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President's Message

(Patty McClintock)

A touch of chill is in the air, the campus is bustling, and the phone is ringing off the hook with data requests... it must be the beginning of the fall semester!

In those few-and-far-between minutes when I come up for air over the next few months, I typically think ahead to our annual conference (strange, I know, but for some reason I really enjoy this group of people). What issues and topics are looming on the horizon for us as a profession? How can we communicate with each other better? How can we help each other – even if it's just to hear about new ideas, see how others are tackling a problem, or to have a sympathetic ear to bend?

We have another outstanding conference site, we'll be incorporating some of the comments from last year and some new elements will be added; the one thing that remains the same, though, is the most important piece of the puzzle – YOU! Be on the lookout for more information coming your way soon about the conference. Volunteer to serve. Submit a proposal. Make plans to attend. Invite a colleague to attend. Whatever you do, make sure you participate!

If anyone on the executive board or I can assist you with an issue or point you in the right direction, please let us know. I look forward to seeing all of you in March... now get back to work!

Patty McClintock, INAIR President

Vice President's Message

(Maggie Dalrymple)

2010 Annual Conference: March 11-12

I'm so excited! The 24th annual INAIR conference will have a renowned speaker at an excellent hotel in a great area! Gloria Rogers is enthusiastic to address our group. She is the Associate Executive Director of Professional Services at ABET, the international accreditation agency for educational programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology. She has been active in assessment and institutional effectiveness for 20 years, including working at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. She has given over 80 invited presentations at national/international conferences, facilitated workshops and seminars at over 100 institutions, and has authored over 30 publications.

The conference will be held at the Marriott North Indianapolis, which was awarded as having the best customer service of all the Marriott Hotels & Resorts. The hotel, on the north side of Indianapolis, is at the Keystone at the Crossing. The hotel has an outdoor patio that overlooks a lake with a fitness trail and is within walking distance to an assortment of dining, entertainment, and shopping. Nearly every type of restaurant imaginable is in Castleton, from fast-food to fine dining. Nearby are movie theaters, Sahm Park (with an 18 hole golf course), laser tag, a new Dave & Busters, and the Castleton Square Mall, which is the largest mall in the State of Indiana. Surely, there is something for everyone.

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Now comes the most important part – **your participation**. The conference program is still being developed, but please let me know now if you have specific topics that you would like to discuss for the Birds of a Feather (otherwise known as Table Topic or Special Interest Group). The official call for proposals will be in November. For more information please visit the INAIR.ORG/conference webpage (<http://www.inair.org/conference>). Should you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me!

I hope you are excited for the conference as well!

Maggie Dalrymple, INAIR Vice President

From the Membership Committee (Tim Escue)

Did you know that anyone can be a member of INAIR? This includes graduate students interested in Institutional Research. Please encourage them to join INAIR to help understand the issues. 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

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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

Bethany Buston recently accepted a position as Research Analyst at Purdue University, West Lafayette.

Alissa Bolz recently accepted a position as Data Analyst and Communications Specialist at Purdue University, West Lafayette.

Dr. Katherine A. Draughon was promoted to the Executive Director of the Office of Planning, Research and Assessment (formerly Institutional Research and Assessment) at the University of Southern Indiana, Evansville.

Steve Graunke recently accepted a position as Assistant Director for Survey Research and Standard Reports at IUPUI.

Kent Grumbles recently accepted a position in institutional research at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC.

PRESENTATIONS

Jacque Frost and Maggie Dalrymple presented "Two Views of Strategic Planning: Top-Down and Bottom-Up." at the Society for College and University Planning's (SCUP) 44th Annual International Conference in Portland, OR in July.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 16, 2009

The **Ohio Association for Institutional Research and Planning, (OAIRP)** will hold their fall conference at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

For more information, visit

<http://www.oairp.org/page.asp?page=3211>

October 26 – 27, 2009

The **2009 Assessment Institute** will be at the Westin in Indianapolis.

For more information, visit

<http://www.planning.iupui.edu/institute>

November 4 – 6, 2009

The **23rd Annual Michigan Association for Institutional Research Conference**, will be held at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel in Lansing, Michigan

For more information, visit

<http://www.miair.wayne.edu/events.htm>

November 5 – 6, 2009

Illinois Association for Institutional Research will hold their 39th Annual Conference will be hosted by Southern Illinois University – Carbondale at Rend Lake Resort & Conference Center, Whittington, IL

For more information, visit

<http://www.pir.ilstu.edu/iair/annualforum/>

November 7 – 10, 2009

North East Association for Institutional Research (NEAIR) will hold their 36th Annual Conference at the Inner Harbor Sheraton in Baltimore, Maryland.

For more information, visit

<http://www.pir.ilstu.edu/iair/annualforum/>

November 11 – 13, 2009

The **29th Mid-America Association for Institutional Research (MidAIR)** will hold their annual conference at the Holiday Inn at the plaza, Kansas City, Missouri.

For more information, visit <http://www.mid-air.org/page.asp?page=506>

November 11 – 13, 2009

The **Australasian Association for Institutional Research (SSIR)** will hold their annual Forum in Adelaide, Australia.

For more information, visit

<http://www.leishman-associates.com.au/air2009/>

January 20 – 23, 2010

Annual Meeting of the **Association of American Colleges and Universities** will be held in Washington, DC.

For more information, visit

<http://www.aacu.org/meetings/annualmeeting/>

February 12 – 16, 2010

29th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience will be held on in Denver, Colorado.

For more information, visit

<http://www.sc.edu/fye/events/annual/index.html>

March 11 – 12, 2010

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