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President's Message (Sherry Woosley)

On November 5, I returned from maternity leave so I feel like I have missed the fall excitement. But three things came to mind as I thought about INAIR and news for our members. First, our Executive Board submitted the final report for our BIRC grant. We highlighted a number of positive outcomes including increased INAIR committee membership, significant numbers of first-time presenters and first-time conference attendees, and increased assessment knowledge among conference participants. Overall, we felt that the grant had accomplished its goals. Second, the selection of our conference keynote last year has proved opportune given that Randy Swing was recently selected as the new AIR Executive Director. I think we were lucky to get a preview of the outstanding personality and skills that Randy will bring to AIR in the years ahead. Third, the INAIR conference call for proposals will be forthcoming. Please consider contributing something and encouraging others to do the same. Overall, I'm glad to be back and I'm already looking forward to seeing everyone in March.

Sherry Woosley, INAIR President

Vice President's Message (Todd J. Schmitz)

Even with the crush of fall reporting we are still finding time to plan for the spring INAIR conference. You should have already marked March 6-7th on your calendar for a pleasant trip to Bloomington and the famous Indiana Memorial Union for the 2008 version of INAIR. We have tentatively secured Jerry

Conover as the keynote speaker. Jerry is the Director of the Indiana Business Research Center and he will bring a wealth of information about statewide data sources and the economic impact of higher education in the state. It should be a very practical and informative presentation.

You will be receiving a "Call for Proposals" for this conference very soon, and more information on the conference. Should you have any questions prior to that, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email. The strength of our group lies in the collaboration and participation of our individual members.

Until next time, enjoy the upcoming holiday season!

Todd J. Schmitz, INAIR Vice President

Past President's Message (Andrea Ingle)

Greetings and I hope everyone enjoyed the turning of the leaves! Fall is definitely a beautiful season, but there's not a lot of breathing room to fully enjoy all these wonders with the numerous tasks being asked of the individual institutions during this time. But, remember INAIR is here for you. If you have any concerns or just want to discuss an IR related topic with colleagues across the state, just go to the INAIR listserv and post a message: inair@listserv.iupui.edu. Also, available for your convenience is the INAIR website www.inair.org, which provides upcoming INAIR and other related local or national conferences, institutional research job postings across the State, and historical INAIR events. Please contact me or any other

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committee member with any ideas or concerns that you may have about the organization or the organization's website.

For information regarding the national organization, the Association for Institutional Research (AIR), please visit the website at www.airweb.org.

Also, for your convenience, below is the link where you can review the final guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Education regarding the collection and maintenance of race and ethnicity for students and employees: <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=1393>

Time is flying by, and I hope to see everyone at next year's conference.

Andrea Ingle, INAIR Immediate Past President

From the Membership Committee (Maggie Dalrymple)

"People commonly use statistics like a drunk uses a lamp post: for support rather than for illumination." *Andrew Lang*

Does this quote describe some of your colleagues? Then encourage them to join INAIR to learn about using academic statistics responsibly. Members may be anyone, including graduate students, interested in institutional research. Membership fees are \$15 annually. For those of you who were unable to attend the annual conference, don't forget to renew your membership through the online membership form at <http://www.inair.org>.

Questions regarding membership may be directed to Maggie Dalrymple, Membership Committee Chair, at mld@purdue.edu or 765-494-7108.

From the Publications Committee (Iryna Johnson)

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this Newsletter.

As usual, I would like to encourage everyone to use the website and the newsletters as opportunities to share the information among INAIR members. If you have information (upcoming events, job postings, publications,

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presentations, awards, etc.) that could be posted on the website or included in the January Newsletter, please let me know.

Please direct questions/suggestions related to the INAIR web site and newsletters to Publications Committee Chair, Iryna Johnson, at iryjohns@indiana.edu.

EVENTS CALENDAR

The California Association for Institutional Research (CAIR) will hold their annual conference, *Assessment and Accountability: What Goes Around, Comes Around* on November 14-16, 2007 in Monterey, California. For more information, see <http://www.cair.org/conferences/index.html>

The **Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and Officers of Admission** will hold their 77th conference at the Borgata Casino & Spa on November 26-29, 2007 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. For more information, visit <http://www.msacroa.org/conference.html>

The **Australasian Association for Institutional Research**, (AAIR) will hold their annual Forum, *Change, Evidence & Implementation: Improving Higher Education in Uncertain Times*, on November 28-30, 2007 in Sydney, Australia. For more information, visit <http://www.aair.org.au/Forum2007/Index.html>

The Association for Institutional Research (AIR), the American Association for Community Colleges (AACCC), and the National Community College Council for Research and Planning (NCCCRP) with support from the Institute for Education Sciences-National Center for Education Statistics (IES-NCES), offer **Data and Decisions Workshop for strategic decision-making for community colleges** in Austin, Texas, December 6-8, 2007. For more information, see <http://www.airweb.org/?page=1338>

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities will be

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held on January 23-26, 2008 in Washington, DC. Further information on the meeting is available at

<http://www.aacu.org/meetings/annualmeeting/>

27th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience will be held on February 15-19, 2008 in San Francisco, California. Further information on the meeting is available at <http://www.sc.edu/fye/events/annual/index.html>



INAIR 22nd Annual Conference will be held on March 6-7, 2008 at the Indiana Memorial Union in Bloomington, Indiana.

