

**BROOKLYN, QUEENS, STATEN ISLAND, MANHATTAN AND BRONX  
HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIANS  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT April 24, 2009**

**1. 2009 Election**

Ballots were distributed on Friday, March 27, 2009

Deadline for return of ballots was 9:00 pm, Monday, April 20, 2009

Total ballots distributed: 48 (40 electronic + 8 paper)

Total ballots returned: 37 (34 electronic + 3 paper)

Results:

Vice President/President Elect (Spring 2009-2011) is  
Irina Meyman (Lutheran Medical Center)

Board Member (Spring 2009-2011) is  
Irina Pulatova (Calvary Hospital)

**2. First Electronic Ballot**

This is the first time that BQSI/MB has exercised the bylaw provision to use an electronic ballot. Via e-mail all members were given the option of receiving a paper ballot sent via postal mail rather than an electronic ballot.

Committee member Kaura Gale contacted the Hospital Libraries Section of the MLA and received information on how that section used SurveyMonkey to conduct its elections. She then worked with the committee to set up the electronic ballot and the reminders to vote. At the moment, Kaura Gale is our resident expert on using SurveyMonkey to send out electronic ballots.

For this election paper ballots were sent to members:

- a) who had previously opted out of receiving surveys from SurveyMonkey
- b) who did not have e-mail addresses

Members who use shared institutional e-mail addresses were contacted for personal e-mail addresses; had they been unavailable or unable to supply a personal e-mail they would have received a paper ballot.

The current committee members are in the process of completing information on conducting an election for posting in the Policy & Procedures section of the BQSI/MB website..

Many thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee (Kaura Gale and Yvette Walton) without whom the vision of an electronic election would not have become a reality. Thanks to the membership for making it a shared reality by opting to use the electronic ballot.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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