

## BQSIMB Spring Meeting 2019: Minutes

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon to 4 pm

Opening: The Spring meeting of BQSIMB was held at Lenox Health Greenwich Village, New York, New York. Many thanks to Bill Self for providing the venue and organizing the meeting program.

President Deborah Goss called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm. Deborah discussed the many changes BQSI has been experiencing through the years. Currently, fewer librarians are attending the meetings due to staffing issues, and retirements. There are new persons working at local hospital libraries who could be recruited as new BQSIMB members.

### Business Meeting:

#### A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

#### B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Fall 2018 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. No corrections were made.

Committee reports had been posted online prior to the meeting for members to review in advance. Committee chairs referred to these documents as they gave their reports.

#### C. Reports

##### 1. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Arpita Bose reported that our new account balance is \$5322.42: we received \$1000 from METRO for meetings and \$150 from a vendor. Arpita asked members to pay their \$10 dues with cash or a check at the meeting.

Deborah thanked Arpita for her work straightening out the BQSIMB bank account and she thanked Robin Dornbaum for her assistance, as well.

##### 2. Archives Committee

Deborah Goss called for a vote to eliminate the Archives Committee since there are no more documents to collect.

This proposal was unanimously approved.

##### 3. Cooperative Purchasing Committee

Chair Bill Self stated that there was nothing new to report.

##### 4. Membership Committee

Chair Natalia Ryvkin reported that one member retired and we have 36 individual BQSIMB members. Our consortium represents 32 institutions.

##### 5. Nominating Committee

Deborah Goss announced our new and/or continuing officers:

President	Paul Tremblay
VP/President Elect	vacant
Immediate Past President	Deborah Goss
Secretary	Sheryl Ramer
Treasurer	Arpita Bose
Board Members	Janice Lester Rimma Perelman Lara Lasner-Frater

6. Political Action Committee

Rimma Perelman reported on legislation including the Foreign Medical School Accountability Fairness Act of 2019 and the Advancing Medical Resident Training in Community Hospitals Act of 2019.

7. Publicity/Website Committee

Yelena Friedman, not present, thanked everyone who contributed to the BQSIMB website.

8. Shared Resources Committee

Lydia Friedman, not present, provided us with websites to find information about the new Docline and LinkOut.

Discussion on problems regarding the new Docline and the transition to LinkOut Outside Tool followed this report.

9. Metro Update

Kyle Brown, Chief Administrative Officer, gave the Metro report. He announced that Kerri Willette, Deputy Director, is no longer at METRO; Nathalie Reid relocated to Boston but is still working for METRO until the position is filled. METRO is looking to replace the HLSP Manager (it is part time-15 hours per week). Collection Development grant checks did go out to libraries.

10. Other news

There was discussion on the future of BQSIMB. Suggestions included that our consortium turn into an ILL group, only one meeting a year (instead of two), and BQSIMB becoming a subgroup of MLA. There was concern that Paul Tremblay would be the last President of BQSIMB since there is no president-elect.

The Program:

The program, Resources for LGBTQI Cultural Competency, started at 1:30 pm. Bill Self began to speak about the organization, I'm From Driftwood: The LGBT Story Archive, of which he is a member of the Board of Directors. Then, the Executive

Director of the Lenox Health Greenwich Village came into the conference room to briefly address the group. Mr. Alex Hellinger spoke about the history of the building and the new health center. He is truly proud of Lenox Health and its purpose in the Greenwich Village community.

The keynote speaker was Ms. Shannon Whittington, RN who is the Gender Reassignment Program Director, Visiting Nurse Service of New York. She gave an interesting talk regarding the discrimination and other difficulties that gender reassignment patients go through, even today in 2019. Shannon spoke also about the health services provided to these patients by the Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

Bill Self finished his presentation about the I'm From Driftwood organization, showing our group some short videos from the website. There are now over 500 videos produced by I'm From Driftwood!

A tour of the Lenox Hill Greenwich Village was provided after the meeting (3:30 pm).

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