



Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island,  
Manhattan and the Bronx  
HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIANS  
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## Meeting Minutes

**Date: October 26, 2009**

### Opening:

The Fall Meeting of the BQSI/MB was called to order at 9:30 AM on Monday, October 26, 2009 in Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center by Chairperson, Laraine Tursi.

Ms. Tursi opened the meeting by welcoming all who were in attendance and thanking Ms. Maria Perez, Director of Woodhull Medical Library for hosting the meeting. She thanked Michael MacNeill from Ovid for providing breakfast; Teri Bunyatova and Gary Christopher from StatRef for providing our lunch.

**Present: Members List and Attendance Sheet attached**

### B. Approval of Minutes – Thomas Walker, Secretary

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and the following recommendations were made:

1. To use a standard format in writing the minutes
2. To include summaries of discussion(s) that took place
3. To name and include a synopsis of reports that were presented and that they can be viewed on our web site
4. The minutes were accepted with the above recommendations

### C. Business Reports

1. President's Report/Overview – Laraine Tursi, President thanked the Committee Chairpersons for their due diligence and hard work. She would like to get feedback from the membership regarding CE programs and informed the membership that the Board is currently working on getting a grant to sponsor the MLA 4 credit program: "Getting magnetized: search and service strategies for nursing excellence." We are also looking for membership input in regards to Cooperative Purchasing; Bylaws; and using our beautiful web site to its fullest. She recognized the great value of our BQSIMB consortia as we end another decade and begin a new. [Report attached.](#)  
There was one housekeeping issue regarding dues collection, it is requested that all membership pay dues by June, preferably at the spring meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report – Natalia Ryvkin, Treasurer: October 2009-balance available is \$8,993.56. [Report attached.](#)
3. Metro Update-Joan Napolitano:
  - 2009 Hospital Library Services Program Annual Meeting, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - Collection development grant – pending NYS budget
  - Tech Grant \$4,000 down to \$3,000 –before end of year
  - MISIP in the Spring
  - Metro delivery task force – for comments/suggestions on Metro delivery
  - Funding is all dependent on State Budget- currently Metro is asking all membership to contact their state representatives to stop library budget cuts.
4. RML Update- Kathleen Oliver, Associate Director, MAR/ NNLM: presented a power point presentation, Highlighting the following: Upcoming and 2009 Training; Awards programs; and Coming Soon the Value of Library and information services in patient care study.

#### **D. Committee Reports:**

- Recruitment and Membership – Liza Zigelbaum, Chairperson; excused from meeting, no report
- Bylaws- Dorothy Schwartz, Chairperson; no changes to report
- Publicity/Website – Yelena Friedman; reported on updates to our web site, including a new banner across the homepage, New Section on Advocacy & Policy, News from the Political Action Committee, new materials added to the Professional Resources page, new photos. [Report attached.](#)
- Political Action Committee - Rimma Perlman, Chairperson – provides continuing resources for our new section on the website “News from the PAC”, highlights of these updates are in the attached report.
- Shared Resources- Lydia Friedman, Chairperson; noted the change of status of Long Island Jewish from free share to fee based. The change was noted and thanks given to LIJ for the many years of free document delivery to BSQIMB membership.
- Cooperative Purchasing - Debra Bonelli, Chairperson; her committee is exploring the possibility of merging our group purchasing efforts with the New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA). NJHA’s purchasing group is well established and boasts a fairly large number of participants. This past year, hospital libraries from Delaware and northeast Pennsylvania were admitted to the group, putting NJHA in an even more powerful position when negotiating with vendors.

#### **E. Vendor’s showcase:**

- Stat!Ref new products  
**Speakers:** Terri Bunyatov, *Field Marketing Manager, Mid-Atlantic Region* & Gary Christopher, *Mid-Atlantic Territory Manager, Stat!Ref*
- OVID new nursing resources  
**Speaker:** Michael MacNeill, *Sr. Field Dales Manager, New York (Downstate) Wolters Kluwer Health Medical Research*

#### **F. Continuing Education Program:**

- Pubmed Updates, Instructor: Arpita Bose, Outreach and Communications Coordinator, NN/LM, Middle Atlantic Region

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM, with thanks to Arpita Bose for our CE Class, by Laraine Tursi. The next general meeting will be in the spring details to follow.

Minutes submitted by: Thomas P. Walker, Secretary

Approved by: