

## Letter from the President

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Dear InULA members,

The Board has been hard at work with several projects throughout the year, and I would be remiss if I didn't start this note by saying that I have had an excellent Executive Board to work with these past few months. It's been a pleasure—thank you, Lori Dekydtspotter (Vice-President), Michael Courtney (Secretary), Jennifer Laherty (Treasurer), Chanitra Bishop, Latrice Booker, and Christina Wray (Members-at-Large)!

Just a few projects that the Board and InULA's committees have started and/or are ongoing since the fall:

- **The new InULA Staff Professional Development Award**

The fact is that many of our colleagues in the Indiana University Libraries do not currently hold faculty-status positions, and yet are interested in pursuing professional development opportunities. The Board decided to offer this award in order to encourage professional development by non-faculty library staff. The Executive Board will be reviewing submissions this year and will announce the recipient of the award before May 31st.

- **Annual Business Meeting—May 23rd from 1-3pm**

Speaking of May, the annual InULA Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23rd from 1-3pm in the Wells Library, room E174, or by phone (details and agenda will be forthcoming). Please try to attend, or send any comments, suggestions, or ideas to me or other attendees. We will definitely need your input on the Annual InULA Book Sale for 2014—with construction going on in the Wells Library parking lot, it's unclear how we should proceed.

The Elections Committee has been formed and will be looking for candidates for Vice President/President-Elect, Treasurer, and one Member-at-Large. If you'd like to nominate yourself or someone else, please notify Emily Okada, the chair of the committee. Candidates will be announced during the May Business Meeting, and nominees will still be accepted from the floor.

- **InULA reception at the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library—April 9th from 4-6pm**

The Programs & Social Committee has put together what I think will be a stellar reception at the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library in Indianapolis to coincide with ACRL this year. The reception will be on Tuesday, April 9th from 4-6pm. I personally cannot wait to



check out the museum and catch up with attending InULA members! Special thanks to Carrie Donovan and Jennifer Hehman for putting this together and getting the word out!

- **InULA's new website**

Perhaps you've heard tell of this elusive new website. Perhaps you believe that it is simply a legend that exists to help you fall asleep at night. I'm here to tell you that work has been ongoing to get the website up to speed. As I mentioned in my last President's Letter, Gary Wiggins has agreed to serve as our webmaster and has been diligently backing up the site and fixing any issues as they arise. Problems (or rather, opportunities) have arisen in terms of the back end—how to make the site more usable for members (e.g. connecting the membership component with the actual site). Christina Wray has agreed to research the membership component of the new site, and we will (fingers crossed) be transitioning to the new site before the May Business meeting.

Thanks for reading and I hope to see you at the ACRL reception and the May Business Meeting!

Cheers,  
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