

Letter from the President

April 2012

Hello! As my tenure nears its end, I am pleased to relay some very good messages.

- Our annual Book Sale was hugely successful, bringing in \$5,716.77 which helps support our research grants and the Julieann V. Nilson Student Scholarship. I am giving special thanks here to Lori Dekydtspotter as the committee chair and to Bob Noel, our welterweight champion who moved many of the 800+ boxes of books not once, but in most cases, twice! This is a monumental job, and thank you to everyone who pitched in to help.
- Speaking of the student scholarship, our Sherri Michaels researched the history of the Nilson Scholarship, and among many valuable pieces of information, found an IU account number which can be traced to our missing \$7,700+ funds – missing since the late 1970s! We're still in the process of learning how we might use those funds today and we'll keep you posted.
- The Grants and Scholarship Committee recommended, and the Board approved, that Jaminnia States be this year's recipient of the Nilson Scholarship award. Congratulations to Jaminnia! She is a SLIS student in the Bloomington program, and her professional goal is to become a public librarian with a literacy-driven focus.
- InULA should have a new website mid- to late May! I'm pleased to inform everyone that Dale Wray has accepted our contract to migrate our site to a locally hosted WordPress site. We'll be able to incorporate forms, PayPal, calendars – all good things. The InULA Communications Committee Chair, Andrea Morrison, submitted a Website Report on December 8, 2011, which was helpful in moving this project forward.
- The Constitution and Bylaws committee is gearing up for a ballot for us to vote on some changes to our documents, such as adding vice-chairs to all standing committees to facilitate an easier transition from year to year.
- The Elections committee is preparing a slate of excellent candidates to serve InULA including a Vice President/President-Elect, a Secretary, and two Members-at-large. Please look for the election and the C&B ballots about two weeks after the May Business Meeting.
- And speaking of which, the May Business meeting will be held Tuesday, May 22 from 2-4pm. You can join us in Bloomington in the Wells Library room E174 or on phone bridge 225589 by dialing the auto attendant at 812-856-7060.
- The Programs and Social Committee recently held a set of Professional Development & Informational Sessions covering these topics: "Evaluating Web Accessibility" with Julie Hardesty; "Information Architecture: Websites as Libraries" by Anand Kulanthaivel; "Presenting with Prezi" by Rayla Hanselmann; and "Navigating Your Way through Filmmakers Library Online" by Monique Threath. Thank you, Committee, for setting up another excellent professional development program!
- I am interested in feedback members would like to voice regarding a potential move of our archives out of the 11th floor cage in Wells Library to the University Archives. I understand a Deed of Gift is required to make such a transition, and if members would

like to discuss this possibility and any issues, please contact me. I will also include this as an agenda item at the May Business Meeting.

- The Membership Committee recently reported our current membership is 78.
- Last: The Board has revised the copyright policy for *InULA Notes*. It will be:

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I want to thank all the Board members and the committee chairs and members for an excellent year for InULA. We have discussed many issues and have made good forward progress in our solutions for them. It's been a tremendously valuable position for me as it really highlights just how many people it takes to keep an organization viable and meaningful to its members. As always, I want to hear your thoughts about anything above or other issues on your mind. Help me shape the May Business Meeting agenda by sending along your thoughts.

Warmly,

Jennifer Laherty
InULA President, 2011-2012