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From the Chair: (Jennifer Bryan)

INDIGO Members Elected or Appointed to Various Offices: Jennifer Bryan is the AALL Government Documents Special Interest Section Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Sally Holterhoff is the AALL Vice President/President-elect and becomes President in July, Miriam Murphy is the Vice President/President Elect of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries, and Andrea Morrison is an ALA Council Counselor at Large.

Purdue University Libraries News: We have made continual progress in retrospectively cataloging U.S. documents this past year dating from the mid-1970s to early 1990s. A large number of Justice Department, federal court system, and State Department publications from this time period have been cataloged. We have also made significant accomplishments cataloging congressional committee hearings and prints from this era including Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Y 4.En 2) and House Energy & Commerce Committee (Y 4.En 2/3-1981-1994), House Ways & Means Committee (Y 4.W 36), and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Y 4.P 96/10). We're just beginning retrospective cataloging from House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee publications (Y 4.V 64/3 & Y 4.V 64/4), and Joint Committee on Taxation (Y 4.T 19/4). We have also made significant progress cataloging electronic foreign and international government organization resources in early 2006. The three countries being emphasized are Australia, Canada, and Great Britain. All of these countries have a number of excellent government epubs with Worldcat records. Speaking of Worldcat, I encourage you to do a Worldcat corporate author search by a government agency some time and limit the search to Internet resources. You will be surprised by how many U.S. Government resources there are in Worldcat that do not have SuDoc numbers or GPO PURLs in their records. (Bert Chapman)

Department of Homeland Security Inspector General: The 1978 Inspector General Act enacted by Congress

created independent offices of inspectors general within most federal departments. These offices are headed

by a presidentially appointed Inspector General who is subject to Senate confirmation. Inspectors Generals are

responsible for reviewing the management performance of agencies within their departments and can issue criminal

penalties if fraud is committed in the administration of agency programs by agency employees or private sector

contractors. The Homeland Security Dept's Office of Inspector General was established when this department

was created by the Homeland Security Act of 2002. Numerous reports are accessible through this office's

website on programs by agencies such as FEMA, the Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration, and

other agencies under Department of Homeland Security auspices. Examples of these reports include Semiannual

Reports to Congress describing office investigative activities (Oct. 2002-present) and annual office performance reports. The highlight of this site are the audit and inspection reports covering topics such as border security, emergency management, immigration, and terrorism. Examples of some of these reports include Transportation Security Administration's Checked Baggage Screener Training and Certification: A Letter Report (2003), Effectiveness of Customs and Border Protection Procedures to Detect Uranium in Two Smuggling Incidents (2004), USCIS Faces Challenges in Modernizing Information Technology (2005), The State of Indiana's Management of State Homeland Security Awarded During During Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003 (2005), Challenges in FEMA's Flood Map Modernization Program (2005), A Review of Remote Surveillance Technology Along U.S. Land Borders (2005), and Follow Up Review of the Port Security Grant Program (2006). (Bert Chapman).

Indiana Local Government GIS Sites: GIS is being used for a variety of purposes by numerous governmental jurisdictions within the U.S. These can include vegetation and soil mapping and mapping floodplains. A number of Indiana county governments are using GIS for multiple purposes. Two representative sites are Monroe County and Tippecanoe County You can search for property tax information on these sites including assessed property values,

current and recent property tax payments, and aerial or up close photos of individual properties. Whatever you think of the privacy implications of this, it is now possible to answer reference questions about area housing or economic conditions using county government GIS websites. (Bert Chapman)

Indiana History: A forthcoming book from the Indiana Historical Society Press may be of interest to INDIGO members to add to their libraries Indiana collections. The Governors of Indiana: A Biographical Dictionary is slated for publication in August 2006 and features essays on each of Indiana's governors. The book's ISBN is 0-87195-196-7 and its hardcover price is \$34.95. (Bert Chapman)

Upcoming Conferences: American Library Association-New Orleans, June 22-28

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