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Fall Meeting Minutes November 14, 2011

Opening:

The Spring Meeting of BQSI/MB was held at the Peninsula Public Library in Lawrence, NY. Before calling the meeting to order, we were invited to breakfast. Dr. Sheldon Markowitz, chair of the Department of Medicine at St. John's Episcopal Hospital, welcomed the BQSI/MB members.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Irina Meyman, President, who opened the meeting by welcoming all present and thanking Peninsula Public Library for hosting and providing breakfast and lunch. Ms. Meyman also introduced two special guests: Renae Barger, Executive Director of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Middle Atlantic Region (NN/LM MAR), and Kerry O'Rourke, Co-Chair of the Group Licensing Committee of the Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey (HSLANJ).

Present:

Members List and Attendance Sheet are attached.

Business Meeting:

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed, with the addition of one change: Yelena Friedman requested 5-10 minutes after the Committee reports to discuss a special project. See section D. for details.

Agenda: <http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/fall2011/meeting2011-fall.htm>

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Spring 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. No corrections were made.

Many committee reports had been posted online prior to the meeting for members to review. These online reports were displayed onscreen as each Committee chair gave a report.

C. Open Issues/Reports

Identified open issues are documented within the applicable sections below.

1. President's Report/Overview, posted online at http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/fall2011/President_Report_Fall2011.pdf

Ms. Meyman thanked all members for their participation and support this year. She recognized William Self's work on the Cooperative Purchasing Committee, which has resulted in BQSI'MB's partnership with HSLANJ to license databases and e-journals. Ms. Meyman noted that this achievement is the first partnership between HSLANJ and another library association.

The BQSI/MB Policies and Procedures Manual needs to be updated. Please send any updates to Ms. Meyman.

Ms. Meyman announced upcoming BQSI/MB meetings. The Spring meeting will take place at Staten Island University Hospital on April 20, and it will include a CE class about evidence based medicine. The Fall 2012 meeting will be hosted at Lutheran Medical Center. It will feature a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine called Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine.

2. Treasurers Report:

Barbara Gugluizza presented account information. Currently there is \$7,609.28 in the account.

3. METRO Update:

Joan Napolitano reported that METRO has received New York state funds for the Medical Information Services Program (MISP) grant. The grant application will be posted on METRO's web site on November 15.

Ms. Napolitano also announced the annual meeting of METRO's Hospital Library Services Program (HLSP), which will take place December 5, from 9:30 am to 1 pm. Emily Owens from NYU Ehrman Medical Library will be the speaker.

METRO will host a vendor demo of AccessMedicine on December 12.

Jason Kucsma is the new director of METRO. Before being appointed Director, Mr. Kucsma had been with METRO for the past four years.

Ms. Napolitano announced that she will begin visiting METRO HLSP members starting January 2012. She plans to conduct site visits every six weeks.

4. RML Update:

Rena Barger, Executive Director of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Middle Atlantic Region (NN/LM MAR), introduced herself. The University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System was awarded the NN/LM contract earlier this year. Ms. Barger reported that the MAR office is almost fully staffed.

Ms. Barger also discussed MAR funding opportunities. Award applications for the current year of the five year contract are due November 18. Calls for proposals for awards in the second year will be announced February 2012. Laraine Tursi asked if affiliate members, such as BQSI/MB, will be eligible for MAR awards. Ms. Barger confirmed that affiliates are eligible.

Ms. Barger discussed new MAR programs that her office will implement. They include special advisory groups comprised of Network members. These groups will be selected in December, with a one year commitment that will include online meetings and one in person meeting. There will be groups for hospital libraries, consumer health, and academic/resource libraries.

MAR will conduct member needs assessments in December and January.

Starting in January MAR will begin online sessions, which will be open ended discussions on topics determined by member needs. In addition, Ms. Barger is planning monthly "Boost Box" sessions, which may be led by members.

5. Archives Committee Report:

Ms. Tursi called for members to send her archival documentation about BQSI/MB. She also mentioned that sturdier boxes are needed for hard copy materials.

Ms. Tursi announced that she will begin scanning archival documents to create digital records. Ms. Friedman, who is in charge of the BQSI/MB web site, mentioned that she has created file space on the web site for these archival records.

6. Membership Committee Report, posted online at http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/fall2011/Membership_Committee_Report_Fall2011.pdf

Natalia Rivkin was not present. The members as a group reviewed her report online. There were no comments.

7. Bylaws Committee Report, posted online at http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/fall2011/Bylaws_report&proposed_changes_Fall2011.pdf

Julia Stuart presented the following proposed change to the Bylaws to create a new level of Affiliated Membership:

“Individual memberships open to persons from different geographical areas (within greater New York) are such who wish to participate in meetings and/or maintain an association to BQSI/MB. Regular member annual dues and rules will be in effect for these members. These members shall entertain certain rights of individual membership, such as consortia membership, but not voting, not being elected to any BQSI/MB office and no interlibrary loan exchange.”

William Self explained the background for proposing this new level of membership: it would allow more individuals to join BQSI/MB and possibly result in greater purchasing power in licensing consortia. A group discussion followed, with other members advocating that more members would enliven the association and offer continuing education opportunities for more individuals.

Ms. Friedman proposed a change to the expression “(within greater New York),” instead expanding the geographic coverage to include former BQSI/MB members who now reside outside greater NY but who have a continued interest in the organization. Ms. Napolitano proposed a clarifying statement: “Former members can become affiliates.”

Ms. Stuart will make the proposed changes and submit the new wording to the members for votes.

