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A Letter from the President

Our Fall 2005 IAIR conference at the Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria is approaching quickly. Our program co-chairs, Linda Thomas from Illinois State University and Yun Kim from Columbia College, have put together an excellent program and I would like to thank them for their hard work. Our Keynote Address this year will be by Patricia Somers from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and she will focus on "*Institutional Research: Divining the Future.*" In addition, the preliminary program is available on the IAIR website. For those of you who have attended previous conferences, you will see some changes in the schedule at this conference. The IAIR Business Meeting will be conducted during lunch on Thursday and our Keynote Address will be on Friday morning.

At the Fall conference, the Nominating Committee will also be presenting a new slate of candidates for approval by the IAIR membership. I would like to thank each of those candidates for their willingness to contribute their energy and creativity to the work of the association. At the conference, there will be research reports, contributed papers, panel presentations, and demonstrations. Thanks to all the presenters who have made an effort to share their knowledge with us. I would also like to encourage IAIR members to start thinking about presentations for the Fall 2006 conference.

As all of you know, the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina has led to the 2006 AIR Annual Forum being moved to Chicago. The new location is in our own "backyard." Consequently, our IAIR members will have the opportunity to help AIR and its Local Arrangements Committee make that transition a smooth one. We hope to exceed the excellent attendance that we saw at the IAIR reception in San Diego in June. I look forward to seeing all of you in Chicago next May.

I would like to thank the members of IAIR for the opportunity to serve as President this year. Special thanks also go to the members of the Steering Committee for their dedication and support for all of IAIR's activities during the past year.

See you at the conference.

Sincerely,

[Dan House](#), IAIR President



New IAIR Officers Slate

The IAIR Nominating Committee has submitted a new slate of officers for 2006. It includes:

Linda Benz, SIU-Carbondale	VP/President-Elect
Nathan Wilson, ICCB	Secretary
Kristi Mindrup, WIU	Assoc. Program Chair
Joe Bauman, Harper	Nominating Committee
Tyler Fitch, U of I-UC	Nominating Committee
Michael O'Donnell, Dominican	Nominating Committee

Other IAIR officers and steering committee members will continue their terms in accordance with the Association's constitution, 2005 IAIR President, Dan House, moving to the position of Past President, VP/President-Elect, Joe Rives, becoming IAIR President, and Associate Program Chair, Bobbi Blackwell, moving to Program Chair.

Our special thanks go to the outgoing Nominating Committee members for their fine work: Anne Foley, Columbia College, IAIR Past President/Committee Chair and members Raquel Duszynski, Moraine Valley, Susan Sribljan, Lincoln Land and Linda Thomas, ISU.

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Two New Proposals to Be Discussed at the November Meeting

PROPOSED 9/1/05 – Steering Committee Meeting
DRAFTED 9/16/05 – B. Erdman

Proposal to Designate Permanent IAIR Conference Locations

At our group meeting during the 2005 AIR conference in San Diego, it was suggested that the Steering Committee investigate the possibility of designating about three permanent locations in the state to hold the annual IAIR conferences. The location of the IAIR meetings from year to year would rotate among the proposed sites. This issue was briefly discussed during the Steering Committee meeting on 9/1/05.

The committee plans to discuss the proposal with the membership during the business meeting at this year's fall conference. If a motion is made and it is seconded to investigate the issue further; the new Steering Committee can then take on the task of exploring advantages and disadvantages of having permanent sites. The proposal could go into effect beginning in the fall of 2007. (We already have a contract with the Springfield Hilton for 2006.)

We look forward to hearing your ideas, both about the general proposal as well as about possible locations, at the November business meeting. If you are not able to attend the fall conference, please forward your comments and ideas to Brian Erdman at berdman@luc.edu.



Comings and Goings

Annie Brady, Research Associate at McHenry County College has left her position to begin a Masters program in Nursing at University of Illinois-Chicago.



