



Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, Manhattan and the Bronx Health Sciences Librarians

President's Report November 14, 2008

Preparing the Fall 2008 Meeting:

In a team with Laraine Tursi, the BQSI/MB Vice-President, developed a program for the Fall 2008 meeting. As usual, Laraine did a great job of arranging a lecture on emergency preparedness presented by Michelle M. Volesko Brewer, Director Library and Corporate Information Services, New Jersey Hospital Association. A vendor show will introduce Cardiosource Plus – a new product of the American College of Cardiology (choice made by the members of BQSI/MB that were surveyed on this issue).

Changes in the group:

Our group got two new members during the current period. A few members left the group due to retirement or resignation from their previous appointments. This will be discussed more in detail in the Membership Committee report.

Changes in the Board & Committees

Due to move of Luda Dolinsky to another state, she resigned from her position of the Immediate Past President. As the Immediate Past President also serves as the Nominating Committee Chair, this Committee lost one of its members. Carol Cave-Davis kindly agreed to serve as the Acting Chair and Kaura Gale agreed to staff the Committee till the Spring meeting 2009 when the current President will become Immediate Past President and can staff the Committee. Thank you Carol and Kaura. In the absence of Luda Yelena Friedman, a member of the Publicity/Website Committee, took care of the BQSI/MB website.

Working with the Committees:

Bylaws Committee: discussed proposed bylaws changes; Dorothy Schwartz, Bylaws Committee Chair, will report on this issue.

Cooperative Purchasing Committee: tried to set up a meeting with vendors but had to postpone it due to the difficulties with scheduling. Deborah Bonelli, Cooperative Purchasing Committee Chair, will report on this issue more in detail.

As usual, I want to thank the all BQSI/MB members who actively worked with me during the current period: Laraine Tursi, Dotty Shwartz, Deborah Bonelli, Natasha Ryvkin, Lisa Zigelbaum, Tom Walker, and many others. I'd like to extend my special thanks to George Wahlert for his wise advising and Luda Dolinsky for her assistance. It is a pleasure to work with you. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Yelena Friedman