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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, INAIR Colleagues!

We are counting down the days until we meet again. The 38th Annual INAIR Conference (March 21-22) is only eight weeks away. I want to extend a huge thank-you to all who submitted conference proposals. Because of your hard work and willingness to share, we are guaranteed to have a meaningful and engaging conference this year. There are a variety of topics that we hope will inspire your work.

The conference marks a new wave of board members joining the executive team. During our annual business meeting on March 21st, members will vote on a new slate of officers. We have two board members completing their terms. I want to express my sincerest gratitude to Ken Pattillo and Diana Hooten, who will be moving on from their roles.

Ken served five years as the Treasurer and Diana two years as the Secretary. Doug Anderson will move into the presidential role, leaving the VP & Conference Planning Chair position vacant. If YOU or someone you know is interested in the positions below, please contact Brooke Kile at bkile@che.in.gov. As Past President, she chairs the 2024-25 Slate of Officers nomination committee.

- Vice-President and 2025 Conference Planning Chair (1-year term)
- Secretary (2-year term)
- Treasurer (4-year term)

Brooke is also chairing the nomination committee for the Lifetime Achievement Award. The call for nominations will remain open until Friday, February 1. For more information about the award criteria and nomination process, visit our website [here](#). This award will be presented during our business meeting, celebrating a member who has made significant contributions to the IR field and professional development of INAIR members and colleagues.

In closing, I hope you take a moment to reflect on ways you can contribute to INAIR. One lesson I've learned serving on the board is that INAIR's success is based on our collective commitment to the organization. Being a part of the INAIR community in this capacity has been a fully rewarding experience. I hope you consider stepping up and finding a way to devote your time that works for you. If you have any questions about serving on the board or volunteering in general, please contact me at akribera@iu.edu.

I hope you are all staying warm -- I look forward to seeing you in Bloomington!

Sincerely,

Amy Ribera

INAIR President

Updates from our Vice-President and our 2024 Conference Chair



INAIR 2024: Eclipse

Join Institutional Research colleagues from around the state at the annual conference of the Indiana Association for Institutional Research.

March 21-22, 2024 on the beautiful Indiana University, Bloomington campus.

Thanks to so many INAIR members who submitted presentation proposals, we have a full slate of fascinating sessions planned.

Also:

- a great keynote speaker
- a new IPEDS training session
- wonderful food and drink
- optional activities before the conference, on Thursday evening, and Friday afternoon.

See conference details on the INAIR website.

Register now to attend. Get the early bird price through January 26.

Reserve your hotel room by February 20 to receive our group rate.

Doug Anderson
INAIR 2024 Program Chair
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Membership List & Additional Items

If you would like a list of the INAIR Members, please contact Stephanie Martin, INAIR Membership Chair, at ssmartin@purdue.edu.

Membership for 2024 will be \$40. Membership renewal or new membership opens with registration for the 2024 INAIR Conference. At that time, you will be able to choose just membership or will be able to bundle your membership fee with conference registration. Please note that we do not change out memberships during the course of the year (if a person leaves, we will not attach their membership to another person).

Of course it is free to join the INAIR listserv (although we'd hope you'd also become a member). To subscribe to the INAIR listserv, send an email to list@iupui.edu with the command: SUBscribe INAIR

To unsubscribe send a (blank) email to inair-unsubscribe@list.iupui.edu from the email account that is linked to the listserv (the email where you receive INAIR information and newsletters).

AIR Board of Directors Update

Wen Qi, PhD, AIR Board of Directors, Member-At-Large

Director of Faculty Analytics, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, IU Bloomington

The AIR Board of Directors meets monthly to discuss member needs, activities led by the Board, and programs and initiatives led by the Executive Office. Since October 2022, the Board has also resumed twice-a-year in-person meetings. AIR offers various professional development options for both members and the broad IR community, including webinars, workshops, the IPEDS training center, and publications such as [The AIR Professional File](#) and [eAIR](#). Please visit [the AIR website](#) to view the current resources, announcements, and curriculum.

