

# INDIGO News

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## FROM THE CHAIR...

As incoming Chair of INDIGO, I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve this organization for the next year. INDIGO's first year has an impressive list of accomplishments under last year's officers and committees, led by Chair Andrea Singer. At our annual meeting November 12, Secretary-Treasurer Marianne Mason submitted a two-page annual report documenting the activities from this past year. In addition to this long list, three additional items were identified at the meeting.

With this successful start to our organization, I hope we can build upon last year's accomplishments throughout 1994. One way to look at this next year is to ask ourselves what goals we would like to strive for as an organization. In the area of communication and networking between members, there are several ways this can be accomplished. Our newsletter can continue to be enhanced in various ways. If any member has an idea for a new title for our newsletter, those suggestions would be welcome. We can always look to broaden our membership base for INDIGO. We can contact all federal and state depositories in Indiana to make sure all depository librarians are aware of INDIGO. We can look for members whose jobs may involve statistical information, working in a data center, working with patents, maps, or geographical information systems (GIS). Hopefully we can begin implementing a partnership system in the next few months

that will better link libraries in the same congressional district or geographic area, so that more sharing and cooperation can take place.

This year's program was excellent in emphasizing the Internet. A great deal of thanks are due the four conference presenters: Steve Schmidt, Gary Rainford, Sally Holterhoff, and Phyllis Karrh. Thanks also to Gail Winsmore and Bob Hinton for the excellent program planning. We can build on Gail's excellent Program leadership under our new Co-Chairs, Jackie Johnson and Janine Orr. Judie Violette will also lend her expertise to this committee. We will evaluate this past year's program with the comments submitted by attendees, and look forward to putting together an excellent broad-based program for 1994.

In the area of federal government information, Sally Holterhoff, Barbara Albee, and Alma Blakley will constitute the FedReC Committee which will look at federal issues such as restructuring of the federal depository system, and lobbying for and/or against legislative proposals that attempt to change federal information policy. On the state level, Lou Malcomb, Carol Nahrwold, and Diane Calvin as the StateReC committee will look at issues relating to state government information, specifically how our organization can work with the State Library and others to improve access and dissemination of state information.

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