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President's Message (Timothy Chow)

It was great to see everyone at the INAIR meeting in Terre Haute. There were many familiar faces along with many new faces. The presentation by Diane Moen from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, on strategic and quality planning, set the stage for the interesting and motivating presentations given during the rest of the conference. For those of you who were unable to attend or want more information on sessions you could not attend, please check out our website at www.inair.org.

The AIR Forum is just around the corner and will be held May 30-June 2, 2004 in Boston, MA. INAIR members are invited to a Special Interest Group (SIG) to be held from noon to 12:50 on Monday, May 31st in the Yarmouth meeting room. This will be a good opportunity to review INAIR recent developments and network with colleagues. The AIR 2004 Professional Development Series is also a great opportunity to learn more about institutional research. This year there will be institutes held in July on Information Technology and Foundations of Institutional Research. If you can attend one of these sessions, I would recommend your taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Planning is already underway for the forum for next year. Stay tuned for updates on the forum and other relevant information for institutional research professionals through the INAIR listserv, our website, and, of course, our newsletter.

Timothy Chow, INAIR President

A special note: Timothy and Rita had a new addition to their family this month. Charissa Katherine Chow was born on May 5, 2004. Congratulations and best wishes to the whole family!

Vice President's Message (Bill Tobin)

Mark your calendars for March 17-18, 2005. The 19th Annual Conference of the Indiana Association of Institutional Research will be moving over US 40 from this year's site, Rose-Hulman, to DePauw University in Greencastle. Conference accommodations will be provided at the Walden Inn on campus. The conference planning team will update you periodically as we finalize arrangements. Based on my years of experience as a resident of the town (and as a third generation Irish-American) I can attest that Greencastle is a lovely place to spend St. Patrick's Day. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Bill Tobin (of the Greencastle Tobins)

Secretary's Message (Andrea Ingle)

The 2004 INAIR Conference was a success thanks to our host, Tim Chow. The Rose Hulman campus, speakers, sessions, entertainment, and hospitality made this year's event a very memorable one.

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This year's officers for the Executive Committee include:

- Jacque Frost, Purdue University, Immediate Past President
- Timothy Chow, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, President
- William Tobin, DePauw University, Vice President
- Ann Trost, Valparaiso University, Treasurer
- Andrea Ingle, Ivy Tech State College, Secretary
- Sherry Woosley, Ball State University, Member-at-Large (Publication)
- Nathan Bohlman, Purdue University, Member-at-Large (Membership)
- Erika Knudsen, Indiana University-Bloomington, Member-at-Large (Conference Planning)

An updated version of the Constitution and By-Laws will soon be available on the website.

From the Conference Planning Committee (Erika Knudsen)

Greetings! The 2004 INAIR conference, hosted by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, was a rousing success! The setting was beautiful, the food delicious, the resources were outstanding, and the collaboration and networking among presenters and the participants was the icing on the cake. This wonderful event was made possible thanks to the extraordinary effort of 2004 Conference Chair Timothy Chow. Some of the highlights of the conference were the strategic planning pointers given by the keynote speaker, Diane Moen, and the information on the commission roles provided by Jeffrey Weber (Commissioner on Proprietary Education), Jennifer Seabaugh (ICHE), and Patrick Alles (Independent Colleges of Indiana). Indiana University's a cappella group Straight No Chaser provided a wonderful evening of music and laughter.

From the Membership Committee (Nathan Bohlmann)

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

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special annual INAIR conference rate for graduate students, regardless of 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 (Sherry Woosley)

As usual, we are searching for information to include in each newsletter, specifically INAIR members' presentations, publications, job openings and grants. If you or your colleagues have items to be included in the newsletter or website, or if you have suggestions, please contact me or any of the Publications Committee members.

From the Immediate Past President (Jacque Frost)

Indiana State-wide Student Learning Assessment

One of the very best things about attending the INAIR conference is the opportunity to brainstorm with colleagues. After attending a presentation by Ball State on assessing the second year or "sophomore slump" by Sherry Woosley, Don Whitaker, and Steven Graunke, we discussed issues related to state-wide student learning assessment. It was in the context of information that is currently required as part of the legislative request for public institutions on measuring "student learning" as well as recent grants from the Lilly Foundation for Indiana higher education institutions. It went along the lines of, "wouldn't it be interesting to figure how we could develop a method to assess student learning for Indiana institutions that would be a model nationally for state-wide assessment of this type." There are so many talented assessment experts in the State of Indiana (many of whom are INAIR members), that it seemed like a real possibility. It would be a BIG task, but would clearly put our state on the leading edge of this kind of activity from a proactive point of view. If you are interested in continuing this discussion or have some other ideas, please contact Sherry or Don or me and we will see if we can get something started. It all depends on your interest!

