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Prepare to Answer the Call

This summer, you'll be receiving an official call for nominations for IAIR officers, Steering Committee and Nominating Committee members to be slated for positions for the coming year. This year, we shall be selecting a Vice President/President-Elect, an Associate Program Chair and three nominating committee members. I have excerpted descriptions for each position below. Full descriptions of the positions and their responsibilities are listed in the IAIR Constitution at

<http://www.ir.ilstu.edu/iair/Constitution/IAIRConstitutionBylaws2003.txt>.

The **VP and President-Elect's** primary responsibility is to learn the role of president to ensure a smooth transfer. The VP and President elect shall maintain the operating/planning calendar of the Steering Committee for the year. The VP and President-Elect shall take on the role and responsibilities of the President at meetings and other official Association functions in the President's absence.

The Program Committee shall be responsible for the design and management of the Annual Conference. The

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Somehow another year has flown by. It hardly seems possible that it was eight months ago that we gathered at Eagle Creek for the annual fall conference. Thanks and congratulations go to Amy Edwards, Eastern Illinois University, the 2003 program chair, for an excellent and successful conference.

Laura Crane, Harper College, is busy putting together what promises to be another great conference. The 34th annual conference will focus on the timely topics of Access, Affordability, and Accountability. The conference will take place on November 4 and 5, 2004 at Hamburger University (McDonald's Corporation training and conference facility) in Oak Brook, IL.

Many thanks go to Rhonda Kline, Western Illinois University, IAIR Past President, for her leadership in 2003. In addition to her work on the conference at Eagle Creek, Rhonda lead last year's discussions on IAIR fiscal policy and the revision on the IAIR Constitution and By-Laws which were adopted at the annual business meeting in November.

Very special thanks go to Bill Cummins, Illinois State University, who is stepping down as the IAIR web master. Bill has served as the Association's first and only web master since 1996. Bill has been a member of IAIR since 1989 and has been an active member, serving as Secretary in 1993, and as President in 1994. Donald Quirk, McHenry County College, is heading up the Steering Committee's search for a new web master.

I hope you are able to attend the 2004 Annual AIR Forum, May 30 to June 2, 2004 in Boston. Many of our colleagues are presenting papers at the Forum, including Ryan Smith, Joliet Junior College, and Andrew Wall, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, [See page 4.] who will present this year's IAIR Best Paper, "Using Human Capital Theory to Develop a Policy Approach

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Towards College Student Migration in the State of Illinois." Congratulations to Ryan and Andrew who will present their paper on Tuesday, 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. If you are attending the Forum, I encourage you to support your IAIR colleagues who are presenting papers.

The Steering Committee invites you to attend the annual IAIR meeting in Boston. Please note that the meeting is changed from its usual early morning hour to 4:10 on Monday afternoon. If you are arriving early, please stop by the IAIR table at the New Comers and Early Bird Reception on Saturday evening. This year, the New-comer's Event will feature information tables for the AIR Affiliated Groups and Special Interest Groups, intended to serve as gathering points for newcomers and old-timers alike. Finally, the Steering Committee invites you to bend an elbow with us at an informal IAIR reception on Tuesday evening, time and place to be announced at the Monday afternoon meeting.

Watch the IAIR web site for the call to submit proposals for the 2004 conference and have a great summer. If you have any question, comments or suggestion for the Association, please contact me or any member of the Steering Committee.

Sincerely,

Anne Foley, IAIR President



2004 Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium

We just received word from Jennifer Barnhart, Research Associate with the Illinois Educational Research Council of the Council's 2004 Research Symposium. The symposium begins on the evening of June 10th and continues through the next day. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Select, Naperville, IL. It is an excellent opportunity for researchers, practitioners and policy makers to come together to learn about research being done to improve Illinois education from pre-K through higher education (P-16).

For registration information, go to the IERC website at <http://ierc.siue.edu/>



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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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IAIR Fall Conference to Be Super-Sized

This year's Fall Conference will be held at The Lodge and Hamburger University in Oakbrook, Illinois. Mark your calendars now for November 4 and 5 and watch for the Call for Proposals and Registration Materials that will be distributed via the IAIR web site. The Lodge and Hamburger University are located in a forested area with great walking paths for our enjoyment. Hamburger University rooms are designed for conferences in a business like environment while the Lodge provides a relaxing environment for casual conversation.

The theme is "Access, Affordability, and Accountability" which should allow for a wide range of papers addressing topics of interest to institutional researchers. If you have any suggestions for a keynote speaker or a Thursday morning pre-session topic please email them to Laura Crane (lcrane@harpercollege.edu). 

Boston Eats

Looking for some tasty but inexpensive food (under \$20/person) within a mile or two of your hotel? You might want to try one of these. (Click on link for review.)

