

Indiana University Librarians' Association (InULA)

Joint Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2015

Present: Andrea Baer (IUB), Treasurer
Michael Courtney (IUB), Representative-at-Large
Julie Hardesty (IUB), Vice President/President Elect
Nazareth Pantaloni (IUB), Representative-at-Large
Christina Sheley (IUB), Secretary
Christina Wray (IUB), President

Absent: Carey Beam (IUB), Representative-at-Large
Latrice Booker (IUN), Immediate Past President

The meeting began at 2:35 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Wells Library, Bloomington.

The July Joint Executive Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

1. IUSB Scholarly Communication Conference (Christina Wray)

Craig Finley has contacted Christina to determine if we need a receipt for our gift of \$1000 to support the IUSB Scholarly Communication Conference. It was determined we would obtain a record for tax purposes.

2. Committee Reports (Board)

- **Book Sale Committee:** All prospective committee members have accepted the call. A meeting will be scheduled later in the semester and a Vice Chair will be appointed at that time.
- **Communications Committee:** All prospective committee members have accepted the call. No Vice Chair has been appointed yet.
- **Constitution & Bylaws Committee:** Moira Marsh declined the committee member call. The Board decided Yan He should be moved from the Programs & Social Committee to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. In addition, Craig Finley was changed from the Librarians' Day Committee to the Programs & Social Committee to fill the gap there. Christina Sheley will communicate these changes to Wen-Ling Liu, current Constitution & By-laws Committee Chair. *[Update: Yan He declined her call to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. It was decided that the committee would move forward with three members and Andrea Morrison*

would extend her term for an additional year (through 2017) and serve as this year's Vice Chair and next year's Chair. These activities have been confirmed.]

- **Librarians' Day:** No report
- **Membership Committee:** The following report was provided by Carey Beam, Board liaison to the Membership Committee, via e-mail on August 17, 2015 (*InULA Board Mtg and Membership Committee Update*). Randi Stocker has not indicated her willingness to accept the committee member call; all other prospective committee members have accepted. None of the members are interested in the Vice Chair position. It was relayed that Randi Stocker had expressed interest, and Carey is following up to determine if she will serve on the committee and as Vice Chair. The Vice Chair position will fall to Mike Courtney if another individual is not found. Five new librarians have started in Bloomington since July 1. They have been added to the listserv, sent an electronic membership welcome letter, and added to the membership list. Two more librarians will be beginning in August/September. Mug deliveries will be coordinated with Naz and Mike.
- **Programs & Social Committee:** Previous discussion about the Programs & Social Committee's guidelines occurred via e-mail (*see "Programs & Social charge? guidelines?" dated 8/6/2015*), with a final charge of the committee will oversee one professional event and one social event every semester in addition to the Holiday Luncheon, the annual Business Meeting, and the summer Writing Program. Concern was expressed about the structure of the Writing Program and its poor attendance/cancellation last summer. The Board decided one of the committee's professional development events would need to focus on writing. Furthermore, the summer program will now be flexible and change by year. In March, Programs & Social will send out a call to create a summer writing cohort. Anyone can participate and the participants will dictate structure/design.
- **Scholarships & Grants Committee:** All prospective committee members have accepted the call. Cherry Williams will serve as the Vice Chair.

3. State of InULA (Christina Wray)

We have received very few comments on the website addressing our "state of InULA" questions. What has been submitted is divided, with the membership question (*Regular membership in InULA is currently only open to tenure track librarians. Should InULA expand regular membership to include*

other library workers?) receiving the most response. The bigger question to ask regarding membership is: Does this organization need to change? If so, does the membership need to change in response? The Board decided the current feedback mechanism would most likely not address these bigger questions. Therefore, it was decided a survey with prompts needs to be created. The September Board Meeting will be devoted to generating this survey so it can be distributed prior to the Holiday Luncheon. In addition, conversations with PA staff, particularly those moving into new and/or librarian roles, and new librarians will be had to supplement the quantitative data received from the survey. Finally, feedback will be solicited at the Holiday Luncheon through comment cards and survey reminders. We will gather information and data in the next several months so any required voting can happen at the May Business Meeting.

4. Large-scale Program (Christina Wray)

We need to expend some monies to retain our non-profit status. A number of possible expenditures were discussed: subsidizing the Holiday Luncheon, sponsoring a writing retreat at the Tibetan Culture Center, retaining a professional editor for copy editing of research articles, and supporting a half-day workshop on how to develop a research agenda. The Board decided to subsidize the Holiday Luncheon as an initial measure. Prices will be \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, and free for new members and grant recipients. Continued discussion will occur for other programming.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Sheley
Secretary