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Presidents Report/Overview
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It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your President for the past two years.

I would like to begin this report with an expression of thanks to the BQSI/MB Board it has been a pleasure to work with you all and to the membership of BQSI/MB for their constant and steady support of our consortia, without which we would not be a success.

When Dorothy Schwartz of the nominating committee first asked me to serve as Vice President/ President Elect, I hesitated. I had just started a new position at CIH, and had probably a thousand excuses why I could not serve but ultimately felt it was time to take on this responsibility since BQSI/MB has done so much for me. I would strongly recommend to each member if they have not done so already to participate in the administration of BQSI/MB, let the nominating committee know you are interested.

When you hold a position within our organization you are not alone, you have a lot of support and backup from your committee chairs, committee members and colleagues.

This past year has brought some changes to our consortia membership, we have had several of our members retire, libraries have closed and illness has removed another from our roster. We wish them all well.

It remains a difficult time for hospital libraries and our profession. My library, among many others is participating in the Value of Library Services Survey, once all the data has been compiled this will hopefully be a good tool to bring to the attention of hospital administrators. We will follow this carefully.

Some of the achievements that stand out this past season are BQSI/MB's affiliate membership to NN/LM MARL which will allow us to apply for grants as a consortium; re-establishing our FEIN #, which will allow our treasurer to do banking without compromising their personal social security number. Our bylaws are currently being updated to reflect this. During the past year we were able to continue and expand our mission of continuing education; networking with MEDLI this past fall was very rewarding, also subsidized with a grant from MARL.

I want to extend congratulations to Irina Meyman our new President, the newly elected officers and offer them my full support toward the continued success of BQSI/MB.

Thank you.
Respectfully submitted,
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