



Bulletin

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President's Message (Don Sprowl)

A few weeks ago, the INAIR Executive Board spent a delightful day pondering how our association might better fulfill the four purposes stated in our constitution:

- a) Promote institutional research in postsecondary education as a professional activity.

Our discussion here focused on students, both graduate and undergraduate. We decided to add some student presentation recognition awards at the annual conference and pursue an initiative to introduce IR to students and faculty who may be unaware. The greatest impact on students' development in the IR profession, however, comes through a mentoring relationship with a mature IR professional. If you do not yet have a mentoring relationship with one or more students, I invite you to ponder whether you could recruit an undergraduate student from your institution to help you with some portion of your research, leading to a poster presentation at the annual conference. If this does not fit your circumstance, I invite you to sign up with Lynn Lukins, our membership chair, to serve as a mentor to a younger member. We plan to have programmed mentor/mentee time and activities at next year's conference.

- b) Disseminate information about the methods and contents of institutional research.

The annual conference fulfills this purpose nicely. Note Steve's words on next year's conference in this newsletter and be planning now for your workshop or presentation proposal ... and that poster you will co-present with a student.

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President's Message Continued

(Don Sprowl)

c) Provide a forum in which institutional researchers in Indiana can discuss and seek assistance in their common problems and share research findings.

The conference is an obvious forum, but we have other mechanisms of sharing that are largely unused at present. We would like to see our list-serve become the place of choice for asking and answering questions about IR practice. It could be a very rich resource for us, if we just remember to use it. Anyone can post, just ask Brent how. In addition to the list-serve, Lynn Lukins has established Facebook and LinkedIn pages for us. Like the listserv, their value to the community is determined by the attention and contributions of the members. My goal for this year is to connect with my INAIR friends more than just at the conference -I invite you to show me the way.

d) Promote the professional development of INAIR members.

All of the above, with emphasis on engagement outside the annual conference. I was new to IR six years ago and the value of INAIR to my professional development cannot be overstated. Let's do more of the same for our younger colleagues and for students who are destined to fall in love with IR and just don't know it yet.

Blessings all.

Vice President's Message

(Steve Graunke)

Announcing the 2013 INAIR Conference theme, venue, and keynote speaker!

Hi everyone, I hope the beginning of the Fall is going well. Plans for the 2013 INAIR conference have been developing since the last newsletter, and I'm pleased that I can now make several announcements.

The theme for our 2013 conference will be "What's New, What's Now, and What's Next in Institutional Research". The practice of institutional research is continues to evolve with advances in technology, developments in theory, and changes in higher education policy. We hope that INAIR will prove to be an opportunity to learn about our evolving profession.

The 2013 INAIR Conference will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott North. This fantastic facility, which was also home to the 2010 INAIR conference, is in a tremendous location near the Fashion Mall at Keystone and numerous other shopping and dining options. We're very pleased to be returning to the Indianapolis Marriott North again next year.

Vice President's Message Continued

(Steve Graunke)

I am also pleased to announce our 2013 Keynote Speaker for the Conference: Marcus Kolb. Marcus serves as a Program Officer at Lumina Foundation and is responsible for managing grants to advance the Big Goal – raise the proportion of post-secondary attainment of high quality credentials in the United States to 60% by 2025. Much of Marcus' grant work focuses on student learning outcomes as the measure of quality in higher education, including Tuning and the recently released Degree Qualifications Profile. He currently serves on the Productivity strategy team within the foundation. Prior to coming to Lumina 2008, Marcus served as faculty and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in the Drexel University School of Public Health and worked in retention programming, academic advising, and residence life at several institutions.

