

Indiana University Librarians' Association (InULA) Joint Executive Board Meeting

20 March, 2017

Present: Courtney Block, (IUS), Secretary
Michael Courtney (IUB), Representative-at-Large
Craig Finlay (IUSB), Representative-at-Large
Julie Hardesty (IUB), President
Monique Threatt (IUB), Treasurer
Thomas Whittaker (IUB), Representative-at-Large

Absent: Michelle Hahn (IUB), Vice President/President Elect

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m. in room W043 of the Wells Library.

Items Discussed:

1. Approve [February 2017 meeting minutes](#) (5 minutes)
 - a. One name change needed
 - b. Motioned, seconded, approved.
2. InULA group account at IU – lessons learned and [board manual updated](#) (5 minutes)
 - a. The Exchange account was set up by Christina Wray and ownership was not transferred, so it was a bit troublesome to get that fixed. The next owner of this account will want to make sure that they transfer ownership as the need arises. If anyone notices access problems to anything they previously had access to, contact Julie.
3. Statewide Libraries update (5 minutes)
 - a. No Statewide Libraries this year. For future event planning, Carolyn suggested the compiling a list of professional development opportunities around the state so it might help us identify any gaps we can fill.
4. InULA Code of Conduct update (5 minutes)
 - a. The Communications Committee met and suggested wording, but Michelle Hahn is their chair and she is currently unavailable, so they are not as far along as they would like. They hope to have a draft by the next meeting.
5. Regional Representation on the Board and Membership Levels (10 minutes)
 - a. [Review Constitution and Bylaws Committee feedback](#)
 - i. The committee will change the mail ballot item and have said changes ready for the Spring Business Meeting.
 - ii. Concerning our question to amend the constitution regarding board member and regional representation: the committee proposed two options. The first option would be to designate one of the three (3) existing Representative-at-Large positions as a regional position. The second option is to add a fourth Representative-at-Large position and mandate that this position be from a regional campus. The board decided to go with the second option, leaving voting and election processes the same, however. For example, positions will remain open to all candidates and the top four (4) Representative-at-Large positions will be noted. If none of these candidates are from a regional campus,

the Representative-at-Large elected with the fewest votes will be dropped in favor of the candidate with the next highest number of votes who is also from a regional campus. There was some concern about what to do in the event of not receiving any regional campus nominations, and the board decided that could be remedied during nominations, via solicitation.

- iii. Concern our question on allowing non-librarians to become full members: the Constitution and By-laws committee does not support staff members being full members, but they are in support of professional support staff becoming members.
 1. Board discussion: the board decided that there should be no reason to ban support staff from joining InULA. If a support staff person is interested and has supervisor approval for any time-related issues that may arise, they should not be banned from joining. The board does not want to eliminate the possibility for any interested party to join InULA. We can still outline that research incentive grants are only available for certain members, and have staff awards for non-librarian members. In terms of friend vs member level, the board discussed allowing people to choose which level they want. It was decided to have a discussion about this at the May business meeting to help determine how to move forward with this.
6. Research Incentive Fund applicants review and decisions (15 minutes)
 - a. There are two applications: Cline and Minter.
 - i. Cline is asking for \$300 – reviewers felt that his objective and methodology were questionable. The board had a hard time understanding how Cline’s applications was research oriented, and the budget was not clearly outlined. Decision: reject current request and advise to resubmit by including a research focus.
 - ii. Minter: the board felt that this was a strong application but Minter is not eligible to apply because she is not a current member. Decision: reject current request and inform her that she can reapply in the next round.
7. Michelle Hahn update and plans for InULA Board (15 minutes)
 - a. Michelle is scheduled to start as President in July 2017, and is currently Vice President, so the board discussed the implications of this impending transition. One suggestion was that perhaps Constitution & By-laws can interpret this situation for us. Decision: we will see if her condition improves and discuss again at the April meeting, but realize that nominations close at the May business meeting. Therefore, we randomly selected InULA members to serve on an Election Committee.
8. Committee reports (30 minutes)
 - a. Book Sale
 - i. None
 - b. Communications
 - i. None
 - c. Constitution and Bylaws
 - i. Above feedback from Naz.
 - d. Membership

- i. None
- e. Programs and Social
 - i. May Business meeting – we will be using Adobe Connect.
 - ii. Event in April.
 - iii. Ballgame is Saturday, June 3.
- f. Scholarship and Grants
 - i. Julie will reply regarding Cline and Minter.

Next meeting is Monday, April 17 at 2:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Block

Secretary