

Bulletin

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President's Message (Cory Clasemann-Ryan)



By now I hope everyone has seen the call for proposals that was sent out in December. That announcement is a great time to remind you about a few other exciting changes that were implemented recently.

AIR has once again invited affiliated organizations to partner to fund a travel grant to the 2016 AIR Annual Conference. INAIR will once again offer \$500, to be matched with \$500 from AIR, to the winner of last year's Best Presentation winner – Sarah Bauer, Brent Drake, and Todd Schmitz. Last year we also began waiving the INAIR conference

registration fee to the Best Paper award winners, with a limit of two per winning team. We want to codify this in our bylaws, so you will soon be receiving the proposed draft language, which will be voted on during our business meeting at this year's conference. The winners of last year's award were Stefano Fiorini, Tao Liu, Linda Shepard, and Judith Ouimet.

Finally, the upcoming conference also marks the beginning of a new cycle for the INAIR board. During the meeting we will elect a new Vice President/2017 Conference Chair, Secretary, and Membership Chair. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions please let me know. This is a great way to become further involved with the IR community within the state along with a great networking opportunity, so I hope everyone will consider serving.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in April!

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Vice President and 2016 Conference Chair's Message (Mike King)

The 2016 INAIR conference is fast approaching! Hopefully, you have all received the call for proposals. If not, you can find that information and all forthcoming conference information on the INAIR website (http://www.inair.org/). The call for proposals is open through February 12th. Though the deadline has passed, if anyone is interested in presenting a pre-conference workshop, please let me know as soon as possible. We already have some excellent pre-conference workshops in the works, but are always interested in more!

Conference registration and hotel reservations for the conference will soon be announced. The conference will take place at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis-Airport on April 7th and 8th 2016. We are excited

to announce that room rates will be \$105 plus tax for each night. Parking will also be free at the hotel. To help celebrate this being the 30th annual INAIR conference, we will offer a full dinner Thursday night to enjoy this celebration as a group. We hope these cost-saving measures will allow institutions the opportunity for additional attendees and extended stays to better enjoy the conference.

This year, the INAIR conference will feature Dr. Kevin J.G Snider, Chancellor of Penn State New Kensington as keynote speaker. Dr. Snider was appointed chancellor at Penn State New Kensington in 2008. He is the former chief of staff and executive assistant to the president for strategic planning, institutional research and effectiveness at Indiana State University. Dr. Snider's research interests include student behavior and strategic planning, particularly in the areas of student success and direction setting. He has published several articles and given numerous presentations on a variety of topics in strategic planning, assessment, and institutional research.

I wish everyone luck in finishing up their conference proposals and other IR endeavors. Registration will be opened soon, so prepare to make your plans. I look forward to seeing you all in April for the 2016 INAIR conference!





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From the Membership Committee

(Barb Dobbs)

Happy New Year, everyone! Where does the time go? I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 30th anniversary of the INAIR conference on April 7th and 8th at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis-Airport. Watch for upcoming emails on when registration opens around mid-February.

Below is a list of those who had agreed to be a mentor in different areas of Institutional Research as well as software. I hope that current INAIR members will take advantage of this. I already have someone who is helping me with Microsoft Access. If you are new to Institutional Research and would like a mentor to help you, just email me at bdobbs@iupuc.edu and I will help you.

See you in April!!!

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New Hires / New Appointments

In the last 2 months, the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Effectiveness at Purdue University has hired **Ken Eldridge, Meng Deng, Taylor Brodner, and Margaret Wu**. They have joined in the roles of Research Data Analysts, Information System Specialist, and Educational Assessment Specialist, respectively. "We are very excited to welcome these additions to the Institutional Research community," said Brent Drake (Chief Data Officer at Purdue University).

R. Brendan Aldrich has joined Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana as the Chief Data Officer as of December 7, 2015. He was previously the Executive Director of Enterprise Information Management at City Colleges of Chicago.

Ron Severtis has been appointed the permanent Director of Institutional Effectiveness at IU Southeast. Ron looks forward to more time spent with his INAIR colleagues!

Calendar of Events

April 7-8, 2016, 30th INAIR Conference will be held in Indianapolis, IN. Please stay tuned for more information.

May 31-June 3, 2016, AIR Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA. For more information, visit http://www.neworleans.hyatt.com

Staying Connected!

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