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**President's Report/Overview
Fall Meeting 2011**

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to serve as your president, and it has been a learning experience and a privilege.

I would like to express my thanks to the BQSI/MB Board members for their constant support and guidance.

This year remains a difficult time for the libraries, but we manage to strive and provide excellent service to our customers. Now, more than ever we must come together as a vital and vibrant professional organization and prove our resilience to change.

This year brought changes to BQSI/MB members. We lost our dear friend and colleague Ruth Hoffenberg; we welcome new member-Gregg Headriggs. We also say good buy to several members who retired.

Our Cooperative Purchasing Committee works diligently to negotiate best possible prices for our members. I am delighted to inform you that after long negotiations HSLANJ (Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey) has opened its electronic resources Group Licensing Initiative to BQSI/MB Members. BQSI/MB is the first New York Consortia to participate in this program.

Currently the following products are available: Nursing@Ovid, Linksolver, PsycINFO, EBSCO Nursing Reference Center, CINAHL(with or without full text), Patient Education Reference Center, AccessMedicine or AccessSurgery, AccessMedicine, New England Journal of Medicine , British Medical Journal, STAT!REF! and much more.

In the next few months we are planning to update our Policy and Procedures Manual. I would like to ask all committee chairs to update the Policy and Procedure manual for their committee and submit it to me before **December 1, 2011**.

Spring BQSI/MB Meeting will be held at the Staten Island University Hospital. We are also planning to apply for the Continuing Education Grant from NNLM /MAR to sponsor CME Program. We invited guest speaker-Connie Schardt, Associate Director of Public Services, Medical Center Library at Duke University. The topic of the presentation will be EBM-Introduction to Study Design and Critical Appraisal. This program is eligible for 4 MLA CE Credits.

Next fall, Lutheran Medical Center will be hosting a BQSI/MB Meeting; we have invited the traveling exhibit from NLM- Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine. I encourage all of you to attend the spring and fall meetings of BQSI/MB.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you.

Best Regards,

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