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President's Message (Bill Tobin)

With the generous support of a BIRC (Building Institutional Research Capacity) grant from AIR, INAIR is pleased to be able to sponsor the first fall drive-in conference at Ball State University. The Conference Planning Committee has been working very hard to develop a first rate agenda of sessions and presentations. The theme will be "Marketplace for Ideas." We're also extremely fortunate to have the always gracious hospitality of our colleagues at Ball State. And of course Sherry Woosley of Ball State was instrumental in securing funding for this conference, for which we're very grateful. If you go to the AIR website calendar of events you'll see the drive-in conference listed for Friday, October 7, 2005.

We hope you will find the drive-in conference to be an excellent opportunity for professional development, to renew relationships with colleagues, and get out of the office for the day!

Vice President's Message (Andrea Ingle)

Well everyone, October 7 is right around the corner, and the committee has been working frantically to put together an amazing first ever INAIR Professional Development Roundtable. The conference is centrally located at Ball State University in the Alumni Center (<http://www.bsu.edu/alumni/center/>). This is a beautiful facility and everyone will be pleased with the accessibility. The speaker for the event will be Indiana's very own Vic Borden from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, he will be speaking on personal productivity. The roundtable sessions will give members the opportunity to collaborate and consult with Indiana

college/university experts in the fields of assessment, personal productivity, and technological advancement. Because of the award received from AIR, the committee knows that INAIR members will show their support and make this an event to remember. So everyone mark your calendars for October 7.

The one day drive-in conference will get members excited and prepared for the March 2-3 conference, which will be at French Lick Springs Spa and Resort. Leave the hustle and bustle of every day life behind and come relax in this cozy, soothing atmosphere in French Lick, Indiana. This will be a conference you won't forget.

Secretary's Message (Doug Anderson)

The INAIR Executive Committee has been preparing for our fall drive-in conference, and for our annual meeting next spring. We have met three times since our last conference, gathering first at DePauw immediately following the March conference, then in May in Bloomington, and in July at Valparaiso. Each meeting includes reports and updates from the officers, and discussion of topics such as the budget, membership statistics, website contents, newsletters, and by-laws, in addition to the main topic of upcoming events. Andrea Ingle and Erika Knudsen have done a terrific job of researching facilities, food, and all the details required to put on a conference, and bringing a wealth of ideas before the committee. We all look forward to seeing colleagues familiar and new at our fall drive-in event at Ball State.

Don't Miss It!
INAIR Fall Roundtable
October 7, 2005

Committee (Erika Knudsen)

Oh my, how this summer has flown!! For most of our member institutions, the beginning of the school year is nearly upon us. Summer vacations are over, summer projects have been completed, and now its time to get back to the grind of every day life in IR.

As we all head back to the grind of the semester, we can look forward to the 2006 annual conference. The conference will be something special. It will be held March 2-3, 2006 at the French Lick Springs Resort and Spa. This resort has been in the news quite a bit recently, as it has been purchased and is in the process of being refurbished. In fact, if we are lucky, part of this refurbishment will be completed by our time in French Lick. We're currently hard at work planning for this event which will celebrate INAIR's 20th anniversary. If you are curious about this wonderful, historic resort, please check out their website at <http://www.frenchlick.com>.

We look forward to seeing you in the next year, both in October and in March!

From the Membership Committee (Nathan Bohlmann)

For those of you who were unable to attend the annual conference, don't forget to renew your membership for 2005 through the online membership form at <http://www.inair.org>. INAIR currently has 85 members. Our goal is to have 100 by the end of the year. If you have new staff members in your area, you are encouraged to make them aware of the benefits of INAIR membership. Members may be anyone who has interest in institutional research. Membership fees are \$15 annually. Graduate students are also encouraged to join. The association provides a special annual INAIR conference rate for graduate students, regardless of the institution affiliation.

Questions regarding membership may be directed to Nathan Bohlmann, Membership Committee Chair, at nathanb@purdue.edu or 765-496-7294. Ideas regarding boosting INAIR membership are welcome.

From the Publications Committee (Beth Butcher)

The Publications Committee has been working diligently this summer to keep the INAIR website maintained. The website is updated every two weeks with new announcements and job postings, so be

sure to check out the site frequently: <http://www.inair.org/>.

One new feature that has recently been added to the site is the registration form and brochure for the INAIR Professional Development Roundtable in October. You can easily access these documents by clicking the link found on the home page. So hurry and register.

All INAIR members should be receiving an email notice in the very near future letting you know what your user name and password is for INAIR's new "Members Only" section. In this section you will be able to update your contact information, access the membership directory, and view other secure documents/information.

As always, the committee is working hard to make certain you are well informed about what is going on in IR around the state. Therefore, if you or your colleagues have items to be included in the newsletter or website, please direct them to the Publications Committee Chair, Beth Butcher, at babutcher@usi.edu.

