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**Spring Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2016**

Opening:

The Spring 2016 business meeting of BQSIMB was held at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, NY. Before calling the meeting to order, attendees were invited to breakfast.

The business meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM by Sheryl Ramer, President, who opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

The Members List and Attendance Sheet are attached. A copy of the attendance sheet is available here:

http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2016Spring/Spring%202016_meeting_attendance_sheet.pdf

Business Meeting:

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

Agenda:

http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2016Spring/BQSIMB_Meeting_Agenda_Spring2016.pdf

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Fall 2015 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 in advance. Committee chairs referenced these online documents as they gave their reports.

C. Open Issues/Reports

1. President's Report

Ms. Ramer presented a "speech of togetherness" that recognized the varied knowledge and skills that BQSIMB members bring to the organization. Hospital librarians, for instance, have a wide ranging skill set, while academic librarians have deep expertise in a specialized topic. Ms. Ramer noted that this diverse group of librarians – ranging from small hospital libraries to larger academic hospital librarians -- can consult with and complement each other.

2. Treasurer's Report, posted online at:

http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2016Spring/Treasurer_Report_Spring2016.pdf

Deborah Goss, Acting Treasurer, discussed her financial report. Currently there is \$5,467.43 in the account.

3. Archives Committee Report

Laraine Tursi, Archives Committee Chair, noted that there have been no new print acquisitions for the archives. Ms. Tursi has plans to digitize the existing print materials and add them to the BQSIMB web site.

There was a discussion about a physical location for BQSIMB's print archives, including documents and photos. Mr. Self posed the question of whether the NY-NJ chapter of the Medical Library Association or the Regional Medical Library (RML) has room to store BQSIMB's print archives collection.

4. Bylaws Committee Report

Julia Stuart, Bylaws Committee Chair, was not present to discuss her report.

5. Cooperative Purchasing Committee Report, available online at:

http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2016Spring/Coop_Purchasing_Committee_Report_Spring2016.pdf

Mr. Self, Cooperative Purchasing Committee Chair, noted that most vendor relationships are now handled through the Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey (HSLANJ) and its Group Licensing Initiative (GLI) for consortial purchasing of electronic resources. Please send any suggestions for new vendors to Mr. Self.

6. Membership Committee Report, available online at:

http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2016Spring/Membership_Committee_Report_Spring2016.pdf

Natalia Ryvkin, Membership Committee Chair, welcomed two new BQSIMB members: Paul Tremblay, New York College of Podiatric Medicine, and Ashley Forest Curran, New York University Langone Medical Center.

7. Nominating Committee Report, posted online at:
http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2016Spring/Nominating_Committee_Report_Spring2016.pdf

Mr. Self, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the voting results for the election of officers. Arpita Bose has been elected to Treasurer, and Christine Beardsley has been elected to the Board of Directors.

8. Political Action Committee Report, posted online at:
http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2016Spring/Political_Action_Committee_Report_Spring2016.pdf

Rimma Perelman, Political Action Committee Chair, discussed developments in pain research legislation, the government hospital ratings system, and other nationwide topics.

9. Publicity/ Web Site Committee Report, posted online at:
http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2016Spring/Publicity-Website_Committee_Report_Spring2016.pdf

Yelena Friedman, Publicity/ Web Site Committee Chair, reminded members to send her updates on their professional activities, including changes to Association of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) status, so that she can publicize these achievements on the BQSIMB web site.

Ms. Friedman noted that the BQSIMB manual of policies and procedures which is posted on the web site dates from 2003. Irina Meyman has initiated an update to the manual, but it is still in process. Ms. Friedman urged all committee chairs to contact Ms. Meyman and participate in the update process. The manual is an important document and should be kept current.

10. Shared Resources Committee Report, posted online at:
http://www.bqsimb.org/meetings/2016Spring/Shared_Resources_Committee_Report_Spring2016.pdf

Lydia Friedman, Shared Resources Committee Chair, was not present to discuss her report.

11. METRO Update

Joan Napolitano, METRO Hospital Library Services Program (HLSP) Manager, announced that she would leave METRO at the end of April 2016. Ms. Ramer led a round of applause for Ms. Napolitano, and numerous BQSIMB members voiced

their appreciation for Ms. Napolitano's hard work and advocacy for hospital librarians.

Ms. Napolitano reported that the funds from Medical Information Service Program (MISP) grants will be deposited into member libraries' Electronic Funds Transfer System (EFTS) accounts in mid April.

Both STAT!Ref and R2 have added new titles to their electronic book collections. A new electronic resource, EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) is now available. Ms. Napolitano has been working with EBSCO customer service to implement EDS.

12. MAR Update

Michelle Burda, Network and Advocacy Coordinator of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Middle Atlantic Region (NN/LM MAR) provided an update on RML activities. Ms. Burda's institution, University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System, has had their grant renewed to continue to serve as the RML for the Middle Atlantic Region. She reported that MAR has hired two new coordinators, for academic libraries and technology. MAR will continue to develop online education and will move its webinar platform to WebEx.

Ms. Burda thanked BQSIMB members Mr. Self and Carol Cave-Davis, as well as Ms. Napolitano, for their past service on MAR's special advisory groups. Ms. Burda called for suggestions to steer MAR's activities in the coming grant period of 2016 to 2021.

D. Other Business

There was no new business. Ms. Ramer, announced that information brochures from an online tutorials vendor, Lynda, were available to members. She also informed members about certificates of service for members who have participated on BQSIMB committees.

Afternoon Program:

Angela Sammarco, PhD, RN, Associate Professor at College of Staten Island-CUNY, discussed her book, *Women's Health Issues Across the Life Cycle: A Quality of Life Perspective*. She noted her involvement with, and appreciation of, medical librarians throughout her professional career. Ms. Sammarco has consulted with librarians as a doctoral student, as a book author, and as an instructor of nursing students.

Vendor Demonstration:

During lunch members watched a demonstration of PubsHub, presented by Jessica Poarch and Nicolle Watts. PubsHub is an online product that supports scholarly publication and presentation with key logistical information about journals and

congresses (professional meetings), including acceptance/rejection rates and deadline dates. PubsHub provided lunch for this meeting.

Meeting Adjournment:

The business meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM by Ms. Ramer. The next general meeting will take place in Fall 2016 with a date and location to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Arpita Bose, April 14, 2016

Approved by: Sheryl Ramer