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BQSIMB Fall 2017 Minutes **November 13, 2017**

Opening: The Fall 2017 Meeting of BQSIMB was held at New York College of Podiatric Medicine. Thanks to Vice-President, Paul Tremblay, for hosting the meeting.

President Deborah Goss called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. Deborah spoke about challenging times for Health Sciences Libraries, as many of us have seen staffing and budgets shrink. She cited an article entitled “Less is Not More,” by Meredith Farkas. The author warns about burnout in our profession stemming from “vocational awe,” a term coined by Fobazi Ettarh. Vocational awe describes service professions like librarians and nurses who are often called upon to do more with less, which then becomes seen as a badge of honor. The author’s position is that we should reject this “resilience narrative” as it devalues our profession. When we are called upon to “do extra,” or volunteer to do things so that we remain visible, let’s also remember to advocate for ourselves and our libraries as a vital part of our institutions.

Business Meeting:

A. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as distributed

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Spring 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. No corrections were made.

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

C. Reports

1. Treasurer’s Report

Arpita Bose, Treasurer, was not present at the meeting. Deborah Goss read the Treasurer's report. The current balance was 5035.52. The Treasurer's report was approved.

2. Archives Committee Report

There were no additions to the BQSIMB Archives collection.

3. Bylaws Committee Report

There were no changes to the Bylaws.

4. Cooperative Purchasing Committee Report

Our members continue to participate in the HSLANJ Group licensing Initiative, which has significantly expanded offerings.

5. Membership Committee Report

Natalia Ryvkin, Membership Committee Chair, announced that there are 38 individual BQSIMB members and two affiliated members. For the period between June and November 2017 eight members left the group. BQSIMB consortium represents 32 institutions. Most of the consortia members are involved in the BQSIMB Committees. There are 8 Current Board members and 13 Committee members.

6. Political Action Committee

Rimma Perelman, Political Action Committee Chair, gave updates on the Lifesaving Librarians Act, The Association of American Medical Colleges, the ACGME, and an article from JAMA on the Integrity of the National Resident Matching Program. Her full report is online.

7. Publicity/Web Site Committee

For the period between June & November 2017 the BQSI/MB website was regularly updated and the members were informed on new postings and changes. The individual and institutional directories were updated based on membership renewals. A member mailing list was updated as needed. As usual, please send any news or updates to Yelena for posting.

8. Shared Resources Committee

There are two significant changes effective January 1, 2018 from NLM Interlibrary Loan Service.
1. Libraries can send ILL requests to NLM via OCLC 2. NLM has raised its ILL fee from \$9 to \$12.

Docline: E-holdings now constitute 43% of holdings represented in DOCLINE, an increase of over a half-million holdings records since 2008. Print holdings continue to drop, the result of library downsizing, switching to digital or outright closures. E-holdings are expected to increase significantly once the upcoming redesign has been completed. The full report is on line.

D. Metro Update

Deborah updated the group on a potential partnership with METRO, whereby BQSIMB would curate training programs for Health Sciences Librarians in return for monetary compensation. Paul Tremblay, Sheryl Ramer and Deborah Goss had met with Keri Willette, Deputy Director of METRO prior to the BQSIMB Fall meeting to discuss the partnership. METRO prepared an MOU, which was shared in advance of Fall meeting, and reviewed at the meeting.

BQSIMB members were asked for feedback on the potential partnership. A lively discussion ensued, with a lot of positive feedback. It was decided to hold an online vote on whether to proceed with the MOU. An online vote was held in November, and members voted in favor of the partnership.

The Business Meeting ended at 1 p.m.

E. Afternoon Program:

Vendor Spotlight:

Primal Pictures
Lesley Sipple

Visual DX
Audra Huber