The IAIR Newsletter

This newsletter is a publication of the Illinois Association of Institutional Research (IAIR). It is intended to provide information on issues and events important to members of the Association. It is produced semi-annually in October and May. The newsletter is now published exclusively in electronic form. The electronic form may be accessed via the Internet on the IAIR website at:

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New IG3C Formulation

Jan Drennan

No, this isn't a new haircare wonder-drug. IG3C is the newly formed Illinois GIS Community College Consortium. The consortium held its second meeting in early October at College of DuPage. The momentum of interest in using Geographic Information Systems in the community college continued at this meeting as 17 staff representing eight Illinois community colleges agreed on a name, mission statement, and goals.

Our mission is to collaborate on the effective use of GIS for data-driven decision-making in community college planning and marketing. We plan to share knowledge about GIS; increase awareness of the benefits of GIS; coordinate GIS training for interested members; and look for ways to share resource costs. We have formed a Technician Subgroup and a Tactician Subgroup for some members to focus on the technical aspects of GIS applications while others focus on how data generated by GIS can be used for planning and marketing. Some members will be in both subgroups.

We have meetings planned in 2006 on February 3rd, May 5th, and August 4th. Whether you now use GIS in your college or are just beginning to consider it, please join us as we explore the many ways geographic information systems can enhance community college planning and marketing. We'll learn from one another, share our successes, and strengthen the use of GIS in our colleges together.

For more information, please contact Robert Nichols nicholsr@cdnet.cod.edu; Arlene Santos-George asgeorge@clcollinois.edu; or Jan Drennan jdrennan12@yahoo.com



News from the IAIR Liaison

IAIR meetings at AIR

As you are all probably aware, the AIR Forum is moved back one day from its usual schedule; for example the opening night session takes place on Monday rather than the customary Sunday night, the Awards luncheon will be held on Thursday rather than Wednesday.

With that schedule in mind, we chose to schedule the IAIR meeting on Wednesday afternoon. However, this year, also on Wednesday evening, we will follow the Association meeting with the IAIR social gathering.

Typically, the President selects a location for the IAIR social and then announces it at the Association meeting. Since they will follow each other so closely this year, we will announce details before Wednesday. Most of us will be volunteering in some capacity in the Local Arrangements area and in staffing the various booths, so we will probably be able easily to pass news on the location of the evening IAIR activity. However, we will publish the time and destination in the Morning AIR to ensure everyone receives word.

[Marilyn Murphy Marshall](#)



NCCCRP Member Registration Drive

The time has come for community college researchers to add or renew their memberships to the National Council of Community College Research and Planning for 2005-05. The cost of membership is nominal (\$40 for individual and \$100 for organizational membership). You might consider investing in an organization membership, which qualifies as many as three persons from your institution to qualify for all member benefits including the Journal of Applied Research in the Community College and the NCCCRP national listserv.

The membership coordinator (our own Sharon Kristovich from Parkland College) will be happy to sign you up or you may [go to the NCCCRP website](#) and click on "Members" to complete a membership form. (There is also a link to NCCCRP [on the IAIR website](#).)

Join now and keep NCCCRP membership strong! 

Fall Conference in a Nutshell

Thursday, November 3

9:30 – 12:00 REGISTRATION

10:30 – 12:15 PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

People, Processes, and Managing Data, Gerald McLaughlin, Lance Kennedy-Phillips and Steve Vining, DePaul

Using Electronic Portfolios for Program Improvement in Higher Ed., Barbara Meyer & Ellen Spycher, ISU

Open Forum on Current Budget Issues, Barb Blake, ISU and Julie DeWees, WIU

12:15 – 1:15 LUNCH and IAIR Business Meeting.

