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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello INAIR members,

Welcome to another year of Institutional Research fun and excitement in the great state of Indiana. If you don't already know me, my name is Robbie Janik and am currently serving as the INAIR President. Since I am bogged down

in work at the moment, as I'm sure all of you are, I will keep this short and sweet.

I want you, the members, to be a driving force of INAIR this year. I can help steer the ship but need you to supply the power. (Ok enough analogies) Between myself and our great Executive Committee we hope INAIR will continue to be a useful resource for all of us working in higher education. I'm confident we'll be able to provide valuable professional development opportunities for our members this coming year. Also, please consider submitting a proposal for the 2020 INAIR Conference. We had awesome presentations this past year and would love to see even more. Sharon Wavle is doing a fantastic job getting things ready for 2020.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for things you would like to see offered by INAIR please don't hesitate to reach out. Feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:rjanikii@iupui.edu">rjanikii@iupui.edu</a> or call at 317-278-0640. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Robbie Janik 2019-20 INAIR President

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BETTER WORLD

William E. Knight, PhD (2014)

Meet Your 2019-20 INAIR Board Members		
	Robbie Janik President	<ul> <li>Institution: Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis</li> <li>Title: Assistant Director, Survey Research &amp; Evaluation</li> <li>Years in IR: 5 years</li> <li>Fun fact: "I'm 4<sup>th</sup> generation <u>Cubs fan</u>."</li> </ul>
	Sharon Wavle Vice President, 2020 Conference Chair	<ul> <li>Institution: Indiana University - Online</li> <li>Title: Associate Director, Decision Support and Reporting</li> <li>Years in IR: 6 years</li> <li>Fun fact: "I've hiked the <u>Grand Canyon</u> rim-to-rim twice."</li> </ul>
	Brooke Moreland Immediate Past President	<ul> <li>Institution: Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis</li> <li>Title: Assistant Director, 21st Century Scholars</li> <li>Years in IR: 8 years</li> <li>Fun fact: "I used to sing opera in high school and college."</li> </ul>
	<b>Ken Pattillo</b> Treasurer	<ul> <li>Institution: Indiana University - Bloomington</li> <li>Title: Data Analyst</li> <li>Years in IR: 3 years</li> <li>Fun fact: "IR is my 3<sup>rd</sup> career, and hopefully I'll have a couple more."</li> </ul>
	Tony Parandi Secretary	<ul> <li>Institution: Indiana Wesleyan University</li> <li>Title: Director of Institutional Research</li> <li>Years in IR: 11 years</li> <li>Fun fact: "I collect diecast cars (Hot Wheels, Matchbox, etc.)."</li> </ul>
	<b>Jordan Mays</b> Member-at-Large	<ul> <li>Institution: University of Evansville</li> <li>Title: Data Analyst</li> <li>Years in IR: 6.5 years</li> <li>Fun fact: "I've been playing music for over 26 years."</li> </ul>
	David Robledo Member-at-Large (Web Administration)	<ul> <li>Institution: Purdue University</li> <li>Title: Director of Data Analytics and Information</li> <li>Years in IR: 13 years</li> <li>Fun fact: "I'm a big sci-fi enthusiast and recently met Timothy Zahn."</li> </ul>
	Norma Fewell Member-at-Large (Conference Planning Chair)	<ul> <li>Institution: Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis</li> <li>Title: Asst. Dir. of Institutional Research and Decision Support</li> <li>Years in IR: 13.5 years</li> <li>Fun fact: "I teach children to play bells and chimes."</li> </ul>
	Bridgett Milner Member-at-Large (Membership)	<ul> <li>Institution: Indiana University - Bloomington</li> <li>Title: Senior Associate Director, Strategic Planning and Research</li> <li>Years in IR: 10 years</li> <li>Fun fact: "I toilet trained my cat using operant conditioning."</li> </ul>
	Sean Tierney ICHE Liaison	<ul> <li>Institution: Indiana Commission for Higher Education</li> <li>Title: Associate Commissioner for Policy &amp; Research</li> <li>Years in IR: 3 years</li> <li>Fun fact: "I am trying to visit every state capital."</li> </ul>

## 34<sup>th</sup> Annual INAIR Conference March 9-11, 2020: Indianapolis Call for Proposals Now Open!

The 2020 Conference Planning Committee invites all members to share their expertise by proposing content for workshops, concurrent sessions, discussion sessions, and our poster session at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual INAIR conference in March 2020. Proposals will be accepted now through November 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and can be made by completing our brand new INAIR 2020 Presentation, Poster, or Workshop Proposal Form.

