November 2008: Annual Awards and Initiation Ceremony at Indiana Library Federation Annual Meeting

Our Annual Awards and Initiation Ceremony will be held during the Indiana Library Federation Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. New initiates will be inducted, and our Scholarship Award will be presented. Our Service Award winner will be recognized, and hopefully, we will hear about the secrets to their career success! Thanks to Indiana Library Federation executive director Linda Kolb for inviting us to again be part of this ILF event!

2008 Service Award Nominees Sought

The Chi Chapter Service Award is presented to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the library and information science profession or its goals. If you have someone you would like to nominate, please e-mail Cindy Monnier at cmonnier@indianachamber.com. Deadline for nominations is September 1.

Special Program: Fall 2008

This year our Fall Career Forum will be held in conjunction with HomeComing, October 24, and feature visits to campus from several of our SLIS Distinguished Award Winners. We will be expanding our SLIS Career Forum to Indianapolis for the first time. Stay tuned!

Dr. Tom Nisonger to Retire

Say it isn’t so! Our beloved Chi chapter faculty sponsor, Tom Nisonger, is retiring. For nine years Dr. Nisonger has graciously and unfailingly supported our Chi Chapter in many ways, helping to make possible our many programs. Our entire board greatly appreciates his service. Each year, among other duties, he has carefully managed the long process of soliciting and gathering Scholarship Award nominated papers from the faculty, distributing these to the board for review and gathering our input.

Tom is Professor of Library and Information Science and M.L.S. Program Director, and received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1976. Dr. Nisonger is completing his 20th year at SLIS. He is pictured here with his recent book, Evaluation of Library Collections, Access, and Electronic Resources: A Literature Guide and Annotated Bibliography.

Tom’s last official day was May 31st. He can be reached at nisonge@indiana.edu.

Best wishes always!
Profile: Incoming President Andrea Morrison

By Penny Gillie

Chi Chapter Vice-President and President-Elect, Andrea M. Morrison is a 1991 SLIS graduate who also holds a Masters Degree in Comparative Literature. She works as an original cataloger for monographs with a government documents specialty in the Technical Services Department of Indiana University Libraries, Bloomington and also teaches a SLIS cataloging course. A member of the Chi Chapter Executive Board since 2006, she served as Membership Coordinator before assuming the role of Vice-President.

Andrea is passionate about Beta Phi Mu and the opportunities it gives her to contribute to the profession. She has several goals that she hopes to accomplish during her tenure as president of Chi Chapter. She would like to establish a mentoring program for new members, improve the website by adding streaming video of the service and scholarship award speeches, and use the chapter website to share information about the professional accomplishments of our current members.

The upcoming year promises to be an exciting one for Andrea. She is editor of Managing Electronic Government Information in Libraries, a guide by ALA’s Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), which will be published by ALA Editions in March 2008. Proceeds from its sale will solely benefit GODORT. When she is not busy cataloging, writing, or teaching, Andrea enjoys reading, playing tennis, and folk dancing.

Career Forum: October ‘07

Over 50 students and guests attended our Chi Chapter Career Forum, held Wednesday October 17th at SLIS in Bloomington. Thanks to the many BPM board members who pitched in to recruit speakers, make arrangements, be on a panel or moderate a panel. This year we increased our panelists by a factor of four, holding four separate concurrent sessions, for Public, Academic, School Media and Special/IT librarians. Special thanks to Ralf Shaw for proposing this new format! It was very successful.

Left to right: Carrie Donovan, IU Bloomington moderates, with academic library panelists Jennifer Laherty, IU; Sally Neal, Butler University; and Brooke Cox, DePauw University.

We held each session twice, early and mid-afternoon so that students could attend two topics. Many thanks to our panelists, some of whom drove considerable distances to attend, and help our students understand the mysteries of library careers and the job hunting process.

David Ross, Morgan County PL moderated the public library panel: Penny Gillie, Monroe County PL, and Elizabeth Dehne and Blossom Smith, both of Cincinnati PL.

Dr. Nisonger moderated the school media panel: Blossom Smith, Cincinnati PL; Ginny Richey, retired Monroe County PL; and Kris McGlaun, Monroe County Schools.

Special Libraries-Information Industry: Left to right: panelists Elizabeth Whipple, Ruth Lilly Medical Library; Lisa Greer Douglass, NCAA; Julie Hardesty, IU Technical Support; and Kent Holaday, Eli Lilly. Cindy Monnier, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, moderated.
2007 Scholarship Award to Ellen Rubenstein

Dr. Nisonger congratulates our 2007 Scholarship Award winner, Ellen Rubenstein, for her research study “The Monroe County Public Library: Its Place in the Community” nominated by Dr. Alice Robbin.

2007 Service Award to Pat Steele

Outgoing president Keith Kuhn congratulates Pat Steele on her award. Pat started her library career in junior high school.

BPM Scholarships Available

For information on various BPM scholarships and fellowships, see: http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/scholarships.html

2007-08 Dues and Address Changes

If you are an initiated member of Beta Phi Mu and need to pay your current membership dues, please send ($10.00/yr) to: Mary Popp, Beta Phi Mu Public Services Librarian Herman B Wells Library W501 Indiana University Libraries Bloomington IN 47405-3907 (812) 855-8170 popp@indiana.edu

You may update your address records by sending a your new information to Mary Popp. See website for Mary’s contact information. http://bpm.slis.indiana.edu/members.shtml

In addition, please send your change of address notification to the National Society: Christie Koontz, Executive Director Beta Phi Mu PO Box 3062100 Tallahassee, FL 32306-2100 Tel: (850) 645-7145 Email: ckoontz@ci.fsu.edu

Treasurer’s Report as of 1-18-08
From Julie Hardesty, Chi Chapter Treasurer

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Chi Chapter Board Positions
If you would be interested in serving on the Board of Chi Chapter, or would like to nominate a candidate for 2008-2009, please contact Cindy Monnier at cmonnier@indianachamber.com

Nominees for Chi Chapter Executive Board 2008-2009

President: Cindy Monnier, Indiana Chamber of Commerce President-Elect: Andrea Morrison, IU Libraries Treasurer: Julie Hardesty, IU Digital Library Program Secretary: Penny Gillie, Monroe County Public Library Membership Coordinator: Mary Popp, IU Libraries At Large: David Ross, Morgan County Public Library At Large: Penny Mathiesen, Freelance Editor and Writer At Large: Krista Quigley, Morgan Co. Public Library Incoming Faculty Sponsor: Ralf Shaw, IU SLIS