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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hello INAIR Colleagues,

On behalf of the INAIR Executive Board, I want to extend our sincerest gratitude to all attendees, presenters, and panelists who helped make the 2023 INAIR Annual Meeting a great success. A special thanks to our generous sponsors who made it possible to gather in-person for the first time since the pandemic at a lovely new conference facility in Terre Haute. Because of their support, along with membership participation, INAIR is in solid financial health.

In this newsletter, we are excited to announce the 2023-2024 Executive Board. This year's Board is a collection of individuals representing different regions of state as well as institutional types – from large publics, small privates, and two- and four-year institutions. In our first meeting in May, we reflected on the ways we could build on the momentum of the conference. The Colleague Connection series is one way we plan to continue engaging members this fall semester.

We are grateful to those who took the time to respond to our post-conference survey. Valuable reflections from 70 members have helped us begin planning for the 2024 conference while remaining mindful of your needs and wants. Cost effectiveness and engagement are themes that came through loud and clear in the survey results.

In closing, one of our top priorities for the year is to better engage membership in helping us preserve INAIR's rich history as an organization. We plan to publish a running record of past INAIR leaders who have generously served on the board. We would also like to form an awards subcommittee formalizing the nomination process and criteria for the Lifetime Achievement Award. It is important as an organization that we continue to honor our members who gave so much to the profession through their creative innovations and dedication mentoring others in the field.

I look forward to all we have in store over the next year. Please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions (akribera@iu.edu).

Wishing you all a healthy and restful summer.

Sincerely, Amy Ribera INAIR President

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## **GREETINGS FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT**



Colleagues, it was great to see so many of you in Terre Haute at our 2023 conference. For those of us who work remotely, it's a treat to see friends face to face. And I love catching up with colleagues personally and professionally.

Since then, spring has sprung in earnest. The redbud and dogwood blossoms have given way to iris and peonies, then caps and gowns. At my house, it's time for some summer travel, hiking, and biking. I wish you all an optimal mix of productivity and rest this summer.

And with INAIR 2024 only ten months away, we are busy with reservations and menus and schedules. I'm grateful to work with David Robledo, Robbie Morse, and the entire INAIR board, and look forward to seeing all of you in March 2024. Let me know if you have ideas or want to help.

Doug

### **COLLEAGUE CONNECTIONS MEETINGS**

We would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the Colleague Connections meetings to help make them a success! We asked the INAIR Listserv and the conference attendees for feedback on what people want from next year's virtual meetings, and of course we received some great ideas.

Most suggestions for the upcoming year's meetings were to include discussions about what INAIR members are working on.

- Hot topics that people are working on (how to approach and solve IR related problems)
- Interesting projects that people are working on or seeking guidance on
- Formal peer data sharing system/framework, such as a survey to INAIR members and follow up discussions (*Note: if you have more specific ideas about this, please let us know!*)
- Leaders discussing the direction their universities are going

### Other topic suggestions:

- Technology & Skill (e.g., Getting Started with Tableau, Advanced Functions in Excel)
- "Best Practices in handling the Fall reporting rush" or "Tips and tricks for keeping the team organized"
- Demos and show and tell

#### General Feedback:

- 1 more reminder
- Switch up the days/times so more people can attend

We will be in touch at the beginning of the Fall to let you know specifics for the 2023-24 Colleague Connections meetings. If you are willing to lead a discussion or if you have additional ideas/feedback, please contact Diana Hooten (diana.hooten@indstate.edu) or Brooke Kile (bkile@marian.edu).

# **Meet Your 2023-24 INAIR Board Members**



Amy Ribera President

- Institution: Indiana University School of Medicine
- Title: Director of Research and Evaluation
- First INAIR Conference: 2013
- Fun Fact: I love to coach my daughter's 6U tee-ball team. Go Pink Panthers!



**Doug Anderson** Vice President & 2024 Conference Chair

- Institution: Indiana University, Bloomington
- Title: Director of Strategic Planning and Research
- First INAIR Conference: 2001
- Fun Fact: From my desk at home, I can see 28 bird-themed artworks, and countless birds at three feeders. (I don't go to the office much.)