We encourage you to consider ways in which you can share best practices, lessons learned, technical skills, and research accomplishments with your colleagues from around the state. Discussion or panel sessions designed to explore current issues or brainstorm solutions to common problems are also welcome.

Planning to jazz things up in New Orleans and submit your proposal to the <u>AIR Forum</u> next May? Great idea! Our INAIR <u>2020 Presentation</u>, <u>Poster</u>, <u>or Workshop Proposal Form</u> asks for the <u>same information</u> you'll need for your AIR proposal in <u>exactly the same format</u>: title, abstract, two learning outcomes, and narrative. We've made it easy to submit to both AIR and INAIR using the same content. Test drive your presentation among your INAIR colleagues in March to be ready and relaxed for your big day at AIR in May.

Have an idea but not sure what format would work best? Feel free to reach out to Sharon Wavle, INAIR Vice President and 2020 Conference Chair at <a href="mailto:swavle@iu.edu">swavle@iu.edu</a>.

Be sure to check out our preliminary expanded INAIR 2020 Conference Schedule and other information on our INAIR 2020 Conference site.

#### **BREAKING NEWS**

We are pleased to announce that Courtney Brown, Ph.D., has accepted our invitation to deliver the keynote address at our Annual Conference in March 2020.

Brown is the vice president of strategic impact at Lumina Foundation, "the nation's largest private foundation focused specifically on increasing Americans' postsecondary success. In this role, she oversees the Foundation's efforts in the areas of strategic planning, impact, and learning. She also leads Lumina's international engagement efforts. Brown works to ensure Lumina uses data and research to inform and continuously apply lessons to work across the Foundation." (Source: <u>Lumina Foundation</u>)

According to Brown, her first job was in institutional research at Wabash College, and she spent almost seven years as a senior research associate at Indiana University's Center for Evaluation and Educational Policy. Her keynote is sure to be a highlight of our conference!

Mark your calendars now for March 9-11, 2020, and join us for the <u>34<sup>th</sup> Annual INAIR Conference</u>. And don't forget to <u>submit your proposal</u> by November 1, 2019, for full consideration in our conference program!

## **Member Highlights**

Celebrating the good stuff that's happening across INAIR

- Congratulations to <u>Jordan Mays</u> (formerly Oakland City University) on accepting a new position as Data Analyst at University of Evansville.
- Congratulations to <u>Ben Ollen</u> (IU Bloomington) for his recent promotion from Survey Specialist to Data Analyst.
- The <u>Purdue IR team</u> is under "new management" and now reports to the Provost. This office revamp includes new staff, a new vision, and will likely be more involved with INAIR.

### UPOOMING EVENTS

MidWest SAS Users Group
 Assessment Institute
 Tableau Conference
 AIR IPEDS Workshops
 Chicago, IL September 29th – Oct 1st<sup>t</sup>, 2019
 October 13th - 15th, 2019
 November 12th – 15th, 2019
 Online and onsite
 October – November, 2019

### **INAIR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

As outlined in the INAIR bylaws, a membership directory has been created. This resource can be used to find contact information on colleagues, verify active membership status, and look for membership trends across recent years. If you're interested in exploring this directory for yourself, please find it here:

https://public.tableau.com/profile/bridgett.milner#!/vizhome/2019INAIRMembershipDirectory/2019MembershipDirectory



### **Using the Outlook Tasks Function to Prioritize Your Projects**

By Tony Parandi, Indiana Wesleyan University

When it comes to prioritizing and tracking progress on our many reports, we use a homegrown online data request ticketing system. However, for those projects outside of discrete reporting (i.e. committee work, communications, operations, etc.), the Tasks function is a great prioritization and tracking tool. This highly customizable app within Outlook allows you to create categories to group tasks together. When sorting, it's convenient that all the tasks will remain within their categories. In addition, you can color code the task categories to your liking. These color codes can then be applied to other things within Outlook, such as calendar events.

