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HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIANS
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Spring Meeting Minutes April 4, 2011

Opening:

The Spring Meeting of BQSI/MB was held at Lenox Hill Hospital, Weisner Conference Center, hosted by William Self. Before calling the meeting to order, we were invited to breakfast. Philip Rosenthal, Executive Director of Lenox Hill Hospital, welcomed the BQSI/MB members.

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by Laraine Tursi, President, who opened the meeting by welcoming all present and thanking William Self and Lenox Hill Hospital for hosting the meeting and providing breakfast. Ms. Tursi also thanked Ovid Technologies for sponsoring lunch.

Present:

Members List and Attendance Sheet are attached.

Business Meeting:

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed. The agenda was displayed onscreen throughout the business meeting.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Fall 2010 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. No corrections were made.

George Wahlert suggested that committee reports should be incorporated into the meeting minutes. 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

Ms. Tursi thanked all members for their participation and support this year. She highlighted the year's achievements, which included joining the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Middle Atlantic Region as an affiliate member, receiving an NN/LM MAR award to fund continuing education, and re-establishing the organization's FEIN.

Ms. Tursi noted that her experience as BQSI/MB President was very rewarding and not as great of a time commitment as she had anticipated. She encouraged other members to consider serving as President.

Ms Tursi also recognized all BQSI/MB Board officers and Committee chairs. She thanked each officer and chair and presented them with certificates of appreciation.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Gugluizza presented account information. Currently there is \$7,609.28 in the account. Ms. Gugluizza is currently working on the BQSI/MB tax return.

Ms. Tursi reported that her institution (Coney Island Hospital) is tracking the check that was issued by NN/LM MAR (NYU Medical Center), which will pay for continuing education provided by Queens College Library.

3. METRO Update:

Joan Napolitano reported that METRO has received New York state funds, and they are less than last year's funding. There was a 12% cut in 2010 and another 12% cut in 2011. The Collection Development grant is due in April. Ms. Napolitano will announce MISP grants in May and Technology grants in July. The Technology grants will likely be in the range of \$2400 to \$2500.

METRO has renewed its contract with STAT!Ref. Some titles, such as *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine*, have been cut because the publisher, Mc-Graw Hill, will not provide updated editions of these books to third party e-book providers. To replace these deleted titles, STAT!Ref has added access to ACP Medicine and ACP Pier for participating METRO members. Ms Napolitano has negotiated five simultaneous users for ACP Medicine and ACP Pier. She asked members to contact her if they receive too many "locked out" notices.

Dottie Hiebing, METRO Executive Director, will retire April 15. A new director has been selected and is scheduled to begin in September.

4. RML Update:

Neil Romanosky summarized the RML's activities for the past year. Staffing changes included the departure of a number of RML staff members as well as a few recent hires and a change in Mr. Romanosky's job function. He noted that he remains the RML contact for DOCLINE issues.

The RML has awarded funding for historical collections, consortial purchasing, and training. The RML continues to offer in-person and online training opportunities. The Value of Libraries study has recruited fifty libraries in the U.S. and Canada, and more than 10,000 survey responses have been received so far.

A member asked how the federal budget cuts would affect the RML program. Mr. Romanosky responded that the NN/LM program will continue, but there may be less money available for awards to members as well as for staff travel. The current RML contract ends April 30. The new contract will be announced May 1. NYU Medical Center and University of Pittsburgh are competing for the new contract.

5. Archives Committee Report:

Ms. Tursi, the new chair of the Archives Committee, gave a call for members to submit archival documentation about BQSI/MB to her. Thomas Walker, past Secretary, said that he would send past meeting minutes to the Archives Committee.

6. Membership Committee Report

Natalia Rivkin was not present. The members as a group reviewed her report online.

7. Bylaws Committee Report

Julia Stuart thanked George Wahlert and Carol Cave-Davis for serving on the Bylaws Committee. She presented the following proposed change to the Bylaws:

"The Treasurer must maintain our Employer Identification Number, (EIN) in order to be able to have an organization bank account, and the Treasurer must file an electronic tax return every April to maintain the EIN #."