Jacque Frost

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Around Indiana – From INAIR to Boston

(Around Indiana is a way for INAIR Members to share information and practices. Please consider submitting items to upcoming newsletters. The topic for September will be evaluating the IR function).

A number of INAIR members are scheduled to present at the upcoming AIR conference in Boston. So mark your schedules:

Sunday, May 30

- “Diversity Performance Indicators: Demonstrating Commitment, Impact, and Progress” by Vic Borden
- “Indiana University/Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Graduate Certificate Program in Institutional Research” by Vic Borden
- “Presidential Pre-Conference Symposium for Advancing the IR Profession” by Vic Borden
- “Presidential Plenary – A View from the Bridge: Where Have We Been, Where Are We Now, Where Are We Going?” by Vic Borden

Monday, May 31

- “Developing and Using Performance Indicators: Issues and Opportunities” by Vic Borden and others
- “INAIR Best Paper: Student Evaluation of Teaching: What Every Institutional Researcher Needs to Know” by Charley Harrington and another
- “INAIR Affiliated Group Meeting”
- “INAIR Best Presentation: Strategies and Tools Used to Collect and Report Strategic Planning Data” by Jacque Frost, Cheryl Lucas, and another
- “Sophomores: What Are We Learning About the Factors That Affect Their Success?” by Don Whitaker, Sherry Woosley, and Steve Graunke
- “The Longitudinal Effects of College Preparation Programs on College Retention” by Terry Ishitani and Kevin Snider

Tuesday, June 1

- “But I Need to Know How We Use Regression Techniques in April for Better Guesses for Fall New Student Enrollment” by Doug Anderson
- “The Dynamic Denominator: The Need for Standards of Practice in Defining Cohorts for Retention and Graduation Rates Reporting” by Todd Schmitz and another

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Wednesday, June 2

- “A Bridge from Past to Future for College Freshmen: A Unique Survey Project” by Don Whitaker and Sherry Woosley
- “Dynamic Web-based Reporting with SAS / IntraNet” by Chris Maxwell
- “Using the Intercultural Development Inventory as an Assessment Instrument in Study Abroad Program Evaluation” by Mary Lelik

INAIR Spotlight

(The INAIR Spotlight highlights INAIR members' activities).

Honors, Promotions, Retirements, Etc.

Amy Brandebury accepted the Director of Institutional Research position at the University of Evansville. Amy was formerly the Director of Institutional Research at Ivy Tech State College.

Charles Harrington, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana, received the Award for Excellence for Innovation: Support for Online Teaching and Learning - Indiana Partnership for Statewide Education (April 2004).

Donald Whitaker accepted the position of Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness in the Office of Academic Assessment and Institutional Research at Ball State University. Don was formerly the Interim Director of Academic Assessment and Institutional Research at Ball State.

Congratulations to all three!

Job Openings in Indiana

Ivy Tech State College recently advertised a job opening. The position is Director of Institutional Research and is listed on their web site: <http://www.ivytech.edu/cohr/0422.html>.

The Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research, National Survey of Student Engagement recently posted a Research and Data Analyst opening on the AIR website: (<http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=195>).

Purdue University recently posted an Enrollment Analyst opening on their web site: <http://www.adpc.purdue.edu/Personnel/currjobs/proflist.htm#0000000010050>.

New Members

The publications committee would like to welcome the following new INAIR members:

Jenna Amani, Web Services Specialist, in Student Enrollment Services at Indiana University - Bloomington.

Irnya Johnson, Ph.D., Coordinator of the Student Success Program, in the Office of Strategic Planning, Institutional Research and Effectiveness at Indiana State University.

Stephanie Kline, Operations Analyst, in Admissions at Purdue University.

Carolyn Megathlin, Operations Analyst, in Admissions at Purdue University.

Amol Patki, Technology Development Associate, in Information Management and Institutional Research at Indiana University – Purdue University at Indianapolis.

Jim Stitzel, Graduate Assistant, in Academic Assessment and Institutional Research at Ball State University.

Presentations

Charles Harrington, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana, recently made the following presentations:

- with others, “Engagement as a Fulcrum for Mid-Career and Senior Faculty Revitalization” at the American Association for Higher Education Annual Meeting in San Diego.

- “Revitalizing Mid-Career Faculty Through Low Cost Professional Development” at the 21st Annual Academic Department Chairpersons conference (IDEA) in Orlando.