The AIR Hub

Many of us have been engaged in discussions with colleagues on IR-related subjects using the [AIR Hub](#). Here you can find discussions on technical issues, professional development resources shared by members, and career opportunities posted on the AIR job board. In addition to the general discussion board, it also features discussion boards for data champions at community colleges, graduate students, single-person/small IR offices, and system-level IR offices. It is a great tool to expand one's professional network and make one's expertise visible. If you haven't used the hub yet, [check it out](#) and join us!

The 2024 AIR Forum

The [2024 AIR Forum](#) will be held **May 28-31, 2024**, in **Denver, Colorado**. As the largest global gathering of higher education professionals working in institutional research and related fields, it is a great opportunity to connect, share, and exchange ideas. Registration will open in mid-February. Please stay tuned more details.

New Organizational Membership Option

In collaboration with the AIR Executive Office, the Board of Directors has approved a new *Organizational Membership* model, available to the public at the end of **January 2024**, to meet the needs of all higher education professionals. This new membership option will enable more individuals from the same institution to access AIR resources, promote data literacy across functional areas, and encourage collaborations among colleagues from different offices and fields. Individual memberships will still be available. Stay tuned!

AIR Awards and Scholarships Open for Nomination and Application

Nominations and applications are open for several AIR awards and scholarships until **January 26, 2024**. For example, AIR provides current members three scholarship opportunities that facilitate the professional growth and development of early-career institutional research professionals: Julia M. Duckwall Scholarship Program, Edward Delaney Scholarship Program, and Jeff Seybert/National Higher Education Benchmarking Institute Scholarship Program. AIR also continues to recognize and celebrate individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the association and the profession through the Outstanding Service Award and John Stecklein Distinguished Member Award.

In addition, a new award—**The AIR Rising Star Award**—will be offered to current AIR members in 2024. Unlike the other awards that celebrate long-term contributions, this award recognizes the achievements of IR professionals who are early in their careers and are emerging leaders.

Finally, AIR offers two awards that **do not require** current AIR membership—Sidney Suslow Scholar Award and Charles F. Elton Best Paper Award. Please see the [AIR website](#) for information on eligibility and the nomination/application process. Email awards@airweb.org with questions.

Voting for Volunteer Leaders Opens Monday, February 5, 2024

Each spring, AIR members vote for volunteer leaders on the Board of Directors and the Nominations and Elections Committee. Nominations for the open positions were closed on October 22, 2023. If you helped to identify exemplary candidates for AIR leadership roles, your effort is greatly appreciated. Open positions for the 2024 election include four Board of Directors Member-At-Large positions and two Nominations & Elections Committee member positions. As a reminder, the Board of Directors is the governing body of the Association. It acts as the membership's voice by soliciting member input and using it to make important decisions. The Nominations & Elections Committee (NEC) not only recruits members to serve as leaders, but also develops the call for nominees and reviews nominations to develop a balanced slate of candidates.

Amended Constitution and Bylaws

Between December 2021 and February 2022, the Board approved a series of motions that require updates to the Constitution and Bylaws. From January 17 to February 1, 2023, AIR members voted on [recommended language changes to the AIR Constitution and Bylaws](#). The vote passed, resulting in amended [Constitution and Bylaws](#). Please check the [AIR in Motion website](#) for details on the specific changes, the rationale, and the implementation timeline.

Under the leadership of Junelyn Pangan Peeples and in collaboration with the Executive Office, AIR updated its Ends Statement in May 2022 (updates highlighted in bold):

Updated AIR Ends Statement

AIR is a global association of higher education professionals. AIR exists to empower those individuals at all levels to use data, analytics, information, and evidence to make decisions that are effective, ethical, and equitable and take actions that benefit all students and institutions and improve higher education. This must be done within AIR's available resources and in such a manner that the value to higher education is worth the investment of those resources.

- A. AIR educates institutional researchers, higher education leaders, and professionals and organizations on the value of institutional research.
- B. AIR empowers and supports higher education professionals in:
 - Contextualizing data across campus and throughout higher education;
 - Learning methods and tools of the institutional research profession;
 - Evaluating the effectiveness of institutions;
 - Conducting research and scholarship.
- C. AIR provides opportunities for the development of professional and interpersonal skills.

AIR promotes the development of professional networks.