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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello INAIR Colleagues,

I hope this newsletter finds you, your families, and your colleagues safe and well. I am sure it has been a challenging summer for us all as our institutions have worked to plan and prepare for our fall semester openings. Some of you may have been involved with predicting and reporting recruitment and enrollment figures, reconfiguring physically distanced classrooms, converting classes to new delivery methods, collecting and analyzing testing and contact tracing data, or a myriad of other responsibilities. I think we can agree that the profession of institutional research seems more important than ever as we navigate the "new normal" of this global pandemic.

Your INAIR Board has been discussing options for our conference next spring; be sure to read the update from our Vice President and Conference Planning Committee. We are also planning ways to keep us all connected throughout the year. This newsletter will be a regular source of updates, as always. We have also launched our INAIR "Friday Forums" Series to allow members to share ideas and best practices around current topics. Based on your input, we have the following forums scheduled for this fall:

- 9/25/20 9:00 am EST: COVID-19 Reporting and Analytics, moderated by Anne Weiss, Assistant Director, Purdue Institutional Data Analytics and Assessment
- 10/23/20 9:00 am EST: Fall Enrollments and Student Impressions of the Remote Learning Environment, moderator TBD
- 11/13/20 9:00 am EST: Managing IR during COVID-19, moderator TBD

Potential topics for spring 2021 include Diversity and Inclusion, and Assessment. If you have ideas for other forum topics, or are interested in moderating a session, please reach out to me (swavle@iu.edu). We sent the invitation to our September forum earlier this month. Look for invites for the October and November forums in your inbox soon.

If you have additional ideas on how INAIR can serve our members in the coming months, your Board is eager to hear them any time. Be thinking ahead to those great conference proposals as well as ways you might consider serving INAIR in the future! INAIR is stronger and can have the biggest impact when we benefit from the involvement of diverse members from across the state.

Stay well,
Sharon Wavle
INAIR President

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone!

It's an honor to be joining the INAIR Executive Committee as VP during these challenging times. As the incoming VP my primary responsibility will be to plan the 35th Annual Conference. I've attended several INAIR conferences since moving to Indiana, and have found them to be very informative, and have greatly enjoyed meeting so many of my colleagues from across the state. What a great opportunity to network with others.

While planning the 2021 conference will be a challenge, I'm very thankful to Sharon, who not only planned a wonderful conference, but also kept detailed notes and planning calendars to help me with the tasks going forward. And I think we're all thankful to Sharon for the hand sanitizer that was provided due to COVID-19. I'm also surrounded by a great group of people on the committee, and I'll find their knowledge and experience invaluable as we plan the 2021 Conference.

We've gathered valuable information from last year's conference and will be using it to inform our decisions. If anyone has any other comments or suggestions for the upcoming conference, please feel free to contact me at defriesner@bsu.edu.

These are challenging times for Higher Education, and the upcoming year will no doubt bring changes that none of us could have foreseen. Please plan on attending the 2021 Annual Conference to network with old friends, meet new ones, and share our experiences on how we handled the difficulties of the coming school year.

Donald Friesner

INAIR Vice President & 2021 Conference Chair

DON'T FORGET!

AIR Virtual Forum Early Registration Deadline

Sunday, June 14

AIR Virtual Forum

June 29 through July 1

INAIR Best Paper Submission Deadline

Wednesday, July 1

Submit to swavle@iu.edu

Meet Your 2020-21 INAIR Board Members

	<p>Sharon Wavle <i>President</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution: Indiana University • Title: Associate Director, Decision Support and Reporting, Office of Online Education • First INAIR Conference: 2013 • Fun Fact: I played clarinet in high school and aspired to go to Julliard and become a world-famous clarinetist. We can see how that turned out.
	<p>Donald Friesner <i>Vice President & 2021 Conference Chair</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution: Ball State University • Title: Senior Research Analyst • First INAIR Conference: 2018 • Fun Fact: I'm a huge Detroit Lions fan, which means I'm a glutton for punishment.
	<p>Robert Janik <i>Immediate Past President</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution: Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis • Title: Associate Director, Institutional Effectiveness & Survey Research • First INAIR Conference: 2014 • Fun Fact: First concert was Rolling Stones when I was 7.
	<p>Ken Pattillo <i>Treasurer</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution: Indiana University Bloomington • Title: IR Data Analyst • First INAIR Conference: March 2018 • Fun Fact: Worked as a carpenter for 10 years. Still a woodworking hobbyist.
	<p>Amy Ribera <i>Secretary</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution: Indiana University School of Medicine • Title: Research and Evaluation Analyst • First INAIR Conference: 2013 • Fun Fact: I once created a bar chart to show my daughter her batting average for the season. She was not amused.
	<p>David Robledo <i>Member-at-Large (Web Administration)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution: Purdue University • Title: Director of Data Analytics and Information • First INAIR Conference: 2007 • Fun Fact: Proud father of a 3rd generation Boilermaker!
	<p>Norma Fewell <i>Member-at-Large (Conference Planning)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution: Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis • Title: Assistant Director of Institutional Research and Decision Support, Enrollment Management Analyst • First INAIR Conference: 2007 • Fun Fact: I'm passionate about all things Disney, but especially Figment and Star Wars
	<p>Jordan Mays <i>Member-at-Large</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution: University of Evansville • Title: Data Analyst • First INAIR Conference: 2014 • Fun Fact: I am an avid musician who has played bass for over 27 years.
	<p>Kathrine Dwyer <i>Member-at-Large</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution: Manchester University • Title: Administrative and Institutional Research Officer • First INAIR Conference: 2020 • Fun Fact: I became a Master Gardener Intern in December 2019 and am an avid hunter of hornworms!
	<p>Sean Tierney <i>ICHE Liaison</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution: Indiana Commission for Higher Education • Title: Associate Commissioner for Policy and Research • Fun Fact: I am trying to visit every state capital

CONFERENCE 2020 OVERVIEW

We would like to give our sincere thanks to the 125 individuals from 26 institutions across the state who attended the 34th annual INAIR Conference in Indianapolis in March! Our conference was successful in large part due to our membership, from those who conducted pre-conference workshops, to those who shared informative and engaging presentations on your work, to those who came eager to network and learn from your colleagues. Your conference planning committee appreciates all those who helped make our two days together in Indy a big success!