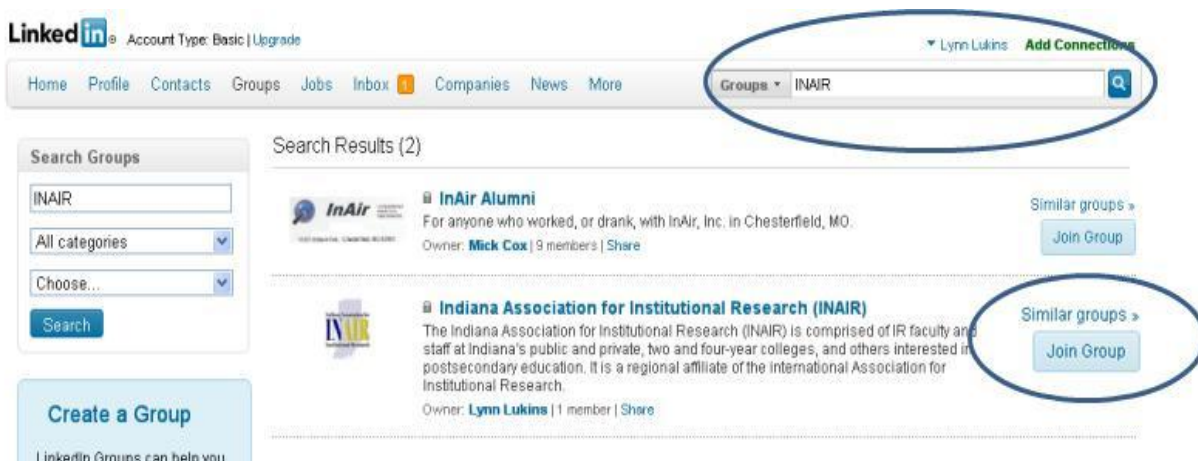
Make plans to join us March 7 and 8, 2013 for an opportunity to network with colleagues, discuss emerging trends, and learn about new strategies in IR. Hope to see you there!



From the Membership Committee (Lynn Lukins)

The membership committee would like to focus its efforts now on the recruitment of student members, both undergraduate and graduate. To sweeten the deal for these students, we would like to offer to pair them with a mentor who currently works in IR. Are you interested in volunteering to be a mentor? If you are an instructor, would you be willing to talk to your students about INAIR?

As we focus our attention on student members, our social media presence becomes more important. Please “like” our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/IndianaAIR>. **INAIR also now has a presence on Linked In.** To get to this group, please log in to your Linked In account, select “Groups” from the drop down menu to the left of the search box, type in “INAIR” in the search box, and click the “Join Group” button to the right of our organization name.



Please be sure to visit both our Facebook and Linked In pages regularly and join in/start conversations on the pages. The goal is for our sites to be places where IR practitioners regularly visit to share ideas and information and keep up to date with one another.

The membership committee is also looking for new members. Be part of the fun of recruiting new people to our great organization, and showing them just how fun IR can be.

For more details about any of these items, please contact Lynn Lukins at lynn.lukins@harrison.edu.

From the Publications Committee (Brent Drake)

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter, please send items of interest each time. I'm completely open to suggestions for content so just send me an email at bmdrake@purdue.edu if there is something you would like to add.

Look for further information about the 2013 INAIR conference in the next few weeks including the call for proposals.

Announcements

Joe Wingo was promoted to Manager of the Office of Planning, Research and Assessment at USI as of July 1

David Streicher and Rodney Maley were both welcomed to the position of Data, Information and Reporting Manager in the Office of Institutional Research at the University of Saint Francis in early July. David transitioned from the Center for Academic Advising where he served as the Advisor Trainer and Rodney was formerly working with IR and IT in the role of Report Designer.

Victor Borden will be keynoting the Australian AIR (AAIR) Conference in November in Terrigal, Australia and then conducting workshops on institutional research for the LH Martin Institute in Sydney and Melbourne

Publications by INAIR members

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Pike, G. R., Smart, J. C., & Ethington, C. A. (2012). The mediating effects of student engagement on relationships between academic disciplines and learning outcomes: An extension of Holland's theory. *Research in Higher Education*, 53, 550-575.

Pike, G. R. & Rocconi, L. M. (2012) Multilevel modeling: Presenting and publishing the results for internal and external constituents. In J. Lott & J. Antony (Eds.) *Multilevel Modeling: Techniques and Applications in Institutional Research* (New Directors for Institutional Research Series, no. 154, pp. 111-124). San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Current Calendar

October 24-27 – American Evaluation Association's 26th Annual conference, Minneapolis, MN.
<http://www.eval.org/eval2012/default.asp>

October 28-30 – 2012 Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN <http://www.planning.iupui.edu/institute>

October 29 – Submission deadline for AIR 2013 Forum proposals

October 8-9 – Association for Institutional Research in the Upper Midwest (AIRUM) Annual Conference, Bloomington, MN <http://www.airum.org/conferences.html>

November 12-14 – Australian Association for Institutional Research Forum (AAIR), Terrigal, Australia
<http://conference.aair.org.au/2012/>