publicity-Website_Committee_Report_Spring2015.pdf)

Yelena Friedman, Publicity/ Web Site Committee Chair, announced updates to the BQSIMB web site, including a banner to celebrate the organization's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a new web page called the President's Corner, a dedicated section for the BQSIMB President to post news and views.

10. Shared Resources Committee Report, posted online at:  
[http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Shared\\_Resources\\_Committee\\_Report\\_Spring2015.pdf](http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Shared_Resources_Committee_Report_Spring2015.pdf)

Lydia Friedman, Shared Resources Committee Chair, summarized members' current participation in DOCLINE, including the Basic Health Sciences Libraries (BHSL) and FreeShare groups.

Ms. Friedman noted that the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) presented a webinar in March titled, "DOCLINE: Routing Tables." This presentation included important information about serial holdings and a new embargo feature for electronic journal articles. The webinar was recorded and is now available here:

<https://webmeeting.nih.gov/p818xqs2l6e>

11. Nominating Committee Report, posted online at:  
[http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Nominating\\_Committee\\_Report\\_Spring2015.pdf](http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2015Spring/Nominating_Committee_Report_Spring2015.pdf)

Irina Meyman, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the results of the Spring

elections. The new officers are: Deborah Goss, Vice President-President Elect;

Gregg Headrick, Board Member; and Robin Dornbaum, Secretary.

#### **D. Other Business**

There was no new business. Mr. Self provided members with individual copies of a new booklet titled *Clinical Resources from the National Library of Medicine and Your Hospital Library*. This compact spiral bound booklet contains information about PubMed, MedlinePlus, and other NLM electronic resources. There is room in the booklet for libraries to include their own business cards or other custom information. Mr. Self noted that this booklet was created with funding from NN/LM. He will distribute 45 copies of the booklet to each member via METRO Mail.

Mr. Self thanked the membership for working with him during his term as President. He recognized past Presidents who continue to be active members, and he presented them with personalized iPad tablet cases. Past Presidents who were present at this meeting included Irina Meyman, Laraine Tursi, Yelena Friedman, Robin Dornbaum, and George Wahlert. Both Yelena Friedman and Lydia Friedman thanked Mr. Self for his service, communication, and creativity as President.

Mr. Self concluded his remarks by formally transferring the Presidency to Sheryl Ramer Gesoff.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM by Ms. Ramer Gesoff. The next general meeting will take place in Fall 2015 with a date and location to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Arpita Bose, April 30, 2015

Approved by: Sheryl Ramer Gesoff and William Self, April 30, 2015