Restaurant/Food	Location
Maithai Cuisine , Thai	90 N Washington St
Boston Coffee Exchange	32 Summer St
Caffe Vittoria , Ital.	296 Hanover St
Chacarero , Barbecue	426 Washington St
Chau Chow City Restaurant , Chilean	81 Essex St
Cheers Beacon Hill , Amer.	84 Beacon St
Finale , Amer. (Traditional)	1 Columbus Ave
King & I , Thai	145 Charles St
King Fung Garden , Chin.	74 Kneeland St
La Summa Restaurant , Ital.	30 Fleet St
Mike's Pastry , Bakeries	300 Hanover St
Montien Thai Restaurant , Thai	63 Stuart St
New Shanghai Restaurant , Chin	21 Hudson St
New York Pizza , Greek	224 Tremont St
Panificio , Bakeries	144 Charles
Pizzeria Regina , Pizza	11 1/2 Thacher St
Sabatino's Restaurant & Grill , Ital.	95 N Washington St
Sakura-Bana , Asian	57 Broad St
Shabu-Zen , Japanese	16 Tyler St
Silverstone Bar & Grill , Amer.	69 Bromfield St
Viva Burrito , Mexican	66 Staniford St



Chair shall recruit and select members of this committee. The **Associate Program Chair** shall serve as an active member of the Program Committee and preside in the absence of the Chair. . . . One year after election the Associate program Chair shall automatically become Chair of the Program Committee.


At least twelve (12) weeks prior to the annual conference, the **Nominating Committee** shall issue to the general membership a call for nominations for officers, Chairs of the Program and membership Committees and members of the Nominating, Committee. At least eight (8) weeks prior to the annual Conference, the Nominating Committee shall report the results of the call for nominations to the Steering Committee and shall present to the Steering Committee a single slate of candidates to be presented at the annual meeting.

If you have any thoughts about suitable candidates for any of these positions, you will want to contact Rhonda Kline, IAIR Immediate Past President, who chairs the nominating committee, at r-kline@wiu.edu or wait for the official call this summer.

In addition, we'll need to arrange for a new Webmaster (an appointed position). 

Special AIR Session for Community Colleges

Cliff Adelman will be leading a special 90-minute block for a panel & participation: "Designing a Research Agenda on Community College Sub-Populations" on Monday afternoon of AIR. According to Mr. Adelman, the session is designed as an interactive event that depends partly on pre-Forum suggestions on sub-populations *other than* the 4 represented by the panelists (Latino students in community college HSIs, post-baccs, less-than-one-year certificate students, and students for whom the community college is *not* the first institution of attendance).

Potential participants in this session (Adelman notes: "I do not call it *audience* 'cause it ain't) who would like to put other sub-populations on the table are encouraged to send either a background paragraph and/or a few research/data issue questions on their topic to me by May 25, and that will help shape the order and rhythm of the session. 


IAIR at AIR

Illinois Presenters

As in past years, Illinois will be well-represented among presenters and participants at this year's annual forum. The table below lists the Illinoisans—36 by my count—who are presenting papers or leading workshops at AIR. You can click on a session number to link to the AIR Fo-

rum page with complete details on each session.

IAIR Confab at Boston AIR

If you're heading to Boston, be sure to come to IAIR's business meeting. In response to requests from sleeper elements in IAIR the meeting time has been moved to a more civilized time. It's on **Monday at 4:10 P.M.** You can also learn the details (as in when and where) about the Tuesday evening IAIR social hour. 

Illinois Presenters at the 2004 AIR Forum in Boston

Sessions *	Presenter	Institution
210-411	Antonio Gutierrez	City Colleges of Chicago
210-411	Kevin Li	City Colleges of Chicago
17-308	Nancy C. McNerney	College of Lake County
33-584	Connie L. Smith	DePaul
211-349	Edward Schaefer	DePaul
110-312 211-112 27-620 32-362 33-584 61-W29	Gerald W. McLaughlin	DePaul
18-320 211-112 24-360	Joseph W. Filkins	DePaul
18-320	Katherine A. Cermak	DePaul
211-349	Kristen Szewczyk	DePaul
211-349 24-360 35-546	Liz Sanders	DePaul
211-349	Matthew Kowal	DePaul
33-584	Pragathi Shetty	DePaul
211-349 24-360 35-546	Susan Stachler	DePaul
33-584	Vera Remennik	DePaul
28-580	Joseph Baumann	Harper
28-580	Lisa Vega	Harper
33-531	Angela K. Engel	ISU
33-531	Ari Turetzky	ISU
33-531	Christy England Siegerdt	ISU
33-531	Jeff Weidner	ISU
27-633	Ryan Smith	Joliet JC
15-243	Charlotte L. Briggs	Loyola
13-213 17-308	Donald L. Quirk	McHenry
18-320	Susan K. Doyle	NEIU
28-337	James Daniel House	NIU
110-150 17-308 210-609 24-655	Trudy H. Bers	Oakton
27-633	Andrew F. Wall	UI
29-431	Elbert L. Gentry	UI
29-431	Ira W. Langston	UI
711-430	Celina Sima	UI Chicago
711-430	Erika Buhring	UI Chicago
711-430	Patricia S. Inman	UI Chicago
15-354	Charles C. Gilbert	WIU
15-354	Rhonda K. Kline	WIU
28-580	Laura R. Crane	Harper
28-580	Thomas J. Schultz	Harper

* **Please note:** Click on session ID and follow link to session description and abstract on AIR Website. (You may need to log on to the AIR site as a member before gaining access.) 