AIR Highlights From the Immediate Past President (Timothy Chow)

I hope you are doing well and your summer is a productive one. AIR is keeping busy throughout the summer. There are many different activities going on since the San Diego Forum and the following highlights some of the activities that might be of your interest.

First, the deadline is approaching for the AIR nominations. Please take time to nominate your INAIR colleagues or yourself for the listed positions by September 16. It is easy to do via the online nominations form at <http://airweb.org>.

Second, the 2006 Forum Call for Proposals is also in high gear. The deadline for submitting proposals is October 1. Now is the time to think about the topics/tracks you would like to share with your IR colleagues at the New Orleans Forum. Online submission is also available and you can find more information at <http://airweb.org/page.asp?page=47>.

Finally, if you are looking for additional resources or funding opportunities to do institutional research, check out the AIR Grants Program website at <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=3> to explore the options there. For instance, there is funding

available for AIR affiliated groups through the Building Institutional Research Capacity (BIRC) program to support innovative activities that would enhance the quality of institutional research. INAIR has been awarded funding to support our brand new and upcoming drive-in professional development event.

If you have any creative ideas that could benefit INAIR by providing outreach to IR practitioners in Indiana and adding capacity to our professional practices, now is the time to share your thoughts with any members of the executive committee. The proposal period for Fall will open on September 25 through October 25.

Around Indiana:

The Impact of Technology on IR

(Around Indiana is a way for INAIR Members to share information and practices. Please consider submitting items to upcoming newsletters. The topic for August will be The Impact of Technology on IR).

With every day that passes new technology is developed and the things of yesterday are being sent to the junk yard. Those of us in higher education often struggle to maintain that fine line of staying on top of the technology changes without breaking our budgets. For most of us, the decision to upgrade or purchase new technologies is not based upon the fact some new gadget has just been released. But rather purchased out of necessity to enhance daily IR functions. Three Indiana institutions have been kind enough to share with us the impact recent technology changes have made on their IR departments.

Purdue University

This past spring, SAP was chosen to provide software services as part of Purdue University's initiative to modernize its enterprise computing systems into a Web-based portfolio of applications. The three-year, enterprise-wide initiative will change the way Purdue does business by integrating all enterprise data, information and business-critical processes. Our office is highly involved in several committees that discuss policies and procedures implications from this initiative.

Last summer, Cognos was selected as the Business Intelligence tool for Purdue University to replace the widely-used existing reporting tool, Brio. Our office has been involved in the creation of the data cubes and testing of the data. Training is currently in progress.

Our office took the lead in developing web tools using SAS Intranet to drill down on common campus data while the Cognos cubes were still being developed.

For more information on this, please see Chris Maxwell and Jacque Frost's presentation from this past INAIR annual meeting.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Rose-Hulman is moving more into using Banner Web to serve the campus data collection needs (assessment testing, elections, surveys, electronic forms, course evaluation, etc.) and ANGEL to serve the online course management needs. This trend has shifted the in-house developed reports and solutions over to the enterprise-wide automated reports and solutions. As with any enterprise computing system, the need for checking data integrity (data cleansing) still remains a top priority to ensure accuracy of information.

University of Southern Indiana

Institutional Research and Assessment (IRA) at the University of Southern Indiana has been greatly impacted by changes in technology in the last year. The institution is currently converting to Banner which means a big change for everyone at USI. The IRA staff have been heavily involved with data migration, verification, and training. As a result of going with a new university-wide system, we have also selected to use Cognos for reporting purposes. Although the IRA staff has completed training for the software, we will not begin using it until the spring 2006 semester.

In addition to the changes related to the conversion, the department is in the infant stages of developing a data warehouse to assist with data requests and semester reports. The data warehouse will be built using the expertise of internal USI employees.

INAIR Spotlight

(The INAIR Spotlight highlights INAIR members' activities).

Honors, Promotions, Retirements, Etc.

Victor Borden has accepted an appointment as Associate Vice-President for University Planning, Institutional Research and Accountability with the Indiana University administration. This new unit will combine the University Reporting and Research function with a number of new and existing

positions to develop a more comprehensive IR and planning operation for Indiana University. Vic will be stepping down from his IUPUI administrative roles but will retain his faculty position, effective September 1, 2005.

Margaret (Maggie) Dalrymple was promoted to Assistant Director of Institutional Research at Purdue University.

Charles F. Harrington, formerly Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana, is the new Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke effective August 15, 2005.

Dr. Julia M. Williams has been appointed the Executive Director of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, effective August 1, 2005.

Job Openings in Indiana

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana is seeking to fill the position of Executive Director of Institutional Research. This position will reside at the Indianapolis Central Office. For more information visit: <http://www.ivytech.edu/cohr/>.

Presentations

Borden, V.M.H. (June 2005). Building effective student retention programs: A collaborative learning approach. Presented at the Second Academic Impressions' Data Driven Strategic Enrollment Management Conference, Vail, CO.

Borden, V.M.H. (July 2005). Vic served as a faculty member at the 2005 AIR Applied Statistics Institute, July 22-26, 2005.

