

BQSI/MB Board Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2006

Brooklyn Hospital Center in Brooklyn, NY

The Board meeting took place during BQSI/MB Spring 2006 Spring Meeting (before the business meeting).

Board members presented: Luda Dolinsky (President), Yelena Friedman (Vice-President / President-Elect), Mary Buchheit (Immediate Past President), Thomas Walker (Secretary), Natalia Ryvkin (Treasurer), Lyudmila Bunyatova, Rimma Perelman, Kalpana Desai.

Luda Dolinsky, BQSI/MB President, called the Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Dolinsky informed the Board that some time ago she got a phone call, followed by email, from Claudia Lascar, the Assistant Professor/Reference Librarian at the City College of New York. Ms. Lascar was the last Treasurer of the Manhattan-Bronx Health Science Library consortia, which ceased to function as an organization about 1998. Ms. Lascar still holds the group's funds, which totaled \$3,817.91, and for the long time she was looking for the group that would be entitled to accept this money. Since the BQSI/MB encompasses many health science librarians from Manhattan and the Bronx, Ms. Lascar contacted the group president with an offer to accept the funds. She also inquired if it would be possible for BQSI/MB to absorb the former Manhattan-Bronx Health Science Library consortia.

Ms. Dolinsky reported that the BQSI/MB Membership Committee has sent letters to most health science libraries in Manhattan and the Bronx inviting them to join BQSI/MB. As a result, several people decided to join the consortia, including Shelly Yates from the United Hospital Fund of New York and Kaura Gail from Beth Israel Hospital Medical Center. Also, a few hospital librarians from the organizations belonged to the former Manhattan-Bronx Health Science Library (Cabrini Medical Center, Calvary Hospital, Manhattan Psychiatric Center, and New York College of Podiatric Medicine) become members of BQSI/MB earlier. Ms. Dolinsky expressed her opinion that based on this fact, the BQSI/MB had moral and practical reasons to accept the funds.

Yelena Friedman commented that the incorporation of the group as an entity could be a difficult procedure; besides, it probably would not be fair toward the former group members who might not want to continue their memberships. If the Manhattan-Bronx Health Science Libraries still was a working group, then the members could make a decision to join BQSI/MB. But since the group doesn't exist anymore, librarians have to be invited to become members on individual basis. Ms. Friedman also reminded that though the bylaws had no statement regarding geographical limitations for the membership, the group name was officially changed in 2005 from BQSI to BQSI/MB to reflect the fact that the libraries not only from Brooklyn, Queens & Staten Island, but also from Manhattan & Bronx were represented.

After the discussion, the Board expressed the intent to absorb the Manhattan and the Bronx Health Libraries Group - currently inactive - with BQSI/MB, thereby increasing the strength and resources of our organization. This action fulfills our purpose to "to bring together persons of this constituted geographic area engaged in providing professional health sciences library" services."

The motion was done by Ms. Friedman to accept the funds from the Manhattan-Bronx Health Science Library consortia based on the statement above. Rimma Perelman seconded. Motion was adopted by all members.

Luda Dolinsky was asked to discuss the procedure with Claudia Lascar and report to the Boards on progress.

Luda adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:50 am.