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President's Report/Overview Spring Meeting 2010

Happy spring! I know we are all happy to welcome the new season after a very snowy winter.

This past winter as the national, state and city economies struggle, our hospitals struggle with falling reimbursements, the effect is felt by all, especially hospital libraries. The economy has affected most of our library budgets adversely; we are all doing more for less. This has precipitated changes in our membership. We are all saddened at the closing of a vibrant library at SVMC under the Directorship of Rimma Perlman; and staff reduction St. Barnabas. I think despite the difficulties we are all facing, the silver lining to our library woes is BQSIMB and our library networks. We continue to work together and support each other through these difficult economic times.

On behalf of BQSIMB, we applied for a Small Project Grant from NN/LM and it was approved up to \$1,000 to help cover the cost of our MLA class this spring. We also have some very exciting CE plans for our fall meeting. MEDLI has reached out to us for a joint CE program "Mini-Med School for Librarians", coordinated by Kathel Dunn. The joint program is tentatively scheduled for early November; and to be held at Queens College. We are still working on details but will keep you informed. This is a wonderful opportunity for us, it will help us connect with our medical students and have a better understanding of some of the medical school challenges they face. If anyone has suggestions for future CE courses please contact me or Irina Meyman.

All of our committees are functioning well; I want to thank everyone for all their continued work and support because it is through our united efforts that we can remain a strong and vibrant consortia.

Final words of congratulations are in order for our members who have recently achieved AHIP status!! Good work!

Respectfully Submitted,

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President, BQSI/MB

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