Chow, Timothy (July 2005). Timothy served as Co-Director at the 2005 AIR Applied Statistics Institute, July 22-26, 2005.

Dalrymple, Margaret (May 2005). "The Missing Link: Evaluating a Strategic Plan Initiative," 2005 AIR Conference, San Diego, CA.

De La Rosa, Belinda (July 2005). "The Shape and Size of the Pipeline: Latino and African American Population Projections & Participation in Higher Education," College Board Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Frost, Jacque & Maxwell, Chris (May 2005). "Building a Web-Based Reporting System: Lessons Learned," 2005 AIR Conference, San Diego, CA.

Schwartz, Mark (May 2005). "Online Course Evaluations: One Institute's Success in Transforming from a Paper Process to a Completely Electronic Process!" 2005 AIR Conference, San Diego, CA.

Whitaker, D.R. & Woosley, S.A. (July 2005). "Engaging Students in Assessment," Summer Institute on First-Year Assessment, Asheville, NC.

Publications

Borden, V.M.H. (2005). "Using alumni research to align program improvement with institutional accountability." In D.J. Weertz & J. Vidal (Eds.) Enhancing alumni research: European and American perspectives. *New Directions for Institutional Research*, 126. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Borden, V.M.H. (2005). "Identifying and analyzing group differences." In M.A. Coughlin (Ed.), *Intermediate/advanced statistical applications in institutional research*. Resources for Institutional Research, No. 16. Tallahassee, FL: Association for Institutional Research.

Borden, V.M.H., Brown, P.C., & Garver, A. (2005). "Top 100 associate degree producers: Inside the numbers. *Community College Week*, 17(23), June 20. 6-9, 10+.

Borden, V.M.H., Brown, P.C., & Garver, A. (2005). "The top 100: Interpreting the data, part 1 (undergraduate degrees). *Black Issues in Higher Education*, 22(8), June 2, 2005, 36-80.

Borden, V.M.H., Brown, P.C., & Garver, A. (2005). "The top 100: Interpreting the data, part 2 (graduate and professional degrees). *Black Issues in Higher Education*, 22(11), July 14, 2005, 34-99.

Graunke, S.S. & Woosley, S.A. (2005). "The Impact of Experiences and Attitudes on Sophomore Student Success." *College Student Journal*, 39(2).

Woosley, S. A. (July 2005). "Making A Successful Transfer," invited essay for the First-Year Assessment Listserv sponsored by the National Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition.

Woosley, Sherry, & another (June 2005). "Common Missteps in Assessment Building Blocks and How to Avoid Them (Part I of III)," Netresults, NASPA's E-Zine: Assessment Section.

Conference Calendar

October 3 - 5, 2005 - The National Student Retention Conference will be held in Dallas, TX. More information is available at their website: <http://csrde.ou.edu/conference>

October 7, 2005 - INAIR Professional Development Roundtable, Muncie, IN. More information is available at: <http://www.inair.org/>

October 9 - 11, 2005 - The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) 2005 Technology Conference will be held in Atlanta, GA. More information is available at their website: <http://www.aacrao.org/tech05/index.htm>

October 21, 2005 - The Ohio Association for Institutional Research and Planning (OAIRP) will be hosting their Fall Meeting at Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. More information is available at their website: <http://www.oairp.org/>

October 26 - 29, 2005 - The Nineteenth Annual Michigan Association for Institutional Research (MI/AIR) Conference will be held in Gaylord, MI. More information is available at their website: <http://www.miair.wayne.edu>

October 29 - November 1, 2005 - The 2005 College Board Forum will be held in New York, NY. More information is available at their website: <http://www.collegeboard.com/forum/forum05/home/about.html>

November 3 - 4, 2005 - The Illinois Association for Institutional Research (IAIR) will have their 35th Annual Forum at Illinois State University in Normal, IL.

November 6 - 8, 2005 - The 12th National Conference on Students in Transition, sponsored by the National Resource Center for First Year Experience and Students in Transition, will be held in Costa Mesa, CA.

November 9 - 11, 2005 - The Mid-America Association for Institutional Research's Fall 2005 Conference will be held in Columbia, Missouri. More information can be found on their website: <http://www.mid-air.org/page.asp?page=506>

November 17 - 19, 2005 - The Association for the Study of Higher Education's (ASHE) 30th Annual Conference will be held in Philadelphia, PA. More information is available at their website: <http://www.ashe.ws/conf04/>

November 17 - 19, 2005 - The 10th Annual Learning Communities Conference will be held in Chicago, IL. More information is available at their website: <http://harpercollege.edu/lcc/2005conference/>

March 2 - 3, 2006 - The 2006 Annual INAIR Conference: 20th Anniversary held in French Lick, IN. More information will be available soon.

June 10 - 14, 2006 - The 2006 Annual AIR Forum held in New Orleans, LA. More information is available at their website: <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=4>

For a more complete calendar of events, check the calendar at the INAIR website: <http://www.inair.org>