Proposals can be submitted at the INAIR website or via e-mail, fax, or regular mail. Proposal deadline is January 11, 2008. For more information, see www.inair.org.

PROMOTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

ASHWINI NARKAR has joined Indiana State University as Coordinator, Student Success Research in the Office of Strategic Planning, Institutional Research and Effectiveness. Ashwini will facilitate the university's ability to analyze and plan for first-year programs, student success, transfer students, and the institutional identity and will support research teams around freshmen, transfer, and distance education success as well as ISU's experiential learning efforts. Welcome to IR, Ashwini!

KEVIN SNIDER has been named chief of staff in the Office of the President at Indiana State University, where he also serves as executive assistant for strategic planning, institutional research and effectiveness.

As chief of staff, Kevin will be responsible for the efficient operation of the President's Office, including budget analysis, scheduling and staffing. He will help coordinate the university's interim legislative efforts and lead the university's self-study, mission exploration and accreditation efforts and serve as liaison to the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Kevin recently completed an appointment as interim associate vice president for enrollment management at Indiana State. He has been executive assistant to the president since 2001 and previously served as assistant vice president of institutional research and effectiveness and as director of institutional research and testing. Prior to joining Indiana State in 1995, Snider served as a research analyst and as an adjunct professor at The American University in Washington, D.C. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from The American University as well as bachelor's and master's degrees in international relations from San Francisco State University. Congratulations, Kevin!

DON SPROWL has received a title change and is now Director of Institutional Research at Indiana Wesleyan University. His duties include data analysis in support of strategic planning, completing external reports, maintaining the university fact book, facilitating student learning assessment in the College of Arts & Sciences, and serving on every conceivable committee and task force.

JOB OPENINGS IN INDIANA

Ball State University posted an opening for an **Institutional Research Specialist** to coordinate and supervise various institutional research initiatives; build, organize, and maintain institutional research databases; plan and disseminate institutional research data to internal constituencies and to external regulatory agencies and accrediting bodies; work collaboratively with the Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness to carry out the institutional research responsibilities of the office. For more information, see

<http://www.bsu.edu/hrs/jobpostings/professional/>

University of Notre Dame posted an opening for a Research Analyst to support research activities of the Mendoza College of Business faculty and internal R&D. The primary responsibilities include installing, maintaining and updating all research databases, providing statistical consulting and analysis for a broad cross-section of research and statistical projects, performing research related programming tasks, and providing on-

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going R&D within Mendoza IT research technology group. For more information visit http://hr.nd.edu/employment/job_opportunities.shtml

Wabash College posted an opening for an **Center of Inquiry Research Analyst** to analyze and develop reports from data from the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education; develop written reports, articles, and conference presentations; perform other work as defined by the Director of Inquiries and the Associate Director of Inquiries. For more information, see <http://www.wabash.edu/aboutwabash/employment.cfm#job5>

Indiana State University posted an opening for an **IT Evaluation and Research Support Specialist** to consult with faculty, staff, and students on feasibility of promising technologies within the classroom; assist in the development of evaluation methodologies; assist OIT in making written and verbal reports to the campus and wider academic community; facilitate faculty and graduate students in their use of information technology in research; oversee statistical and evaluation consultation services for faculty and graduate students; coordinate data collection for external surveys; perform other related duties as required. For more information, see <https://jobs.indstate.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameSet/FrameSet.jsp?time=1195059710399>

PRESENTATIONS

DONALD R. WHITAKER, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, **SHERRY A. WOOSLEY**, Associate Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Ball State University, and **DARLENA JONES**, **Educational Benchmarking, Inc.** made the following presentation at the 2007 Assessment Institute in Indianapolis, IN:

MAP-Works: Taking Reporting to the Next Level (November, 2007)

DON SPROWL, Director of Institutional Research, Indiana Wesleyan University, made the following presentation at the 2007 21st Century Scholars Indiana Access & Success Conference in Indianapolis, IN:

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Assessment Primer (October 12, 2007)

SUSAN D. JOHNSON, Research Analyst, Indiana University will make the following presentation at the 2008 annual convention of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), Atlanta, GA:

What matters to African American student engagement at PWIs: Lessons learned. (April 2008)

LAMARA D. WARREN, LILIA SANTIAGUE, & SUSAN D. JOHNSON, Indiana University will make the following presentation at the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), Atlanta, GA:

Stand by me: Peer mentoring and the doctoral journey. (April 2008)

CHAD AHREN, SHIMON SARRAF, SUSAN D. JOHNSON, & LOWELL DAVIS, Indiana University will make the following presentation at the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), Atlanta, GA:

No time on my side: Examining factors affecting co-curricular involvement. (April 2008)

SUSAN D. JOHNSON & SUE SCIAME-GIESECKE, Indiana University will make the following presentation at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Multicultural Institute, Miami, FL (2007, December):

Enhancing minority attainment: A reflective exercise in diversity assessment (December 2007)

PUBLICATIONS

Patrick, H. & Drake, B. M. (in print) The transition to middle school. In E. Anderman (Ed.), *Psychology of Classroom Learning*. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.