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President's Message (Timothy Chow)

Greetings to you and I hope this message finds you well! As the first few weeks of fall term have passed, I hope you find yourself settling in and taking control of tasks at hand. Are there any pressing issues concerning your campus? Are there topics that you want to discuss with your colleagues across the state? Our organization is here to offer a forum to discuss these issues and share information related to institutional research (IR). The INAIR listserv (INAIR@LISTSERV.IUPUI.EDU), our newsletter and website are tools available to all of our members. In addition, the INAIR Executive Board is working hard to identify topics of interest and new ways to offer professional development opportunities to our members, such as the possibility of hosting a "drive-in" meeting that provides timely advice and discussion on popular topics related to IR. Being a member of INAIR for all these years, attending various events, and participating in activities, I have found INAIR to be an open, friendly and collegial group. There is always room for improvement and I strongly encourage all of our members to contact me or any Board member with ideas that will enhance your experience with our group.

You will hear more from Bill (our Vice President and 2005 Conference Chair) and Erika (our Conference Planning Committee Chair) about our upcoming 19th Annual INAIR Conference at DePauw University in Greencastle. The annual conference is the highlight event of our association. Recognized keynote speakers are invited to share their perspectives on various IR related issues.

Furthermore, our members can use this forum to share and learn research ideas, research methodologies and new technologies among their peers. So, please start thinking about what interests you most and start planning to submit proposals to

share your work when the call for proposal comes out soon.

In closing, I would like to quote a discussion of a vibrant (learning) community from Brian Alger regarding e-learning (Book Title: *The Experience Designer: Learning, Networks and the Cybersphere*) to encourage all of us, to stimulate our thinking in finding creative ways to collaborate either face to face or in cyberspace, and to develop a deep sense of belonging in INAIR, 'A vibrant community.....is permeated by a relentless sense of active compassion in which people help each other to live a life worth living. For, me, I think the key word here is "vibrant" since it is possible for communities to be stifling and in some cases painful places to live. To be vibrant in life means to be fully human - to be fully alive. To be fully alive means, by default, that our orientation to other people originates in the power giving, sharing, helping, healing, providing, and caring. If we are vibrant in our beliefs, we not only think and reflect on these ideals, but we actively pursue and live them out in the breadth and depth of everyday life.'

Timothy Chow, INAIR President

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

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place to spend St. Patrick's Day. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Bill Tobin (of the Greencastle Tobins)

From the Membership Committee (Nathan Bohlmann)

Has your membership lapsed? Many pay the annual \$15 membership fee when registering for the annual conference; however, for those who were unable to attend or have not renewed their membership for 2004, look online at <http://www.inair.org> or http://www.bsu.edu/web/inair/INAIR_membership.htm for membership renewal information. Feel free to email nathanb@purdue.edu if you are unsure as to your status.

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 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)

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter. A variety of INAIR members helped to gather information and put together columns for this publication. If you have information that you would like to see in the newsletter or on the website, please let me know (sawoosley@bsu.edu).

INAIR Spotlight

(The INAIR Spotlight highlights INAIR members' activities).

Honors, Promotions, Retirements, Etc.

Debbie Atkinson accepted a position as the Institutional Research Analyst in the Office of

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Academic Assessment and Institutional Research at Ball State University. Debbie was formerly the Data Management Specialist.

Steven Graunke accepted a new position as the Assessment Research Analyst in the Office of Academic Assessment and Institutional Research at Ball State University. Steven recently completed a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology at Ball State.

Sherry Woosley was named the Assistant Director of Institutional Effectiveness in the Office of Academic Assessment and Institutional Research at Ball State University. She formerly held the position of Senior Analyst.

Job Openings in Indiana

DePauw University posted an opening for **Registrar** to provide leadership and vision for the following services: electronic access to academic data, student academic records, course scheduling, academic standing, degree candidacy, coordinating commencement, transcripts, transfer and AP credits, and advising students and faculty members on academic regulations and graduation requirements. For more information check the DePauw website at: http://www.depauw.edu/admin/hr/employmentopp/eo_registrar.asp.

The Lumina Foundation for Education posted an opening for a **Senior Research Director** to lead the creation and implementation of research strategies that both shape and are shaped by the foundation's grantmaking agenda. **The Lumina Foundation for Education** also posted an opening for a **Senior Program Director** to develop grantmaking strategies and initiatives. For more information and a link to the job posting, check out the INAIR website (www.inair.org).

Purdue University North Central posted an opening for a **Data Specialist** to assist the Office of Institutional Research in collecting, analyzing, maintaining and disseminating consistent, standardized and reliable data about PNC for strategic planning, assessment, accreditation and accountability. For more information and a link to the job posting, check out the INAIR website (www.inair.org).

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Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology posted an opening for a **Director of Assessment** to provide assessment support for institutional, program, and departmental assessment. For more information and a link to the job posting, check out the INAIR website (www.inair.org).

St. Mary's College posted an opening for a full-time, entry-level Research Assistant. Reporting to the Director of Institutional Research, the Assistant will be responsible for basic data analysis and report writing, planning and coordinating survey data collection, maintaining databases and responding to requests for data. For more information and a link to the job posting, check out the INAIR website (www.inair.org).

