

Letter from the President

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Dear InULA Members,

As the Spring academic calendar draws to a close, I would like to reflect on InULA activities since the last issue of *InULA Notes*.

The Board is happy to announce the reinstatement of the Staff Professional Development Award, and is thankful to the Scholarship and Grants Committee for all their work to resurrect the award and update the documentation in time to call for applications during the third cycle of Research Incentive Grants. This year we will be awarding two awards for staff professional development of \$500 each to support professional development goals and progress for staff within the IU Libraries community.

Our other committees have also been hard at work. Book Sale Committee and volunteers held the annual book sale this past weekend after months of hard work and preparation, which raised over \$4,000 to help fund our grants, awards, and scholarships. The Communication Committee has put together another wonderful issue of *InULA Notes* and has worked to amend our Creative Commons options for submission as well as making language in their documents more gender-inclusive. Constitution and By-Laws Committee has been working to compile feedback and historical documents regarding the ongoing effort to make InULA membership more inclusive at all levels to the entire IU Libraries Community. Program and Social Committee has planned and scheduled our IU Libraries Networking Colloquium (May 31, 2019 from 9:30AM-2:00PM at the Ruth Lilly Law Library at IUPUI) and the 2019 InULA Business Meeting (May 17, 2019 from 12:00PM-2:00PM in Herman B Wells Library Room E159 at IU Bloomington). We hope to see you there! In addition, I would like to thank our Chairs, committee members, and volunteers who made all of this possible!

In my last letter, I discussed the benefits and value of InULA and what membership in InULA means. This conversation within the Board has continued since then, both in discussions of our move forward with the proposed revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws, and in considering the motto that appears at the top of our website (www.indiana.edu/~inula/wp_2012/): "Librarians Serving Librarians". It's true, many of our members are librarians, although not all. InULA and the IU Libraries community at large are strong and diverse because of our differences in backgrounds and individual strengths contributed to the whole. Those who volunteer and serve the IU Libraries community on

behalf of InULA are more than just librarians—we are a community. As such, the Board has decided we would like to welcome suggestions for a new, more inclusive motto.

We would like members of InULA and the IU Libraries community at large to suggest a new motto for our website to better reflect our organization's structure and mission. The InULA Board believes a potential change in motto could mark a new, inclusive era for the organization, and would build on strengths of our organization for the community. The Board would also like to thank the Membership Committee and Constitution and By-Laws Committee for their work to restructure and include more diversity in InULA membership at all levels.

Suggestions will be gathered using a Google Doc, which can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2Ut5qE0>. You may contribute your suggestion anonymously or attribute your name, whichever you prefer. The Board will take into consideration all suggestions for a new or edited InULA motto, and propose a vote to change the motto to general InULA membership at a later time.

As I close out my last letter as InULA President, I would like to sincerely thank all who make InULA and fulfilling our mission of serving IU Librarians and the IU Libraries community possible. I am constantly impressed and thankful for all of you and your service to, and on behalf of, this wonderful organization. I thank you as well for allowing me to serve you all as your President Elect and President for the past two years. I look forward to seeing InULA continue to grow and evolve.

In faithful service,

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