1:30 – 2:10 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Demonstration: *Utilization of Inquisite® Software in Producing Customized Web Surveys and Reports*, Teresa Lynn North, WIU

Research Report: *Predicting Faculty Salary Utilizing the 2004 National Study of Postsecondary Faculty (NSOPF)*, Kevin Hynes, Midwestern U., and Jion Liou Yen, National-Louis

Contributed Paper: *Life in the Loop: A Look at the Student Experience in Chicago's First Multi-Institutional Downtown Dorm*, Laura E. Kehoe, Roosevelt, Joe Filkins, DePaul, Liz Sanders, DePaul, and Elizabeth Silk, Columbia-Chicago

Panel: *Evaluating Transfer Rate Definitions and Methodologies in Light of New Data Sources*, Laura R. Crane, Harper, Antonio Gutierrez, CCC, Scott Parke, ICCB, Beth Reis, Moraine Valley and Harlan Schweer, COD

2:25 – 3:05 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Contributed Paper: *Findings and Recommendations: Evaluation of the Program Review System of the ICCB*, Sharon Kristovich, Parkland, Kathleen Kelly and Ivan J. Lach, Higher Education Consultants

Contributed Paper: *The Missing Link in Student Accountability Reporting: Transfer Student Retention and Graduation Rates*, Dixie Castlebury, Rhonda Kline and Joseph Rives, WIU

Research Report: *Factors Affecting "Time to Degree" for Undergraduate Students in the College of Business at ISU*, Manoj B. Rathi, ISU

Demonstration: *IPEDS Workshop, Part I: Learn about two of the NCES Dissemination Tools - Peer Analysis System (PAS) and Data Cutting Tool (DCT)*. Maribeth Fenci, Career Education Corporation

3:05 – 3:30 BREAK – Drinks and snacks

3:30 – 4:10 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Research Report: *Student-Centered Scheduling, Committee Approaches and Solutions*, Kristi Mindrup, WIU

Contributed Paper: *An Investigation of the Relationship Between Late Course Enrollment and Successful Course Completion in One Community College*, George Johnston, Parkland

Demonstration: *Kaskaskia : Vision 2020 – A Strategic Planning Project*, Nancy Kinsey, Sharon Conners and Cheryl Boehne, Kaskaskia

Demonstration: *IPEDS Workshop, Part 2*. Carol Yoa-kum, IBHE.

4:20 – 5:20 Discussion on Shared Enrollment/ACT Proposal (by invitation)

5:30 – 7:00 Reception with Cash Bar (Please make your own dinner arrangements.)

Friday, November 4

7:30 – 8:15 BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:15 – 9:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Institutional Research: Divining the Future, Patricia Somers, University of Missouri-St. Louis

9:30 – 10:10 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Demonstration: *Calculating the Interpolated Median Using Excel*, Beiling Xiao, NIU

Research Report: *Using Research Data to Facilitate Strategic Planning*, Beth Reis and Raquel Duszynski, Moraine Valley

Contributed Paper: *Applying an Institutional Program Review Process for Data-Based Decisions on Quality and Effectiveness*, Lisa Metzger-Mugg and Antonio Gutierrez, CCC

Work Share: *Less is More Paradigm for Student Learning Outcomes Assessment*, Yun Kim, Columbia-Chicago

10:10 – 10:40 BREAK

10:40 – 11:20 CONSTITUENT GROUP MEETINGS

11:30 – 12:10 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Research Report: *Identifying Strategic Clusters via a Multi-Method Analysis of Economic Data*, Penny Billman and John Lewis, NIU

Contributed Paper: *A Logistic-Regression Study of Student Persistence for One Year: Focus on Financial Aid*, Jion Liou Yen, National-Louis, and Kevin Hynes, Midwestern U.

Contributed Paper: *Institutional Cooperation in Graduation Assessment: The Teacher Graduate Assessment Case*, Andrew Wall, EIU, Elbert Gentry and Ira W. Langston, U of I-UC

Contributed Paper: *Win Free Tuition for Answering This Survey!*, Edward Schaefer, Liz Sanders, Susan Stachler, and Rina Bongso, DePaul

12:20 – 1:30 CLOSING LUNCHEON (and surprise!)