A note from the President

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The Society of Biological Inorganic Chemistry is an active organization that sustains itself through the yearly renovation of its governance teams. SBIC's Nominations Committee is an important group, charged with developing a list of nominees for each of the positions being contested. The President appoints the Nominations Committee Chair and works with its Chair to elect four members each year. Prof. F. Ann Walker (University of Arizona, Tucson, USA) recently was appointed and has accepted the position of Chair of this important committee. New members, invited to collaborate, are Profs. Liliana Quintanar (Cinvestav, Mexico), Ann English (Concordia University, Quebec, Canada), Masao Ikeda-Saito (Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan) and Rachel Codd (University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia). Prof. Astrid Graslund will serve until the end year.

I would like to make here a special mention of Prof. Lucia Banci, the former Nominations Committee Chair. For her personal effort, professionalism and commitment put forward during her time on this Committee, my highest expressions of recognition. Also a special thanks is due to the members that served the Nominations Committee and are now leaving: Profs. Sue J. Berners Price and Zjian Guo.

The SBIC Council has also been renovated and we most appreciate the participation of Profs. Victoria DeRose and Britt-Marie Sjöberg. Profs. Julia Kovacs, Janet Morrow and Paola Turano will end their terms this year.

Finally, SBIC has initiated a list of Society Honorary Members to include, currently, Profs. Ivano Bertini, Harry Gray, Richard Holm, Karl Wieghardt and R. J. P. Williams, who bestow great honor on SBIC by their membership and direction in our organization.

So, it is clear that SBIC is alive and well; the generous and active participation of our members make the visibility and strength of our field possible.

Speaking of which, two important events will take place this year: Eurobic 11 (Granada, Spain), Sept 12–16, 2012 (<http://www.eurobic11.com/>) and AsBIC 6 (Hong Kong), Nov 5–8, 2012 (<http://myweb.polyu.edu.hk/~AsBIC6/>). We hope to see you there.

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