

**INIDGO Virtual Fall Meeting, 2020**  
**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Present:** Brent Abercrombie, Jennifer Morgan, Emily Alford, Lou Malcomb, Michele Fenton, Bert Chapman, Ann Marshall (recorder)

**Current Officers**

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Brent Abercrombie, 2019-2021, Chair (Continuing); Federal Depository Representatives Committee

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Jennifer Morgan, Education Committee

Lou Malcomb, State Depository Representative Committee

Scott Sandberg (?), Program Committee

Emily Alford, Archives Committee

Ann Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer

(?) Communication Committee

**Action Items Discussed:**

Creating a place on our website for webinars

Proposal for hosting Occasional Papers on the INDIGO site (see Bert below)

Creating Venmo for dues and creating a Gmail Account (see Ann below)

**Other General Discussion**

- Several mentioned challenges with vacated positions not being filled in a timely manner and/or losing positions all together: State Library losing two positions, IU Law Library having two retirements not replaced, PWL having Pharmacy and Education positions retire, PFW no timeline on filling the Dean's position, IUN had a librarian and archivist leave.
- Discussion on programming needs and outreach, e.g. for public librarians, and regarding GPO's plan to better reach to this group. Jennifer mentioned ALL (law librarians) also offering programs, e.g. for catalogers, a subcommittee on student outreach and networking, a student portal, index of law librarians who teach, and a need to reach out to the library schools. JD not needed to be a law librarian. Lou: the importance of outreach to rural IN, lacking up to date access and information on technology, and lacking info. on government resources. Bert: the need to advocate for subject expertise. Digital divide issues. Lou: people stuck at home, importance of materials for young people, such as in Brent's webinar.

**Round Robin Updates:**

- **Brent Abercrombie:** presented a webinar on [Government Resources for Children](https://feddocs.lib.in.us/for-librarians/webinars/) (linked from <https://feddocs.lib.in.us/for-librarians/webinars/>), which covers how Ben's Guide and other government sites provide a wealth of resources for teachers, students, and parents.
- **Bert Chapman** – published an article on [Emerging U.S. Government and Military Literature on U.S. Space Force](#) and on [Arctic's Emerging Geopolitics](#) (as part of the MacKinder Forum, see references), and taught a Government Information class at Purdue. Bert proposed the idea of Occasional Papers hosted by INDIGO and Bert offered to write up a proposal. Other attendees expressed interest,

noting: the importance of having a variety of authors and topics covered, having guidelines as to what was acceptable, perhaps specifying the length; also noting that some occasional paper series have included classics; it could be a project of Education and Outreach Committee.

- **Emily Alford** – worked on a number of pre-election-related initiatives: drop in voter registration, then drop-in voter literacy resources, hosting a speaker series on democracy (as part of IU Arts & Humanities Themester), collaborating with Bloomington League of Women Voters and Black Lives Matter, among others. Also organized initiatives in relation to the inauguration, and with the Women Suffrage Centennial Exhibit that teamed up with IU Archives. Emily will begin serving on the Board of the Local Public Library Friends Group. Griffy the cat is still unemployed! Congratulations again to Emily on Well's Library receiving the FDLP [2020 Library of the Year](#).
- **Jennifer Morgan** – month-long research leave was delayed, project is on US immigration law and naturalization policy, late 19<sup>th</sup> to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, specifically on the US (Supreme Court, Census, Naturalization Bureau) classification of race -- how a free white person was defined as being a US naturalized citizen. Instead of leave, Jennifer designed a new, 1-credit, IU, asynchronous, legal research class on federal and administrative law. Taught in fall, will teach again in spring. Andrea and Jennifer will co-teach their IU government information course, with 8 students registered. Also teaching Government Information at Drexel, as well as Andrea and her course at University of Washington. 4 U W student papers published in *Documents for the People*. Jennifer presented at FDLP 2020 ([available online](#)). GPO drafted the most recent version of Title 44 bill, including Chapter 19 defining the [National Collection](#).
- **Ann Marshall** – has been working on finishing weeding the print gov docs collection, with thanks to Brent for his help with the Indiana Disposal List. Goal of the project is make a browsing-friendly collection for undergraduates. She has been “Barnes and Noble-ing it” at spots, highlighting documents within the stacks. Ann has also continued to work on creating a [search interface and visualization](#) of U.S. digital analytics data. Ann will work on offering Venmo for INDIGO. Do we have a Gmail account for INDIGO that can be transferred from person to person? No, confirmed by Scott at IUN.
- **Lou Malcomb** – has been renovating an old family barn (pictures shared via email). Lou's gov docs experience has been helpful with permits, fire risk issues, etc. Lou also volunteers for her local county historical society, working with handwritten documents from the 1800s, some counties have discarded them. They often include personal information, challenges of who might digitize these. Lou also created a cooks' database in excel, based on women's cookbooks, important as a way to represent women in historical collections. The database and in-person exhibit items let you see what your great grandmother cooked! The project encouraged the local economic council to identify 100 women to celebrate in honor of the centennial of women's right to vote. State Historical Society is an excellent resource for grants, advice and its important course on raising cattle. Lou is still very much an advocate for government information. Thank you for all you do, Lou!