

## MINUTES FOR BQSI/MB SPRING 2006 MEETING

The BQSI/MB Spring 2006 Spring Meeting was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 at the Brooklyn Hospital Center in Brooklyn, NY. Twenty-five members were in attendance. Luda Dolinsky opened the meeting by thanking Narciso Rodriguez for hosting the meeting at Brooklyn Hospital Center and also wished to thank the Exam Master Company for providing lunch for the meeting. Recent meetings held by BQSI/MB included one by Ovid at which a few members were in attendance and a few members attended the annual MLA meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Luda Dolinsky reported that she received an e-mail from Claudia Lascar, the Assistant Professor/Reference Librarian at the City College of New York. Claudia was the last Treasurer of the Manhattan-Bronx Health Science Library consortia, which ceased to function as an organization in September of 1993. It was Claudia's intention to offer monies held by the Manhattan-Bronx, which totaled \$3,817.91, to the BQSI/MB. She also asked to accept the Health Sciences Libraries into BQSI/MB if there is an interest. As a result the BQSI/MB library consortia sent letters to most health science libraries in Manhattan and the Bronx informing them of this decision. 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.

The minutes from the Fall 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved, with the exception of minor typographical errors.

At this time Narciso Rodriguez wished to welcome the group to the Brooklyn Hospital Medical Center. Narciso mentioned that this was the third time he was holding the meeting and that he hoped that everyone would enjoy themselves.

### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

Mary Buchheit introduced Carol Cave-Davis, Dorothy Schwartz, and herself. Since the previous meeting two positions had become available including the secretary's post, which Thomas Walker took over in 2005 after the previous secretary resigned. Thomas was elected into the secretarial position until Spring of 2007, at which time he may be allowed to run again as this is his first official term. The second position was an executive board member's post, to which Rimma Perelman of Saint Vincent's Medical Center in Manhattan was elected. Mary also mentioned that her term in the nominating committee would expire in 2007. It was asked of the group that those interested should please approach her at the conclusion of the Spring 2006 meeting. Mary also added that those who were interested in participating in the nominating committee could not hold another office.

### **POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

Please see attached report provided by Rimma Perelman.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Natalia Ryvkin gave the treasurer's report for June 2006. The previous balance was \$4,191.35 with deposits of \$270.00, with an interest payment of \$13.93. The new balance came to \$4,475. Additional funds from the Manhattan-Bronx Health Science Library consortia will be included in the Fall 2006 report.

## **ARCHIVES COMMITTEE**

Narciso Rodriguez asked all members to please send all literature and general information for the BQSI/MB library committee to him.

## **PUBLICITIY/WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

Luda Dolinsky gave the Publicity/Website committee report. The consortia website is available at [www.bqsimb.org](http://www.bqsimb.org). At the website members can send email announcements to the group by clicking the BQSI/MB mail list link at the bottom of the page. Upon clicking this link a password prompt will appear where members can type in the password "BQSI\_newyork." At this stage a third window will appear where members can type their message and will be asked to also type in the number provided at the bottom of the page.

Joan Napolitano was introduced as the HSLP chairwoman. Joan asked all members to please call her at home if they have questions.

Metro is offering collection development courses at the end of September. Applications for these courses will be distributed in August and will be due at the end of September.

Metro is also looking for pictures of libraries to be placed in their offices. The pictures must not have any people in them.

Joan also informed everyone that she is required, as Metro's HSLP manager, to visit hospital libraries. The purpose of her visit is to ensure that all medical libraries that receive state funds are in fact putting them to use.

## **RML**

After 37 years at the New York Academy of Medicine, the Regional Medical Library (RML) is in a transition period of moving to New York University. Kathel Dunn, Associate Director of the RML, spoke at the meeting indicating that they are currently looking for individuals to fill various vacant positions. Positions are posted on the RML website [nmlm.gov/mar](http://nmlm.gov/mar).

Staff will be housed in the Manhattan Veterans Affairs hospital on the fifth floor. The RML will consist of four committees: Resource Sharing, chaired by Robb Mackes, the

Technology Committee, chaired by Andrew Weiss, the Outreach Committee, and Library Improvement, chaired by Michelle Volesko-Brewer.

Luda Dolinsky proposed to consortia members the possibility of increasing membership dues. Members differed in their opinions on this issue due to recent advancement of Manhattan-Bronx library consortia funds.

The meeting continued with this discussion for approximately the next 45 minutes, at which point it broke for lunch.

Upon returning from lunch the consortia heard from two speakers. The first was Matthew J. Bader from the Exam Master Corporation, who explained, with the help of James Taylor, how their product helps students study for board exams. The second was Joann Jahr, Network Programs Coordinator from NN/LM, MAR, NYAM on DOCLINE updates.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Walker

BQSI-Secretary  
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