Academic Libraries of Indiana

President’s Annual Report 2015 - 2016

This has been an action-packed and productive year for the Academic Libraries of Indiana, and first and foremost, I want to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their enthusiastic and unfailing support throughout the last year. I could not have asked for a better group of board officers to work with: John Lamborn, Matthew Shaw, and David Peter; they, as well as recent past presidents of ALI, David Lewis and Dan Bowell, were always at hand with guidance and advice whenever questions of procedure or process arose. It was also my great honor to work with our ALI committee and task force chairs, and a huge thank you goes to them and the 74 total participants who actively worked in these groups since ALI’s annual membership meeting last May.

Here, briefly, is the year in review:

Board highlights

• Conducted a membership survey to set the course for the coming year and provide direction for the next three-year strategic plan.
• Established three task forces:
  ➢ Self-Administration Task Force
  ➢ Collaborative Collection Management Task Force
  ➢ Strategic Plan Task Force
• Approved 2016 – 2019 Strategic Plan
• Gained a webmaster – Franny Gaede
• Met with invited guests: Jake Speer, State Librarian; Randy Dykhuis and Nancy Kirkpatrick, MCLS to discuss ongoing ventures and how our organizations might work together (SRCS, possible collaboration with Michigan libraries, etc.)
• Adopted a new ALI logo (please see above!)
• Approved creation of an additional standing committee: Assessment Committee

Committee highlights

• Information Literacy Committee (Sally Neal, Chair, Butler University)
  ➢ Planning underway for the July 20, 2016 unconference event at Indiana State University
Hosted webinar, “Information Literacy and First Year Students: Programming Instructional Approaches & Assessment” for 47 attendees

- Resource Advisory Committee (Kate Moore, Chair, IU Southwest)
  - ICOLC attendance, April, 2016
  - The committee has reviewed 19 resources and moved forward on 10 this year.
  - Sent ALI members offers for five resources; there are still two offers being worked on (RDA Toolkit and several single title archives from EBSCO).
  - Reviewing the newly-received ACS license.

- Resource Sharing Committee (Tina Baich, Chair, IUPUI)
  - Represented ALI in State Library SRCS discussions
  - Working to create greater awareness of the ALI Reciprocal Borrowing Program

- Scholarly Communication Committee (Franny Gaede, Butler University)
  - Hosted a THATCamp event for 40 attendees in July, 2015
  - Committee member attended SPARC conference in San Antonio
  - Hosted a THATCamp event at Notre Dame in April

Task Force highlights

- Self-Administration Task Force - Dan Bowell (Taylor University); Marna Hostetler (University of Southern Indiana); David Lewis (IUPUI); Kate Moore (IU, Southeast), Co-Chair; Peter Whiting (University of Southern Indiana), Co-Chair.
  - Worked to determine whether ALI would be better served in moving to a model where ALI would create a full-time position to serve the organization in handling e-resource negotiations and acquisitions, or continue working through an established organization.
  - Created an RFI and will continue to work with the Board through the summer.

- Collaborative Collection Management Task Force – Josh Petrusa (Butler University); Marla Baden (IPFW); Polly Boruff-Jones (IU-Kokomo, Board Member); Caroline Gilson (DePauw University); Sean Stone (IU School of Dentistry); Jan Woodall (Ivy Tech Community College – Central Region); Kirsten Leonard (PALNI, Co-chair); Tina Baich (IUPUI, Co-chair); Kate Moore (IU-Southwest, RAC Liaison)
  - Reviewed the existing ALI-PALNI Shared Print Project data and identified opportunities and constraints in group purchasing options.
  - Consulted with VIVA and SCS about data analysis methods.
  - Gathered and analyzed ALI purchasing data from institutions that did not participate in the ALI-PALNI Shared Print Project.
  - Worked to bring purchase recommendation to the ALI membership by the end of the academic year.

In this look back at the year, I want to remember Bill Louden, University Librarian at the University of Evansville for 21 years, who passed away last fall. In ALI’s early years, Bill was actively involved in the organization’s formation, and even when he wasn’t physically able to attend meetings in person, he was always among the first to volunteer to help out with committee work. I have missed our email and phone conversations this year.
Leaving the Board this year are David Lewis (IUPUI), Dan Bowell (Taylor University), and Ed Edmonds (Notre Dame). While I have already mentioned the willingness of David and Dan to share their wisdom when I had questions and about ALI history, they have also been ready and willing to jump in and work on committees and task force projects.

I want to acknowledge and thank David Lewis for providing a “home base” for the ALI board meetings this year, Matthew Shaw for hosting a board meeting at the beautifully renovated Krannert Memorial Library at the University of Indianapolis, and Rick Provine for hosting—for the second year in a row—ALI’s annual membership meeting at the Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University.

And, of course, much gratitude goes to the Planning Committee for this year’s annual membership meeting. Beginning last August, this group has diligently worked to plan an inspiring and joyful day for ALI members.....for the first time, ALI members have been invited to bring a guest. Along with fine outside speakers, the ALI working committees are being showcased; members will have the opportunity to see firsthand what academic librarians around the state have been working on throughout the year in support of our organization’s mission.

Lastly, thank you to the members of ALI. As mentioned at the beginning of this report, it has been a busy and productive year. Your participation and support is what allows ALI to be a recognized leader among library organizations in this state and outside of this state, and we can all be proud of what we have accomplished for our libraries and our profession in working together and excited about what we can do—again, together—in the future.

Best wishes,

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