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President's Message (Bill Tobin)

It was a great pleasure to see all of you at DePauw in March for the 19th Annual Conference. I hope everyone had a productive and enjoyable two days. Believe it or not planning for the 20th Annual Conference is already underway. Once the Executive Committee has secured a location and settled on the dates we will let you know so you can plan ahead. We'll be using the listserv, web site, and the newsletter to keep you updated on developments. For copies of papers and presentations that you may have missed be sure to visit www.inair.org.

Andrea Ingle, Vice President and 2006 Conference Chair, and Erika Knudsen, Conference Planning Committee Chair, will be sharing details about our fall drive-in conference to be held at Ball State. I'm looking forward to seeing you there, and getting out of this office for the day. As I mentioned at the Conference in March, our thanks go to Sherry Woosley for doing a wonderful job of obtaining grant funding for the conference, and for offering the first-rate hospitality of Ball State University.

The end of the academic year always arrives in May, and yet every year I'm still surprised I made it. Have a great summer!

Vice President's Message (Andrea Ingle)

Hello everyone. Once again we had an amazing turnout for the 19th Annual INAIR Conference, "Right-Brain IR: Creative Thought and Action in Institutional Research." I would like to take this time to thank Bill Tobin for hosting the conference at the beautiful, historic DePauw campus. I would also like to thank those who presented and/or led

workshops. And, last but not least, I want to thank everyone for attending and making the conference a success.

I am so proud to announce that INAIR has the privilege of being able to offer two conferences this fiscal year to the membership, both the INAIR Roundtable Drive-In and the 20th Annual INAIR Conference.

The INAIR Professional Development Roundtable will be held October 7, 2005 at the Ball State University Alumni Center. This drive-in conference was made possible because of the efforts of Sherry Woosley from Ball State University. Sherry took on the task of applying for an AIR Building Institutional Research Capacity (BIRC) grant, and INAIR was just recently awarded a \$1,500 grant for the purpose of hosting a professional roundtable. (You can read the announcement by [clicking here](#), and going to the bottom of page 9.) The one-day conference will allow members to interact and collaborate on selected topics of interest.

I hope everyone is having a great spring, and, if you're going to the AIR conference in San Diego, I'll see you there.

Secretary's Message (Doug Anderson)

Thanks to our host, Bill Tobin, and all who contributed to the success of our March Conference at DePauw University. In our business meeting at the Conference, in addition to giving away door prizes to all, we saw several changes in our Executive Board. Timothy Chow officially became our past president as Bill Tobin moved into the presidency. Andrea Ingle was then elected Vice-President, with Doug Anderson taking over the secretary spot. Sherry Woosley completed her

tenure as chair of the publications committee. We welcome Beth Butcher into that role. Our current executive board members are listed below. Please contact any of us with your questions or suggestions, and to volunteer to help.

- Timothy Chow, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Past President
- Bill Tobin, DePauw University, President
- Andrea Ingle, Ivy Tech State College, Vice President and 2006 Conference Chair
- Doug Anderson, Indiana University - Bloomington, Secretary
- Ann Trost, Valparaiso University, Treasurer
- Beth Butcher, University of Southern Indiana, Member-at-Large (Publication)
- Nathan Bohlmann, Purdue University, Member-at-Large (Membership)
- Erika Knudsen, Indiana University - Bloomington, Member-at-Large (Conference Planning)

From the Conference Planning Committee (Erika Knudsen)

Summer is now upon us, and while we're already working away at planning both our October drive-in and our 2006 annual conference, we'd like to share with you a bit about our 19th Annual Conference, held March 17th and 18th in Greencastle, Indiana.

The conference, aptly titled Right-Brain IR: Creative Thought and Action in Institutional Research, was a rousing success, with speaker Margie Thomas kicking off the meeting with some ideas on creativity in the workplace and how to work with right brain folks. There were several stellar sessions during the afternoon, capped off with the evening's entertainment, Jenn Cristy and her band rocked the house down (and gave the local act next door a run for his money!). We had record-high attendance, and hopefully all members returned to their home institutions refreshed and armed with new ideas!