- “Student Evaluation of Teaching in Distance Education Courses” at the 2004 Indiana Partnership for Statewide Education at Purdue University.

- “Service Learning and the Introductory Statistics Course: A Primer on Engagement” at the 40th Annual Conference of the Midwest Business Economics Association in Chicago.

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Deb Laster, Manager of Academic Information Systems at the University of Southern Indiana, made the following presentation recently:

- with another, “Working with Transfer and Co-Enrolled Students” at the Lumina President's Fund Spring 2004 Conference at Purdue University.

Mary Lelik, Director of Institutional Research at Saint Mary's College, made the following presentations:

- with another, “The I.R. Role in Implementation” at the SCT Summit in Philadelphia.

- “Extract and Report from O:A Views” at the SCT Summit in Philadelphia.

- facilitator for the IPEDS BOF (Birds of a Feather) and the Institutional Research BOF at the SCT Summit in Philadelphia.

Mark Schawitsch, Research and Assessment Analyst at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, recently made the following presentation:

- “Surveys on Steroids,” at the SCT Summit in Philadelphia.

Publications

Victor M.H. Borden, Associate Vice Chancellor at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, recently had the following publication:

- (2004). “Accommodating Student Swirl: When Traditional Students Are No Longer the Tradition.” Change, vol. 36(2), p. 10-17.

Charles Harrington, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana, had the following recent publications:

- with others (2004). “Using the Self-Study as a Means for Faculty Revitalization and Renewal.” A Collection of Papers on Self-Study and Institutional Improvement. Volume 2: The Learning Environment, p. 10-14. Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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- with another (2004). "Methods for Maximizing Student Engagement in the Introductory Business Statistics Course: A Review." Journal of the American Academy of Business, Cambridge, vol. 4 (1-2), p. 360-365.

- with others (2004). "Revitalizing Mid-Career Faculty Through Low Cost Professional Development." National Issues in Higher Education, vol. 54, p. 83-93.

Donald Whitaker, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, and **Sherry Woosley**, Senior Analyst, at Ball State University recently had the following publication:

- with another (April 27, 2004). "Linking Assessment and Practice through Technology," NetResults, NASPA E-zine.

Sherry Woosley, Senior Analyst at Ball State University, had the following recent publications:

- with another (2004). "Computer Use Among Residence Hall Students," The Journal of College and University Student Housing, vol. 32 (2), p. 28-34.

- (2004). "Stop-Out or Drop-Out? An Examination of College Withdrawals and Re-Enrollments," Journal of College Student Retention, vol. 5(3), p. 293-303.

Conference Calendar

May 30 - June 2, 2004, the **Association for Institutional Research (AIR), 44th Annual Forum**, will be held in Boston, Massachusetts. More information is available at <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=4>.

June 3-5, 2004, the **National Student Affairs Assessment and Retention Conference**, will be held in Scottsdale, AZ. For more information, check the NASPA website at: <http://www.naspa.org>.

June 13-15, 2004, the **2004 AAHE Assessment Conference**, will be held in Denver, Colorado. For more information, check the AAHE website at <http://www.aahe.org/assessment/2004/>.

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June 14-17, 2004, the **National Resource Center's 17th International Conference on the First-Year Experience** will be held in Maui, Hawaii. More information is available at <http://www.sc.edu/fye/events/upcoming.html>.

July 16-20, 2004, the **Information and Technology Institute**, sponsored by AIR, will be held at the University of Utah. Check the AIR website for more information <http://www.airweb.org/>.

July 17 - 21, 2004, **SCUP-39, the Society for College and University Planning's thirty-ninth Annual Conference and Expo** will be held in Toronto, Ontario. More information is available at <http://www.scup.org/pdo.htm>.

July 18 - 20, 2004, the **National Resource Center's 2004 Summer Institute on First-Year Assessment** will be held in Asheville, North Carolina. More information is available at <http://www.sc.edu/fye/events/upcoming.html>.

July 23 - 27, 2004, the **Association for Institutional Research's (AIR) Foundations Institute** will be held at the Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, WA. Go to <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=473> for more information.

September 16-18, 2004, Data and Decisions: Workshop for Independent Colleges and Universities, sponsored by AIR and the Council for Independent Colleges (CIC), will be held in Charlotte, NC. For more information, check the AIR website (<http://airweb.org>).

October 19-22, 2004, the **EDUCAUSE 2004 National Conference** will be held in Denver, Colorado. Go to <http://www.educause.edu/conference/annual/2004/> for more information.

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