8. Political Action Committee Report, posted online at http://www.bqsimb.org/political_action_updates.htm

Rimma Perelman summarized her report, which is available online.

9. Publicity/ Web Site, posted online at http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/fall2011/Publicity-Website_Committee_Report_Fall2011.pdf

Ms. Friedman announced that she has created a password protected section called Archives in the Members area of the web site.

Ms. Friedman called for a vote on two items. She asked the members first if they would be willing to submit their photos to be attached to their individual records in the public Membership Directory. The votes indicated that members do not want to take this action. Mr. Self suggested revisiting this idea in the spring.

The second item for voting involved BQSI/MB’s LinkedIn group. Ms. Friedman explained that the LinkedIn group has had low membership. She proposed: 1)

moving the LinkedIn group to Facebook, 2) creating a new Facebook group for BQSI/MB, or 3) keeping the LinkedIn group and not using Facebook. The votes indicated that members want option 3. One member explained that Facebook is blocked at her hospital, so she would be unable to participate.

10. Shared Resources

Lydia Friedman noted that there are currently 34 BQSI/MB members in DOCLINE. The following libraries have listed themselves as Inactive: Long Island College Hospital (temporarily not taking requests, which was explained as being caused by LICH changing its affiliation to SUNY Downstate), Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, Caritas Hospital, Victory Memorial Hospital, Brooklyn Hospital, and Peninsula Hospital. Ms. Barger committed to removing closed libraries (such as Victory) from DOCLINE.

Ms. Friedman initiated a topic for discussion among members: Do you include your electronic journal holdings in SERHOLD? Many members indicated that they do lend their e-journals, in compliance with their license agreements. Christine Beardsley noted that the IDS Project, which coordinates resource sharing among NY libraries, has helpful guidelines on its web site for e-journals and ILL: <http://idsproject.org>. Both Ms. Yelena Friedman and Ms. Tursi discussed that some journal vendors are using a “pay per transaction” model, which charges the library per individual article and usually prohibits ILL.

11. Cooperative Purchasing, posted online at [http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/fall2011/Cooperative Purchasing Committee Report Fall2011.pdf](http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/fall2011/Cooperative_Purchasing_Committee_Report_Fall2011.pdf)

Mr. Self discussed current cooperative purchasing opportunities. Both Doody's and Turning Point are still working with BQSI/MB. McGraw-Hill, on the other hand, is in flux because of transitions in management. Mr. Self will report when he learns further information.

Mr. Self also briefly noted BQSI/MB's partnership with HSLANJ, which is discussed below.

Kerry O'Rourke, Co-Chair of the Group Licensing Committee of the Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey (HSLANJ), presented information about the new partnership between BQSI/MB and HSLANJ. HSLANJ has cooperative purchasing agreements with many vendors; HSLANJ negotiates the license agreements and collects an administrative fee. HSLANJ conducts needs assessments with its members to determine which vendors and journals are of most interest. Currently Robb Mackes is a part time consultant for HSLANJ. The organization hopes to fund his position full time next year.

Ms. O'Rourke noted that EBSCO and Ovid are willing to extend the cooperative purchasing agreements with HSLANJ to BQSI/MB. *New England Journal of Medicine*, on the other hand, will not be participating. Ms. O'Rourke fielded

questions about licensing. She stated that HSLANJ presents a negotiated license agreement to its members, who sign on their own. She will inquire whether an individual member's institutional attorneys are allowed to redline the agreements. Ms. O'Rourke also reiterated that each BQSI/MB member should accept the license agreement that is most favorable to his or her library; members are not obligated to accept the HSLANJ agreements.

D. New Business

1. From the discussions above, the following action item was identified:

- As chair of the Bylaws Committee, Julia Stuart will update the proposed change to the Bylaws to clarify that 1) the geographic range of an affiliate's location may be outside greater NY, and 2) former members are eligible to join as affiliates. These revisions will be submitted to the membership for a vote.

2. Ms. Yelena Friedman discussed the MedInfoRus project (<http://medinforus.com/>) and asked members to consider incorporating it into BQSI/MB. The project was started by Ms. Friedman, Ms. Perelman, and Luda Dolinsky. Ms. Friedman requested that BQSI/MB pay the web site's annual hosting fee as well as take charge for keeping the content current.

Mr. Self noted that this project, which translates consumer health and PubMed instructions into Russian, is a good way to demonstrate hospital outreach to the community. Carol Cave-Davis requested that MedInfoRus' consumer health web page include web site evaluation criteria.

The members' votes indicated that BQSI/MB will adopt the project, including paying for the web site hosting fee and updating the content.

3. Regarding next spring's meeting at Staten Island University Hospital, Ms. Tursi and Mr. Self proposed hiring a charter bus or van to transport members between Manhattan and SIUH.

Ovid Presentation:

Brian Herlihy, Regional Manager - New York (Downstate), Wolters Kluwer Health Medical Research, presented Ovid's new resources such as e-journals, e-books, and databases. He encouraged more BQSI/MB members to join the OvidSP Premier e-journals group. Members explained, however, that it is too late in the year to change e-journals, so they cannot commit to Premier at this time.

Panel Discussion:

Gregg Headrick led a panel discussion on mobile technology in health sciences libraries. Irina Meyman and Arpita Bose shared their experiences with, respectively, Kindle book readers and iPad tablets. There were considerable comments and questions from members about ease of use, security, cost, and licensing content.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm by Ms. Meyman. The next general meeting will take place on April 20, 2012 at Staten Island University Hospital.

Minutes submitted by: Arpita Bose, November 30, 2011

Approved by: Irina Meyman, BQSIMB President, December 2, 2011