Letter from the President

InULA's purpose as stated in our Constitution is to promote excellence in library service and to provide opportunities for continuing education and professional development. This is what we have done to meet our challenges this year:

Supported librarians' individual research projects by awarding two <u>Research Incentive Fund</u> Grants at a total amount of \$1,600.00.

Supported the professional development of all Indiana University Libraries personnel by awarding two newly created <u>Professional Development Grants</u> at a total amount of \$1,171.33. InULA has been able to support the activities of regional campus librarians through this grant; both grant awards went to regional campuses. All InULA members will have access to the report on these grants, and in some cases a videotape of the program.

Provided a program for this year's theme "Exploring the Issues of Academic Librarianship" at our Fall membership meeting.

Encouraged communication of members through updating our <u>InULA web pages</u> and our listserv InULA-L.

For the future, we are efficiently planning our fundraiser, the <u>InULA booksale</u>, and programs for later in the year. We are also updating our Constitution and By-Laws.

InULA has done a fine job involving I.U. regional campus librarians in membership on the <u>Board</u> and <u>InULA Committees</u>, and providing better opportunities for these librarians, which was a concern that the membership often voiced to the Board over the years. The key to InULA being a vigorous organization, in my mind, is the support that InULA provides for its membership. I am proud of being President of InULA because I think it does an exceptional job in this key area. Another exceptional characteristic of InULA is its ability to be flexible in responding to the needs of its members from year to year. I invite you to become involved as a member, associate, or friend, and let your voice be heard.

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