

**Indiana University Librarians' Association (InULA)**  
**Joint Executive Board Meeting**  
**3 October, 2013**

Present:

Latrice Booker (IUN), Vice-President/President Elect  
Lori Dekydtpotter (IUB), President  
Kate Moore (IUS), Immediate Past President  
Christina Sheley (IUB), Representative-at-Large  
Angie Thorpe (IUK), Representative-at-Large  
\*Also present: Naz Pantaloni and Robert Noel (Book Sale Committee)

The meeting began at 10:38 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Herman B Wells Library, Bloomington.

1. Lori opened the meeting with one correction to the September 2013 Board Meeting minutes. This change included adding Christina Sheley to the Membership Committee roster. The September 2013 Joint Executive Board Meeting minutes were then unanimously approved.
2. Naz Pantaloni, InULA Book Sale Committee chair, and Bob Noel, InULA Book Sale Committee member, attended the meeting to provide an update to the Board. The loss of Wells Library parking and eleventh floor storage space have caused the Committee to reexamine the existing book sale structure. Previously proposed initiatives were to begin selling a selection of books online; to work with experienced book dealers to sell items; and, to have a smaller, traditional book sale in the spring.

Naz previously used Amazon to sell books and decided to trial this venue for our purposes. Currently, our inventory on Amazon is 56 titles (mainly in the Sciences and Social Sciences), priced between \$50.00 and \$565.00. We've sold 8 books, and after shipping reimbursement, netted \$670.00. Naz indicates the experience has been positive, given it has not taken much time to package/ship items and monies are distributed reliably every two weeks. The only drawback incurred is the number of fees (can be upwards of \$10/book) with this method. Naz recommends continuing with Amazon given our profits and the number of new donations that can be readily placed there. If our collaboration with them increases, InULA may need to reorganize the Book Sale Committee to tackle the workload.

Bob addressed the second initiative of working with book dealers to sell items. He had an existing relationship with BookSprint, a Louisville-based company, because its owners have frequented the InULA Book Sale for a number of years. Our initial agreement (in memo form) stipulated we would send BookSprint 170 boxes of books (approximately 3,000 volumes) to broker. Profits would be split for any sold items. Thus far, we have received one check in the amount of \$589.00. Unfortunately, the BookSprint owners are now in litigation (with each other), and the future of the company is in question. Bob stated we are poised to give them another 100 boxes of books; however, we are now awaiting more information before moving forward (there is no long term agreement with the company). One BookSprint partner has stated he would continue working with us if the company dissolves.

Between Amazon and BookSprint, we have made \$1259.00 from the sale of books.

The last initiative was to determine the value of continuing with our traditional Book Sale. One justification for moving forward is that the sale generates awareness among potential/future donors. The Board agreed we should continue the sale with modifications. Possible changes could include: shortening the length of the overall sale; lowering the price of admission for book dealers to \$10.00; changing the pricing structure for items (raise prices the first half of Saturday, lower Saturday afternoon, bag sale part of day on Sunday). The Book Sale Committee needs to pick a sale date. Lori suggested a weekend in April, outside of April 25-26, 2014, as this is Little 500. According to Naz, the bylaws state the sale traditionally coincides with National Library Week (April 13-19, 2014).

3. The Board agreed that the restaurant, *Farm*, is an acceptable venue for this year's Holiday Luncheon. December 13, 2013, is the proposed date for this event as the venue is available and the IUB Libraries' Holiday Party is scheduled for December 6, 2013. The Programming and Social Committee asked the Board to address whether Chef Daniel Orr (owner of *Farm*) be asked to speak at the luncheon. Kate suggested we did not need a speaker as the remarks tend to be very short and do not always contribute to the overall event. Lori has received a few comments that many would like this to principally be a social outing. The Board agreed we will forgo having Chef Orr speak, and Lori will notify Brandon Bowen, Programming and Social Committee Chair, of our thoughts.

Carrie Donovan, Programming and Social Committee member, also asked the Board to discuss any other prospective social events. The silent auction held around last May's Business Meeting was not very successful. Carrie suggested we might try the auction in conjunction with the Holiday Luncheon. The Board liked this idea, and Lori will contact Brandon to discuss further.

4. Lori planned to discuss the Ad Hoc Writing & Publishing Committee, but Chanitra Bishop (Chair) was not present. She solicited ideas from the Board for this committee. Kate suggested we again partner with the BLFC Continuing Education Committee, as last year's co-sponsored panel discussion outlining individual research projects/interests was very popular.
5. Lori mentioned the InULA Research Incentive Fund support grant applications. It is believed we have one submitted application and one possible resubmission from the summer. The submission deadline is not until October 15, 2013; and, it is believed we will get more applications as the deadline approaches.
6. Lori solicited any final items of business. Latrice asked about who updates the InULA website as the committee information was outdated. The Communication Committee oversees updates to the InULA website, and Lori will contact Ashley Ahlbrand (Chair) regarding the needed changes.
7. Lori stated our next meeting is November 7, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Herman B Wells Library, Bloomington. The Board will continue to look at the Book Sale and other events. We will also review the website.

There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Sheley (Proxy for Michael Courtney)