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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello INAIR Colleagues,

It feels as though our March conference was a lifetime ago, doesn't it? On behalf of the INAIR Board I'd like to extend sincere gratitude to all those who made our gathering memorable. First and foremost, thank you so much to all of our amazing presenters! Your willingness to share your expertise with colleagues is the heart of a meaningful two days of learning and networking. Next, appreciation is due to the INAIR Board and conference planning committee members who worked tirelessly all year to organize vendors, cultivate program content, and take care of all the details that go into hosting a conference.

Lastly, thank you to all our members who were able to join us in Indianapolis. For many of us I think the INAIR 2020 Annual Conference will be that reference point in time when things suddenly shifted into a time of uncertainty and drastic change both professionally and personally. I appreciated everyone's patience and poise as we closed out our conference activities amidst a flurry of communications that started the reshaping of our institutions to face the challenges of a global pandemic.

In this newsletter, you will find conference highlights and learn more about your 2020-2021 INAIR Board. The Board is discussing how INAIR can support and celebrate our members at a time when data-informed decision-making is more critical than ever. We also are considering what our 2021 Annual Conference should look like. If you have any comments, suggestions, questions, or concerns please reach out to any board member or to me at swavle@iu.edu.

As a reminder, early registration for AIR Forum Virtual ends 6/14, and the sessions will be held 6/29 – 7/1. I hope to "see" many of you there!

Stay well,

Sharon Wavle
INAIR President

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone!

It's an honor to be joining the INAIR Executive Committee as VP during these challenging times. As the incoming VP my primary responsibility will be to plan the 35th Annual Conference. I've attended several INAIR conferences since moving to Indiana, and have found them to be very informative, and have greatly enjoyed meeting so many of my colleagues from across the state. What a great opportunity to network with others.

While planning the 2021 conference will be a challenge, I'm very thankful to Sharon, who not only planned a wonderful conference, but also kept detailed notes and planning calendars to help me with the tasks going forward. And I think we're all thankful to Sharon for the hand sanitizer that was provided due to COVID-19. I'm also surrounded by a great group of people on the committee, and I'll find their knowledge and experience invaluable as we plan the 2021 Conference.

We've gathered valuable information from last year's conference and will be using it to inform our decisions. If anyone has any other comments or suggestions for the upcoming conference, please feel free to contact me at defriesner@bsu.edu.

These are challenging times for Higher Education, and the upcoming year will no doubt bring changes that none of us could have foreseen. Please plan on attending the 2021 Annual Conference to network with old friends, meet new ones, and share our experiences on how we handled the difficulties of the coming school year.

Donald Friesner

INAIR Vice President & 2021 Conference Chair

DON'T FORGET!

AIR Virtual Forum Early Registration Deadline

Sunday, June 14

AIR Virtual Forum

June 29 through July 1

INAIR Best Paper Submission Deadline

Wednesday, July 1

Submit to swavle@iu.edu

Meet Your 2020-21 INAIR Board Members



Sharon Wavle
President

- Institution: Indiana University
- Title: Associate Director, Decision Support and Reporting, Office of Online Education
- First INAIR Conference: 2013
- Fun Fact: I played clarinet in high school and aspired to go to Julliard and become a world-famous clarinetist. We can see how that turned out.



Donald Friesner
*Vice President & 2021
Conference Chair*

- Institution: Ball State University
- Title: Senior Research Analyst
- First INAIR Conference: 2018
- Fun Fact: I'm a huge Detroit Lions fan, which means I'm a glutton for punishment.



Robert Janik
*Immediate Past
President*

- Institution: Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis
- Title: Associate Director, Institutional Effectiveness & Survey Research
- First INAIR Conference: 2014
- Fun Fact: First concert was Rolling Stones when I was 7.



Ken Pattillo
Treasurer

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



Amy Ribera
Secretary

- Institution: Indiana University School of Medicine
- Title: Research and Evaluation Analyst
- First INAIR Conference: 2013
- Fun Fact: I once created a bar chart to show my daughter her batting average for the season. She was not amused.



David Robledo
*Member-at-Large
(Web Administration)*

- Institution: Purdue University
- Title: Director of Data Analytics and Information
- First INAIR Conference: 2007
- Fun Fact: Proud father of a 3rd generation Boilermaker!



Norma Fewell
*Member-at-Large
(Conference Planning)*

- Institution: Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis
- Title: Assistant Director of Institutional Research and Decision Support, Enrollment Management Analyst
- First INAIR Conference: 2007
- Fun Fact: I'm passionate about all things Disney, but especially Figment and Star Wars



Jordan Mays
Member-at-Large

- Institution: University of Evansville
- Title: Data Analyst
- First INAIR Conference: 2014
- Fun Fact: I am an avid musician who has played bass for over 27 years.



Kathrine Dwyer
Member-at-Large

- Institution: Manchester University
- Title: Administrative and Institutional Research Officer
- First INAIR Conference: 2020
- Fun Fact: I became a Master Gardener Intern in December 2019 and am an avid hunter of hornworms!



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

CONFERENCE 2020 OVERVIEW

We would like to give our sincere thanks to the 125 individuals from 26 institutions across the state who attended the 34th annual INAIR Conference in Indianapolis 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 Indy a big success!