The 2006 annual spring conference marks a milestone for INAIR; it's the 20th anniversary of our regional conference! Therefore, we are planning something special. The 2006 INAIR conference will be held March 2 – 3, 2006 at the French Lick Springs Resort and Spa. If you are curious about this

wonderful, historic resort, please check out their website <http://www.frenchlick.com>.

We look forward to seeing you twice 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)

As a new member of the Executive Committee, allow me to begin by graciously thanking last years Executive Committee members for their hard work and dedication. In particular, I would like to express my appreciation for Sherry Woosley, former Publications Committee Chairperson. She did an outstanding job with both the web site, and the newsletters.

At this time, I'm honored to announce that INAIR now has a new web site: <http://www.inair.org>, which is hosted by AIR. It is the intention of the publications committee for this web site to play a vital role in keeping Indiana institutional research professional's current on what is going on in the state. Therefore, some of the new features include sections for "Breaking News," "Indiana IR Job Postings," and an extensive listing of "Resources" and "Calendar Events." A "Members Only" section should soon be up and running, which will allow members to update their contact information and access restricted information.

This years Publications Committee members are: Kim Meeks, Vincennes University; Mark Schawitsch, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology; and Joe Wingo, University of Southern Indiana.

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, please direct them to the Publications Committee Chair, Beth Butcher, at babutcher@usi.edu.

From the Immediate Past President (Timothy Chow)

Professional Development Opportunities

I hope this message finds you well as the academic year 2004-05 is coming to an end. Each year, the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) offers fee-waivers through the Train-the-Trainer program for successful applicants from affiliated groups to attend pre-forum workshops. Some of the INAIR members and I have had the opportunity to participate in this wonderful program. Based on my experience, I find this a valuable learning opportunity to get to know the trainer better and to reinforce lessons learned through sharing and presenting the information with others in the IR community. When the call for proposals comes around this time next year, I would encourage INAIR members to consider this wonderful professional development opportunity.

During the summer, AIR will be offering two professional development institutes and one will be in our neighborhood at IUPUI between July 22 and 26 – the Applied Statistics Institute. The Statistics Institute is a very popular event and it has been sold out already. However, AIR is currently maintaining a waiting list and interested individuals can call AIR at 850-644-4470 to be added to the list. The other summer institute is the Foundations Institute to be held August 5 – 9 at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. As an alumnus to the Foundations Institute, I would encourage INAIR members who are new to IR to attend this excellent event.

Around Indiana:

From INAIR to San Diego

(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).

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

Saturday, May 28

- A Pre-Forum workshop entitled: "Beginning/Intermediate MS Access for Institutional Researchers" will be presented by Timothy Chow and another
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Sunday, May 29

- A Pre-Forum workshop entitled: "Using NSSE to Understand Students' Experience: Digging Deeper into Data to Improve Effective Educational Practice" will be presented by Richard Shoup and others

Monday, May 31

- "Student Engagement in Deep Learning and its Relationship to Educational Outcomes" by: Richard Shoup and others
- "Evaluating Student Self/Peer Evaluations in Team Projects" by Timothy Chow and others
- "Exploring the Relationship between Students' Spatial Ability and Their Performance in the Introductory Graphical Communications Course" by Timothy Chow and another
- "Using the Action Research Model to Assess First-Year Experience Programs" by Michele Hansen and Scott Evenbeck
- "An Action Inquiry Approach to Institutional Research for Student Retention and Institutional Change" by: Vic Borden and others

Tuesday, June 1

- "Assessing Student Outcomes in Study Abroad Programs: Are Students Gaining Intercultural Skills?" by Joy Evans, Mary Lelik, and another
- "Accessible Retention Reporting: The Process, Problems, and Potential" by Sarah Bauer, Zhao Zhang, and another
- "Assessing the Process and Outcomes of a Summer Bridge Program" by Michele Hansen and others
- "Building a Web-Based Reporting System: Lessons Learned" by Chris Maxwell, Jacque Frost and another

Wednesday, June 2

- "Factbook Extreme Makeover: Creating a 21st Century Factbook" by Patrick Alles

- “Studying Educational Attainment among First-Generation Students in the United States” by Terry Ishitani
- “Analysis of Stopout Behavior at a Public Research University: The Multi-Spell Discrete-Time Approach” by Iryna Johnson
- “Macro-mizing Your Time: Using SPSS to Automate a Report Generation Process” by Shimon Sarraf, Richard Shoup, and another
- “Making Achievement Possible... Moving a Survey Project beyond Institutional Boundaries” by Don Whitaker, Sherry Woosley, and others
- “Online Course Evaluations: One Institute’s Success in Transitioning from a Paper Process to a Completely Electronic Process” by Mark Schawitsch