Brooke Kile Immediate Past President

- Institution: Marian University
- Title: Director, Institutional Research
- First INAIR Conference: 2021
- Fun Fact: I spent the first ten years of my career working Financial Aid Administration.



**Ken Pattillo** *Treasurer* 

- Institution: Indiana University
- Title: IR Data Analyst
- First INAIR Conference: March 2018
- Fun Fact: Worked as a carpenter for 10 years. Still a woodworking hobbyist.



**Diana Hooten** *Secretary* 

- Institution: Indiana State University
- Title: Institutional Research Analyst
- First INAIR Conference: 2019
- Fun Fact: I grew up helping to raise baby bears.



**David Robledo** *Member-at-Large* (Conference Planning)

- Institution: Purdue University, West Lafayette
- Title: Executive Director, External Data Analytics
- First INAIR Conference: 2007
- Fun Fact: Once shut down Intel's Xeon production line by leaning on the emergency stop button on the laser engraver...was too clueless to realize the blaring alarms were not normal.



Robbie Morse Member-at-Large (Conference Planning)

- Institution: Ivy Tech Community College
- Title: Director of Assessment
- First INAIR Conference (year): 2001 as a Grad Student
- Fun Fact: I am an Eagle Scout.



Jen Holscher Member-at-Large (Web Administrator)

- Institution: Vincennes University
- Title: Director of Institutional Research
- First INAIR Conference: 2016
- Fun Fact: I have visited every state in the United States. My goal is to visit every national park!



**Stephanie Martin** *Member-at-Large (Membership)* 

- Purdue University College of Agriculture
- Title: Program Data Analyst
- First INAIR Conference: 2023
- Fun Fact: Have taken flying lessons and have successfully landed a plane (with an instructor). As a bonus, the plane was still usable afterwards!



Sean Tierney ICHE Liaison

- Institution: Indiana Commission for Higher Education
- Title: Associate Commissioner for Policy and Research
- Fun Fact: I am trying to visit every state capital

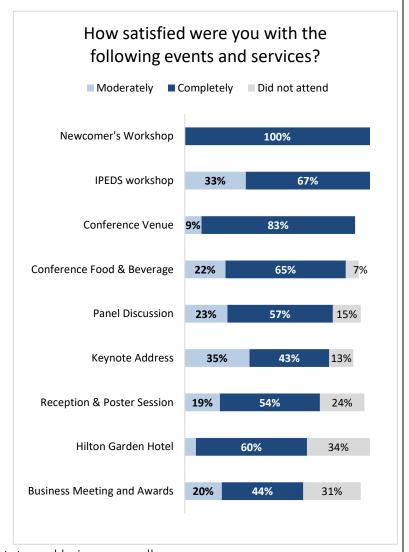
### **2023 CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

We would like to give our sincere thanks to the 115 individuals from 31 institutions across the state who attended the 37<sup>th</sup> annual INAIR Conference in Terre Haute 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 Terre Haute a big success!

Thank you also to those of you who completed our post-conference survey. We learn so much from your thoughtful feedback. 70 individuals responded, 70% from large institutions (10,000+ students), with 25% from institutions with 5,000 or less students. Nearly 40% of respondents were directors or executive leaders and 30% held an analyst role. One-third of respondents said this was their first INAIR and the same proportion said they have attended at least 10 conferences!

Networking with other IR colleagues continues to be the biggest takeaway from the survey results. 76% of respondents said the conference was 'Completely' worth their time and 54% said they learned more than they thought while 24% reported learning 'A great deal.' While an overwhelming majority were 'Completely' (83%) or 'Moderately' (9%) satisfied with the Terre Haute conference facility, qualitative response



indicated a desire to rotate location around the state and being on a college campus.

The feedback from the survey will be used in planning the 2024 Annual Conference.

What can we improve for next year? 24 of you took the time to tell us.

- More relevant sessions for smaller institutions
- Considerations for dietary restrictions
- Lounging space for casual conversations/Longer networking and coffee breaks
- Duration of conference (e.g., 2-days, every other year)
- Consider rotating to other location (northern/southern, on campus)

Submitted by former Vice-President & Conference Planning Chair, Amy Ribera