Thank you also to those of you who completed our post-conference survey. We learn so much from your thoughtful feedback. 51 individuals responded, 67% from public 4-year institutions, with 67% of respondents' primary area of responsibility noted as IR. 12 of our respondents enjoyed their very first INAIR conference, while 9 returned for at least their 10th conference!

Networking with other IR colleagues is the biggest takeaway from the survey results. The feedback from the survey will be used in planning the 2021 Annual Conference.

What did you like best? 35 of you took the time to tell us. A content analysis of the comments tells us that you most enjoyed/appreciated:

- Networking and interacting with your colleagues (18 mentions)
- Quality session content (15 mentions)
- Learning and hearing about new ideas (6 mentions)
- The location/meeting space (5 mentions)
- Smooth conference logistics and emails (5 mentions)
- The food (3 mentions)
- Preconference sessions (2 mentions)

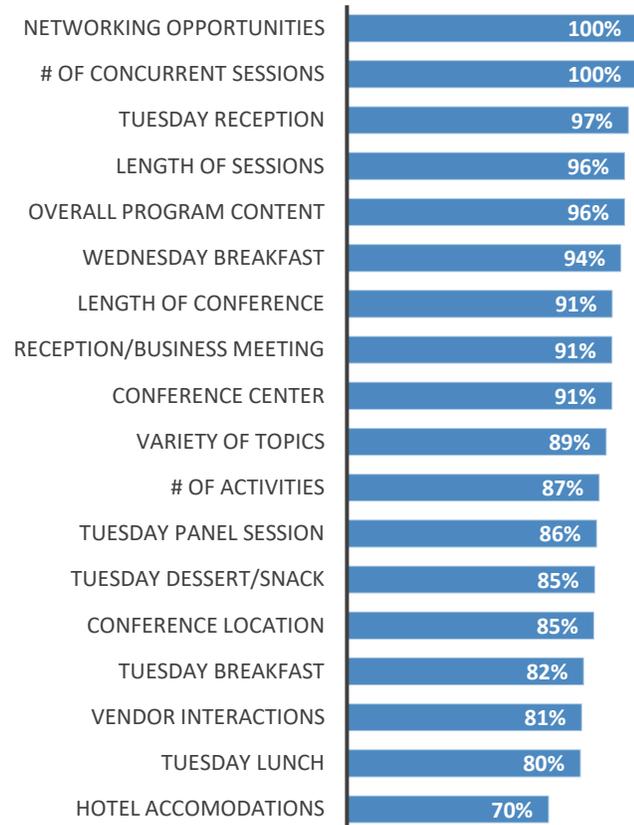
What could be improved? 31 of you provided some great suggestions, with several mentioned more than once:

- Move conference to end of the week (4 mentions)
- Moving/reducing time of the business meeting (3 mentions)
- Consider a different hotel (2 mentions)

Submitted by new Vice-President Donald Friesner

INAIR 2020 Post-Conference Survey

% of respondents "Satisfied" or "Very Satisfied"



Member Spotlight

Celebrating the good stuff that's happening across INAIR



Congratulations to our very own Dr. Victor Borden for being awarded the 2020 Sidney Suslow Scholar Award.

This award is given annually at the AIR Forum to individuals “who have made significant contributions to the field of institutional research and has advanced understanding of the profession in a meaningful way.” Dr. Borden joins a small group of highly esteemed scholars whose work has shaped our profession. Past recipients from the Hoosier state include Drs. Trudy Banta, Don Hossler, Gary Pike, and Rob Toutkoushian.

Beside the significant impact he has made through his scholarship and service, Vic has mentored countless individuals over the years. His kindness and willingness to develop new professionals is invaluable to our field. A few of his former graduate students from the Post-Master’s Certificate in Institutional Research (PM CIR) had this to say about their experiences:

I am grateful for Vic’s generosity when providing experiences for graduate students. He used grant funding to pay for my attendance in an interactional conference on learning analytics and he allowed me to serve as first-author on this topic—as a student. Meanwhile he ardently coached me along the way.

—John Zilvinskis, Assistant Professor, Binghamton University SUNY

I enjoyed the way that Vic made assessment accessible. I entered the HESA program as a practitioner that wanted to use assessment to improve the programs that I created f/.or students and yet I did not have a background for statistics. He found an inroad for me, and many students who were in a similar position. I cannot think of someone more deserving of this award. Congratulations Vic!

—Melanie Rogalski, Student Life Project Specialist

Vic is a great teacher who works hard to connect theory and skills learned in a classroom to the practical and applied setting where we can make a difference. His generous mentorship outside the classroom has been invaluable and I am better professional for having his guidance.

—Rachel Dykstra Boon, Chief Academic Officer, Board of Regents, State of Iowa

To learn more about Dr. Borden’s accomplishments, visit [AIR Awards and Grants](#) page to view his tribute video. Again, congratulations to Vic! We can’t wait to celebrate with you in person.

If you have good news to share or would like to nominate a member to feature in the next issue, please send an email to Amy Ribera (Secretary) at akribera@iu.edu