Posters of Interest

- “Setting and Evaluating Minority Enrollment Goals: How Do We Constructively Use Mortenson’s Underrepresented Minority Equity Index?” by: Scott Evenbeck and others
- “The Missing Link: Evaluating a Strategic Plan Initiative” by Margaret Dalrymple
- “Connections between College Student Eagerness to Participate in Orientation Programming and Registration for First-Year Coursework and Their Persistence to the Second Year” by: Charley Harrington and another

How to Post Messages to the ListServ

In order to send a message to the INAIR listserv simply address the message to: inair@listserv.iupui.edu.
Happy Posting!

INAIR Spotlight

(The INAIR Spotlight highlights INAIR members’ activities).

Honors, Promotions, Retirements, Etc.

Steve Graunke, Assessment Research Analyst, from Ball State University has been chosen to participate in the AIR’s Train-the-Trainer Program at the AIR Forum. Steve will be attending a pre-forum workshop on Research Design Ideas for Institutional Researchers by Anne Marie Delaney. AIR will waive the workshop fees and INAIR will provide a \$200 Travel Grant to Steve. Upon completion of the program, Steve will use different channels to share what he will be learning from the

workshop with INAIR members and his colleagues as Ball State University.

Brent Drake was promoted to Senior Enrollment Analyst in the Office of Enrollment Management at Purdue University – West Lafayette. (April 2005)

Charles Harrington, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana, was recently promoted to Full Professor of Business Statistics.

Doug Anderson, became the head of a new office called Admissions Research and Scholarships at Indiana University. With this change he continues his research and policy work on recruitment and scholarships, and takes on a new role supervising scholarship operations. (2005)

Matthew Lemming, has accepted the position of Research Analyst in Admissions Research and Scholarships at Indiana University. He will begin employment in June 2005.

Kristi Renshaw recently accepted the position of Secretary in the Office of Institutional Research at Vincennes University. Previously Kristi was employed at Olney Central College.

Job Openings in Indiana

The University of Southern Indiana is currently seeking to fill the position of Director in Institutional Research and Assessment. The position is posted on the AIR website: <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=541&job=1136>.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology recently advertised a job opening. The position is Director of Institutional Research and Assessment and is listed on the AIR website: <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=541&job=1075>.

Purdue University, West Lafayette, currently is seeking to fill the position of Enrollment Analyst. The position is posted on their website: http://www.purdue.edu/hr/Employment/Job_Vacancies/wlinfo.shtml#0000000013183

Purdue University, West Lafayette, recently advertised a job opening for a Registrar. The position is posted on their website: http://www.purdue.edu/hr/Employment/Job_Vacancies/wlprof.shtml#0000000012881

New Members

Scott Barge, Coordinator of Institutional Research & Planning at Goshen College.

Diane Bartko, Research Associate in the Office of Planning and Institutional Research at Purdue University – Calumet.

Rachel Dykstra Boon, Research Analyst in the Office of the Chancellor at Indiana University – Bloomington.

Chris Brown, Data Specialist in the Office of Institutional Research at Purdue University – North Central.

Mike Costello, Coordinator of Data Systems in Computing Services at Ball State University.

Rebecca Costomiris, Administrative Coordinator in Academic Assessment at Ball State University.

Andrea Daub, Institutional Research Analyst in the Office of Institutional Research at the University of Evansville.

Steve Dayton, Institutional Research Analyst for the Provost at Taylor University.

David de Medicis, Graduate Assistant in Academic Assessment & Institutional Research at Ball State University.

Jake Gross, Doctoral Student in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies at Indiana University.

Tim Hess, Graduate Assistant in Academic Assessment & Institutional Research at Ball State University.

Bill Jackson, Institutional Research Director, Region 8, in Institutional Research at Ivy Tech State College.

Carol Kuiper, Enrollment Analyst in the Office of Enrollment Management at Purdue University – West Lafayette.