Thank you also to those of you who completed our post-conference survey. We learn so much from your thoughtful feedback. 51 individuals responded, 67% from public 4-year institutions, with 67% of respondents' primary area of responsibility noted as IR. 12 of our respondents enjoyed their very first INAIR conference, while 9 returned for at least their 10th conference!

Networking with other IR colleagues is the biggest takeaway from the survey results. The feedback from the survey will be used in planning the 2021 Annual Conference.

What did you like best? 35 of you took the time to tell us. A content analysis of the comments tells us that you most enjoyed/appreciated:

- Networking and interacting with your colleagues (18 mentions)
- Quality session content (15 mentions)
- Learning and hearing about new ideas (6 mentions)
- The location/meeting space (5 mentions)
- Smooth conference logistics and emails (5 mentions)
- The food (3 mentions)
- Preconference sessions (2 mentions)

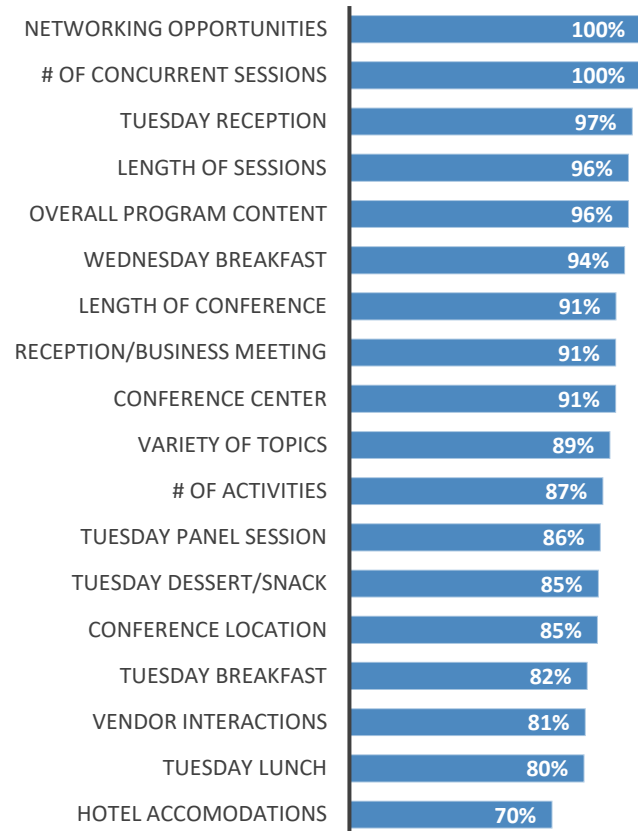
What could be improved? 31 of you provided some great suggestions, with several mentioned more than once:

- Move conference to end of the week (4 mentions)
- Moving/reducing time of the business meeting (3 mentions)
- Consider a different hotel (2 mentions)

Submitted by new Vice-President Donald Friesner

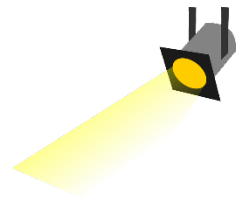
INAIR 2020 Post-Conference Survey

% of respondents "Satisfied" or "Very Satisfied"



Member Spotlight

Celebrating the good stuff that's happening across INAIR



Congratulations to our very own Dr. Victor Borden for being awarded the 2020 Sidney Suslow Scholar Award.

This award is given annually at the AIR Forum to individuals “who have made significant contributions to the field of institutional research and has advanced understanding of the profession in a meaningful way.” Dr. Borden joins a small group of highly esteemed scholars whose work has shaped our profession. Past recipients from the Hoosier state include Drs. Trudy Banta, Don Hossler, Gary Pike, and Rob Toutkoushian.

Beside the significant impact he has made through his scholarship and service, Vic has mentored countless individuals over the years. His kindness and willingness to develop new professionals is invaluable to our field. A few of his former graduate students from the Post-Master’s Certificate in Institutional Research (PM CIR) had this to say about their experiences:

I am grateful for Vic’s generosity when providing experiences for graduate students. He used grant funding to pay for my attendance in an interactional conference on learning analytics and he allowed me to serve as first-author on this topic—as a student. Meanwhile he ardently coached me along the way.

—John Zilvinskis, Assistant Professor, Binghamton University SUNY

I enjoyed the way that Vic made assessment accessible. I entered the HESA program as a practitioner that wanted to use assessment to improve the programs that I created f/.or students and yet I did not have a background for statistics. He found an inroad for me, and many students who were in a similar position. I cannot think of someone more deserving of this award. Congratulations Vic!

—Melanie Rogalski, Student Life Project Specialist

Vic is a great teacher who works hard to connect theory and skills learned in a classroom to the practical and applied setting where we can make a difference. His generous mentorship outside the classroom has been invaluable and I am better professional for having his guidance.

—Rachel Dykstra Boon, Chief Academic Officer, Board of Regents, State of Iowa

To learn more about Dr. Borden’s accomplishments, visit [AIR Awards and Grants](#) page to view his tribute video. Again, congratulations to Vic! We can’t wait to celebrate with you in person.

If you have good news to share or would like to nominate a member to feature in the next issue, please send an email to Amy Ribera (Secretary) at akribera@iu.edu