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President's Message

(Todd J. Schmitz)

Greetings from snowy Indiana! I hope that all of you have enjoyed a wonderful holiday break and you are now back in the swing of things!

This time of year offers so much opportunity for renewal: New Year's resolutions, the promise of springtime, another submission cycle for IPEDS, and the upcoming INAIR conference. I know that Patty and her crew have been working very hard to create an opportunity for us to share, learn, and network in lovely downtown Indianapolis. I assure you, that time will be here before we know it.

As is often the case, the timing of our INAIR conference will bring us together to discuss so many topics of professional interest. The state (both ICHE and the legislature) and the feds are considering issues that will have a significant impact on our work; the data and reports we produce are going to receive a great deal of scrutiny, and sometimes notoriety! And because of this additional demand and exposure, it becomes more imperative that we have these opportunities to discuss our work, share our insights, and yes, commiserate about the challenges we all face.

So, please get your plans secured for the INAIR conference, and also consider contacting others from around your campus that may have an interest in our work to share information about this opportunity.

I look forward to seeing you in March,

Todd J. Schmitz
INAIR President

Vice President's Message

(Patty McClintock)

As I sit here writing this the snow is falling, the wind is blowing, and springtime in Indianapolis seems far, far away. On one hand, I can't wait and on the other, I need more time!

This year's INAIR conference is being held in downtown Indianapolis at the Hilton Garden Inn, March 26-27. New places and new faces will be the order of the day, along with new presentation opportunities, new dining formats, and a renewed exhibitor presence. Whether you attend every year or this is your first conference, there will be something for everyone.

After sessions on Thursday, we'll come together for hors d'oeuvres and drinks. This will give everyone a chance to hook up with old friends, meet new colleagues, check out the poster presentations, talk to vendors and make dinner plans for the evening. Then we'll all scatter in different directions to take advantage of all that downtown Indy has to offer. Get a great meal, catch a comedy show, check out a museum, or kick back, order room service and watch a movie.

The registration form is online at <http://www.inair.org/conference>. Please contact the hotel directly at (317) 955-9700 or 1-877-

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STAY-HGI by **February 23, 2009** to make reservations and make sure to mention the INAIR conference to receive the discounted rate.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Patty McClintock,
INAIR Vice President
2009 INAIR Conference Chair

Secretary's Message (Kim Meeks)

With the 2009 INAIR Forum just around the corner, it is once again time to be thinking about the election of officers for the 2009-2010 INAIR Executive Committee. The proposed slate of officers is as follows:

Officer Nominations:

Six members of the Executive Committee advance to the 2009-10 committee. These members are:

- Todd Schmitz, Indiana University, Immediate Past President from President
- Patty McClintock, Indiana State University, President from Vice President
- Tim Escue, Ivy Tech Community College, Member-at-Large (Membership)
- Linda Ferguson, Indiana State University, Member-at-Large (Conference Planning)
- Ann Trost, Valparaiso University, Treasurer
- Teresa Sanders, Indiana University, Member-at-Large (Publications)

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of new officers:

- Maggie Dalrymple, Purdue University, Vice President and 2010 Conference Chair
- Patrick Alles, Independent Colleges of Indiana, Secretary

The following have completed their terms of service and now leave the executive committee:

- Sherry Woosley, Ball State University, Immediate Past President

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- Kim Meeks, Vincennes University, Secretary

This election will take place at the conference during our annual business meeting on March 26, 2009. Thanks to our Nominating Committee for their work in putting together the proposed slate of new officers.

Kim Meeks
INAIR Secretary

From the Membership Committee (Tim Escue)

Did you remember to renew you INAIR membership? It is that time to renew. Please go to the website www.inair.org to renew for 2009. Membership fees are only \$25 annually.

For those of you, who were unable to attend the conference, don't forget to renew your membership through the online membership form at www.inair.org.

Questions regarding membership may be directed to Tim Escue, Membership Committee Chair, at tescue@ivytech.edu or 317-921-4688.

From the Publications Committee (Teresa Sanders)

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this Newsletter.

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

Please direct questions/suggestions related to the INAIR web site and newsletters to Publications Committee Chair, Teresa Sanders, at tsanders@indiana.edu

PROMOTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Stephen Planck has assumed the position of Research Associate with the statewide IR office of Ivy Tech.

AWARDS/HONORS

On September 3, 2008 **The Art Institute of Indianapolis** has been recognized by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCCT) as a 2007/2008 School of Distinction. The ACCSCCT School of Distinction Award recognizes member schools that have demonstrated a commitment to the expectations and rigors of ACCSCCT accreditation, as well as a commitment to delivering quality educational programs to the students, graduates and employers.

PUBLICATIONS

Vic Borden and Gary Pike co-edited and contributed chapters to the recently published first "Assessment Supplement" edition of *New Directions for Institutional Research*, entitled, "Assessing and Accounting for Student Learning: Beyond the Spellings Commission." A must read for harried institutional researcher who are trying to garner faculty buy-in for assessment while responding to increasingly shrill calls for public accountability of student learning outcomes. Further information is available at <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/121483710/issue>

Ouimet, J. A., & Pike, G. R. (2008). Rising to the challenge: Developing a survey of workplace skills, civic engagement, and global awareness. In V. M. H. Borden and G. R. Pike (Eds). Assessing and accounting for student learning: Beyond the Spellings Commission (New Directions for Institutional Research Series, Assessment Supplement 2007, pp. 71-82). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

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On January 9, Vic Borden was the guest speaker at Butler's annual assessment workshop for department heads and deans. His presentation, "Improving the Value of Teaching and Learning by Paying Closer Attention to It," was well-received by the group.

JOB OPENINGS IN INDIANA

Indiana University - Bloomington posted an opening for **Research/Programmer Analyst**. This position conducts analyses pertinent to the many facets of enrollment management; develops enrollment and academic progress studies, and retention and course management models used by budget and campus planners. Collaborates with research professionals to develop reliable methodologies; develops, documents and interprets data structures in relation to business processes to ensure data integrity and viability. Provides consultation and training for campus data users on appropriate research strategies and data requirements. Contributes to department's operations and planning. For more information, visit, <http://www.inair.org/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 6-10, 2009

28th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience will be held in Orlando, Florida. Further information on the meeting is available at

March 26 – 27, 2009

INAIR 22nd Annual Conference, entitled *Accountability, Assessment and Accreditation* will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Indianapolis. The registration form is online at <http://www.inair.org/conference>

April 17-21, 2009

114th Annual Meeting of The Higher

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Learning Commission will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago. For more information, see

http://www.ncahlc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=166&Itemid=155

May 30-June3, 2009

The Association For Institutional Research, 49th Annual Forum, entitled *World Class Institutional Research* will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, see

<http://www.airweb.org/?page=4>