

InULA President's Report

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The Indiana University Librarians Association (InULA) exists to serve librarians at all libraries in the I.U. system. It offers a range of professional support, from scholarships for SLIS students, to Research Incentive Fund grants aimed at furthering librarians' research projects, to Professional Development grants that help fund continuing education programs for librarians and library staff. All of this support comes from the members - and I learned during the past year how generous they are with their contributions of both money and time. I am especially grateful to Board members Julie Nilson (Vice-President/President-Elect), Wendell Johnting (Treasurer), Ann Bristow (Secretary), and Jennifer Hehman, Jian Liu, and Moira Smith (Members-at-Large), and to Committee Chairs Nancy Colborn (Professional Development), Anne Haynes (Constitution and Bylaws), Andrea Morrison (Elections), Sylvia Turchyn (Social and Program), Celestina Wroth (Communications), and Larry Griffin and David Frasier (Book Sale), all of whom worked hard to make it such a successful year for InULA.

The book sale, held at the beginning of National Library Week, reaped a record profit of \$6111.25, which will enable InULA to continue to offer financial support to librarians. In 1999-2000, this support took the form of five Research Incentive Fund (RIF) grants, totaling \$3230, as well as two Professional Development grants, totaling \$375. The Professional Development Committee made recommendations to the Board concerning applications for both types of grants.

InULA also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to IUPUI SLIS student Sharon Griffith. Ms. Griffith's winning statement of her philosophy of librarianship and her career goals was included in the spring 2000 issue of InULA Notes.

A method for the electronic submission of membership information was devised. This allows simultaneous distribution of this information to the president, the treasurer, and the person who maintains the membership list. Membership meetings in Indianapolis and Bloomington were enlivened with fascinating reports from Fran Brahmi, Carole Gall, Mary Strow, and B.J. Irvine on librarianship in Kenya, Taiwan, Australia, and China. The Board hoped the practice of holding one membership meeting per year and one Board meeting per semester in Indianapolis could be maintained in the future.

A major achievement, after two years of trying, was the acceptance by the necessary two-thirds of the membership of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. In addition to codifying some changed practices, this gave the Board the ability to alter the dues amount without having to amend the Bylaws. Thanks go to all those who voted to make this initiative a successful one.

I have found previous president Larry Griffin's advice that "the members make the organization" to have been borne out in full. There will be challenges in the coming year, such as a possible need to find a new venue for the book sale, but with active and committed members InULA will continue to flourish.