The **University of Indianapolis** posted an opening for a Director of Enrollment Research to support recruitment and retention efforts for Enrollment Services by conducting research, developing reports and assessment tools, and constructing predictive statistical models. For more information, take a look at the description posted on the INAIR website (www.inair.org).

The **University of Southern Indiana** posted an opening for the full-time administrative position of **Institutional Research Associate** to provide support to the Director of Institutional Research and Assessment. For more information and a link to the job posting, check out the INAIR website (www.inair.org).

Presentations

Victor M.H. Borden, Associate Vice Chancellor at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, recently made a presentation with others titled, "The University as a Collaborative Partner in Regional Development," at the 26th Annual Forum of the European Association for Institutional Research.

Timothy Chow, Director of Institutional Research at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, recently presented a workshop titled "Using Microsoft Access for Institutional Research" at AIR's Summer Information Technology Institute in Salt Lake City, UT.

Donald Whitaker, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, and **Sherry Woosley**, Assistant Director of Institutional Effectiveness at

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Ball State University, recently made a presentation titled "Linking Assessment and Practice to Make Achievement Possible" at the Summer Institute on First-Year Assessment in Asheville, NC.

Publications

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

- "Learning To Be and To Do – Together: A Personal Perspective on the Use of Evidence to Improve Higher Education Effectiveness." U.K. Higher Education Academic, Public discussion on the meaning of 'evidence-based' in higher education. Discussion Paper No. 7. (http://www.itsn.ac.uk/embedded_object.asp?docid=21504, Accessed Sept. 28, 2004).

Belinda De La Rosa, Special Assistant to the Vice President for Institutional Development and Students Affairs at Indiana University, recently had two publications:

- Report on the Status of Minorities at Indiana University. (January 2004).
- with another, (2004) "Latino Population Growth, Socio-Economic and Demographic Characteristics, and Implications for Educational Attainment," *Education and Urban Society*, 36 (2), p. 130.

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

- with another (2004) "Caveat Emptor: Is there a relationship between part-time faculty utilization and student learning outcomes and retention." *AIR Professional File. No. 91*. Association for Institutional Research.
- with others (2004) "Infusing a Culture of Collaborative Faculty Development and Vitality within a Department through Mentoring." *The Department Chair: A Resource for Academic Administrators*, 15(1), pgs. 9-12.
- with another (2004) . "The Outsourcing of Classroom Instruction in Higher Education."

- with another (2004). "A Pressing Need for Acceptance of an Advanced National School Social Work Certification." *School Social Work Journal*, 29 (1), pp. 104-119.

Sherry Woosley, Assistant Director of Institutional Effectiveness at Ball State, and **Steven Graunke**, Assessment Analyst at Ball State, recently had the following publication:

- with another (2004). "Q Sorting and Student Affairs: A Viable Partnership?" *The Journal of College Student Development*, 45 (2), p. 231-242.

Conference Calendar

2004

October 27-29, 2004, the 18th Annual Michigan Association for Institutional Research Conference will be held in at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.miair.wayne.edu/events.htm>

November 4-5, 2004, the 34th Annual Illinois Association for Institutional Research Forum will be held in at the Lodge and Hamnburger University in Oak Brook, Illinois. For more information, go to their website at <http://www.pir.ilstu.edu/iair/>

November 1-2, 2004, the IUPUI Assessment Institute will be held in Indianapolis, IN. More information is available on the IUPUI <http://www.planning.iupui.edu/conferences/national/nationalconf.html>

November 7-9, 2004, the 11th National Conference on Students in Transition sponsored by the National Resource Center for First Year Experience and Students in Transition will be held in Nashville, TN. More information can be found on their website: <http://www.sc.edu/fye/events/upcoming.html> .

2005

January 26-29, 2005, the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) Annual Meeting will be held in San Francisco, CA. More information is available at their website: <http://www.aacu-edu.org/meetings/index.cfm>

February 4-8, 2005, the 24th Annual Conference on the First Year Experience sponsored by the National Resource Center for First Year Experience and Students in Transition will be held in Pheonix, AZ.

March 17-18, 2005, the INAIR 19th Annual Conference will be held in Greencastle, IN.

March 17-20, 2005, the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE) National Conference on Higher Education will be held in Atlanta, GA. More information is available at their website: <http://www.aahe.org/convenings.htm>

March 19-23, 2005, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Annual Conference will be held in Tampa, FL.

April 2-6, 2005, the 2005 American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Annual Conference will be held in Nashville.

April 8-9, 2005, the Best Processes VII Symposium – Engineering, Engineering Technology, Computer, Applied Science will be held at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. The call for presenters/proposals is out (<http://www.rose-hulman.edu/assessment2005/>) and the deadline was scheduled to be October 15.

April 11 - 15, 2005, the 2005 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting will be held in Montreal.

May 29 - June 2, 2005, the Association for Institutional Research (AIR), 45th Annual Forum will be held in San Diego, CA.

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