

Letter from the President

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Dear InULA Members,

It is with great honor that I serve as your President for the 2018-2019 year. First, I would like to thank the Executive Board for helping make my first semester as InULA President a smooth transition. I'm excited for the things to come in the next year, and the different opportunities that InULA can provide to individuals associated with IU libraries across the state.

The committees have been hard at work so far this year: Membership is working on more ways to recruit members, the Book Sale Committee is bigger than ever and working to prepare for what I'm sure will be a great sale this coming Spring, Program and Social has scheduled a social outing to The James Whitcomb Riley Museum Saturday November 10th at 11AM and the upcoming Holiday Luncheon Friday December 14th, Communications has put this wonderful issue of *Notes* together, Constitution and By-Laws will continue work on editing our ruling documents based on feedback from last Spring's Business Meeting, and the Scholarship and Grants Committee is working on updating application forms and rubrics. Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered and agreed to serve on the various InULA Committees this year. InULA could not function without you!

In other news, the Board has decided to reinstate the Staff Professional Development Award. The award will provide a financial aid opportunity to library staff to support research and research-related activities or attendance to a conference, seminar, or workshop. This award, previously handled by the Board, will be transitioned to the Scholarships and Grants Committee. A rubric will need to be developed, but our hope is that we will be able to offer this award opportunity to library staff during the Spring cycle. Keep a look out for more information to come!

Regarding this issue of *Notes*, you may notice something slightly different. In the past, each issue was published with a blanket [Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial, No Derivatives License \(CC-BY-NC-ND\)](#). In this issue, articles are still published with a CC-BY-NC-ND license, except those noted otherwise. As other publications are moving towards less restrictive licensing, we are considering allowing authors contributing to *Notes* to select a Creative Commons license of their choice upon submission, with CC-BY-NC-ND being the most restrictive. We feel this will allow contributors more say in their submitted work and

scholarship. Further news regarding this development from the Communications Committee will be forthcoming.

During Board meetings this semester, there has been discussion about what membership in InULA means. Members are the driving force of InULA, and it's important that we as an association demonstrate value. InULA strives to promote excellence in library service and provide opportunities for continuing education and professional development. I would like to think that we are achieving those goals, but it's important that we relay these benefits to others in IU libraries who either have not heard of us, have not joined, or who may have allowed their membership to lapse. Through the hard work of InULA committee members, we sponsor programs and workshops, provide grants for research support, publication opportunities, monetary awards to staff to support professional development, networking and social opportunities, and award scholarships to students pursuing Library Science degrees. Have you told a co-worker about InULA today?

In faithful service,

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