Gillian Leonard, Associate Director in the Office of Planning and Institutional Research at Purdue University – Calumet.

Bernard Marley, Provost at Oakland City University.

Jan McClean, Operations Analyst in the Office of Enrollment Management at Purdue University – West Lafayette.

Kim Meeks, Data Analyst in the Office of Institutional Research at Vincennes University.

Katie Robold, Graduate Assistant in Academic Assessment & Institutional Research at Ball State University.

Carol Saft, Director of Academic Assessment & Institutional Research at Ancilla College.

Teresa Sanders is in the University Budget Office at Indiana University.

Ted Shirr, Director of Statistical Analysis at Oakland City University.

Rick Shoup, Research Analyst for the National Survey of Student Engagement at Indiana University.

Lis Stowe, Graduate Assistant in Academic Assessment & Institutional Research at Ball State University.

Roberta Thomas, Director of the Office of Institutional Research at Vincennes University.

Adam Wenger, Graduate Assistant in Academic Assessment & Institutional Research at Ball State University.

Curt Westfall, Director of Systems Technology in Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Ball State University.

Melizza Zygmunt, Research Analyst in the Office of the Provost at Valparaiso University.

Presentations

Sherry Woosley, Assistant Director of Institutional Effectiveness at Ball State University, recently made the following presentations:

- with another, “Making Achievement Possible: Surveying Students Early for Their Success!” at the College Student Educators International Annual Conference in Nashville, TN.

- with another, “The Basics of Focus Groups: Who, What, Why, & How?” at the College Student Educators International Annual

Conference in Nashville, TN.

- with others, "Using Assessment to Provide Feedback to First-Year Students" at the 23rd Annual Conference on the First Year Experience in Phoenix, AZ.

Publications

Sherry Woosley, Assistant Director of Institutional Effectiveness at Ball State University, recently had the following publication:

- with others (2005). "The Mystery of Stop Outs: Do Commitment and Intentions Predict Re-enrollment?" NASPA Journal, 42(2), p. 188-201.

Conference Calendar

May 29 - June 2, 2005 - The Association for Institutional Research (AIR), 45th Annual Forum, will be held in San Diego, CA. More information is available at their website:
<http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=4>

June 15 - 17, 2005 - A conference entitled "Retaining Students in Higher Education: A Framework for Improvement," sponsored by Academic Impressions, will be held in Vail, CO. More information is available at their website:
https://www.academicimpressions.com/conferences/0605_retention.php

June 22 - 24, 2005 - The 2nd Annual Data-Driven Strategic Enrollment Management Conference, sponsored by Academic Impressions, will be held in Vail, CO. More information is available at their website:
http://www.academicimpressions.com/conferences/0605_data_sem.php

June 26 - 29, 2005 - The 2005 Cognos Forum will be held in Orlando, FL. More information is available at their website:
<http://www.cognos.com/cognosforum/>

July 10 - 15, 2005 - The 30th Annual Snowmass Conference on Achieving Strategic Excellence will be held in Aspen, CO. More information is available at their website: <http://www.snowinst.com/strategic-management.htm>

July 11 - 14, 2005 - The 18th International Conference on the First Year Experience,

sponsored by the National Resource Center for First Year Experience and Students in Transition, will be held in South Hampton, England, United Kingdom. More information is available at their website:
<http://www.sc.edu/fye/events/international/>

July 22 - 26, 2005 - The Association for Institutional Research will hold the Applied Statistics Institute at Indiana University-Purdue University, in Indianapolis, IN. More information is available at their website:
<http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=407>

July 23 - 27, 2005 - SCUP-40, the Society for College and University Planning's 45th Annual Conference and Expo, will be held in Washington, D.C. More information is available at their website:
<http://www.scup.org/annualconf/40/>

July 24 - 26, 2005 - The Summer Institute of First Year Assessment, sponsored by the National Resource Center for First Year Experience and Students in Transition, will be held in Asheville, NC. More information is available at their website:
<http://www.sc.edu/fye/events/summer/>

August 5 - 9, 2005 - The Association for Institutional Research will hold the Foundations Institute at Bridgewater State College, in Bridgewater, MA. More information is available at their website:
<http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=406>

For a more complete calendar of events, check the calendar at the INAIR website:

<http://www.inair.org>