A group discussion followed, and changes were suggested to this section of the Bylaws. The members voted to approve the suggested changes, which will read:

"Expenditures will be reimbursed by the Treasurer upon approval by the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President/President-Elect shall approve expenditures. The Treasurer must maintain the Employer Identification Number (EIN) in order to have an organization bank account, and the Treasurer must file an electronic tax return every April to maintain the EIN #."

8. Political Action Committee Report

Rimma Perelman summarized her report, which is available online.

9. Program Planning Committee Report

Irina Meyman thanked Ms. Tursi for serving on the Committee. Ms. Meyman encouraged members to send her suggestions for new programming and continuing education. She reminded the members that BQSI/MB can meet more than twice a year if there is interest in programs.

10. Nominating Committee Report

Yelena Friedman thanked Kaura Gale and Carol Cave-Davis for serving on the Nominating Committee. Ms. Friedman also reported on election results. Fifty-two ballots were distributed, and thirty-four ballots were returned. William Self has been voted the new Vice President/President Elect. Thomas Walker has been elected to a three year term as Board member.

11. Cooperative Purchasing

William Self thanked Debra Bonelli for suggesting a new product, Turning Technologies, for group purchasing. Turning Technologies is an audience response system that uses keypads for real time feedback during presentations. The group discussed the benefits of adopting this technology. It would be a new role for the medical library that supports continuing education.

Mr. Self reported that McGraw-Hill will no longer offer consortial purchasing for electronic resources; BQSI/MB is the only organization in the U.S. that currently has consortial pricing with McGraw-Hill. For 2012 renewals, BQSI/MB can no longer receive a group discount for AccessEmergency Medicine, AccessSurgery, and AccessMedicine.

Ms. Bonelli mentioned that a product called the SCORE (Surgical Council on Resident Education) Portal might be an alternative to AccessSurgery.

12. Shared Resources

Lydia Friedman noted that Brooklyn Hospital is still listed as a member of the BQSI/MB DOCLINE group, even though the Library had been closed and Narciso Rodriguez no longer works there as Library Director. Ms. Friedman contacted the Director of Medical Affairs at Brooklyn Hospital to ask if he wanted his library to remain in the group. She reported that he was not responsive.

The group discussed this issue and decided that, because BQSI/MB is an association of individual members, the DOCLINE group should be limited to libraries whose staff are active BQSI/MB members. The Director of Medical Affairs is not a BQSI/MB member, therefore the group voted to remove Brooklyn Hospital from the BQSI/MB DOCLINE group. Mr. Romanosky will make this change in DOCLINE.

Mr. Romanosky will also contact Peninsula Hospital, whose library remains in the BQSI/MB DOCLINE group but is, like Brooklyn Hospital, unstaffed.

Ms. Friedman reminded members to update their DOCLINE profiles with current information. She also reminded us not to list electronic holdings in SERHOLD if licensing agreements prohibit interlibrary loan of electronic journals.

13. Publicity/ Web Site

Yelena Friedman encouraged all members to send her their news, achievements, and publication announcements. She will post these accomplishments on the web site. Ms. Friedman thanked Irina Meyman, George Wahlert, and William Self for their news submissions.

Mr. Wahlert asked about statistics for web site page views. Ms. Friedman will locate this information to share with the group.

In general discussion, Ms. Friedman announced that an article about BQSI/MB, co-authored by Luda Dolinsky, William Self, and Laraine Tursi, has been accepted for publication by *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*.

D. New Business

From the discussions above, the following two action items were identified:

- As chair of the Bylaws Committee, Julia Stuart will update the Bylaws to read:

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- As chair of the Publicity/Web Site Committee, Yelena Friedman will report the statistics for the number of page views to the BQSI/MB web site.

Ovid Presentation:

Brian Herlihy, Regional Manager - New York (Downstate), Wolters Kluwer Health Medical Research, was not available to present to the group.

Program:

Guest Speaker: Julie Salamon, *author of “Hospital: Man, Woman Birth, Death, Infinity, Plus Red Tape, Bad Behavior, Money, God and Diversity on Steroids”*

Ms. Salamon spoke from 1 pm to 2:30 pm and read from her book, *Hospital*. There were considerable comments and questions from members about hospital culture. After the talk, Ms. Salamon signed copies of her books for members.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm Ms. Tursi. The next general meeting will take place in the fall.

Minutes submitted by: Arpita Bose, April 5, 2011

Approved by: Irina Meyman, April 8, 2011