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A Letter from the President

As I look out the window today, spring has finally arrived and it's hard to believe that it's been six months since our meeting at Hamburger U for the fall conference. Special thanks are due to Laura Crane and Harper College for coordinating an excellent fall conference. I would also like to thank Anne Foley, IAIR Past President, for her leadership for the association last year.

We are looking forward to another outstanding annual conference this fall. The IAIR conference will be held at the Pere Marquette in Peoria on Nov. 3-4, 2005. The conference will provide us with an opportunity to continue to discuss many of the emerging issues we are all facing, such as proposed IPEDS changes, assessment practices, and accreditation needs.

In addition, many of you will be attending the upcoming AIR Annual Forum that will be held May 29-June 1 in San Diego. There will be a large number of informative sessions presented during the conference. There will also be several presentations by our Illinois colleagues, including Joe Rives and Robin Gould, from Western Illinois University and Illinois State University, who will present the IAIR Best Paper "Streamlining and Enhancing Program Reviews." [Editor's note: See page 3 for details.] There will also be an annual IAIR meeting in San Diego. This will be held at 4:10 on Monday afternoon. We also invite each of you to join us at an informal IAIR reception on Tuesday night.

The fall 2005 IAIR conference will be in a few short months. The call for proposals will be made soon, so now

is a great time to start thinking about research projects and presentation ideas for this fall. It is your creativity and energy during those presentations that make the annual conference such a success.

Before closing, I want to be sure to thank Donald Quirk for his outstanding service to the association as the Newsletter Editor. His efforts provide this opportunity for regular communication and information.

If you have any questions or suggestions for IAIR, please feel free to contact me. See you in San Diego and in Peoria this fall.

Sincerely,
[Dan House](#), IAIR President



Information, Application, and Creating Purposeful Change

Four brand new pre-conference sessions will kick off the 35th Annual Forum at the Hotel Pere' Marquette in Peoria, Illinois on November 3rd and 4th. So plan to come early and stay late! These sessions -- Planning and Budget, E-Portfolio, Unit Record Data and Use of SSN in Reporting, Accreditation and Assessment -- reflect the ever-expanding scope of our professional responsibilities.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Patricia Somers, Associate Professor of Higher Education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Dr. Somers, who has been coordinating a post-master's certificate in Institutional Research, will expand on the theme Dr. Victor Borden introduced last year -- creating a deeper understanding among IR practitioners so that we may effectively promote organizational knowledge-building.

Too cognitive? Don't worry. Many fun activities are also in the works. An evening reception is planned for Thursday with light fare and a cash bar. And why not try out probability theory at nearby riverboat casinos? You will also have plenty of opportunities to win fabulous prizes during the Friday luncheon, courtesy of the IAIR officers. So, plan early to share your work and encourage your colleagues to do the same at the 35th Annual Forum. The Call for Proposals will be coming your way soon!

[Yun Kim](#) & [Linda Thomas](#), Program Co-Chairs



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Comings and Goings

Joe Rives, our Vice President and President Elect, left his position as Director of University Planning and Institutional Research at Illinois State University. On April 1, Joe became the Assistant to the President for Planning and Budget at Western Illinois University. As part of his duties, Joe supervises the Office of Planning, Budget, and Institutional Research.

Effective April 1, **Deb Smitley**, Assistant Vice President for Financial Planning and Services, assumed responsibilities for supervising Illinois State University's Planning and Institutional Research Office.

Tom Bentley has just joined the staff at McHenry County College Office of Institutional Research and Planning as a research associate. Tom has degrees in Psychology and Demography from U of I and Florida State. He replaces **Karen Schwaab**, who has returned to graduate study in Sociology at NIU.



News from the IAIR Liaison

AIR SPECIAL EVENTS

Newcomers Open House and Early Bird Reception: "The AIR Bazaar" San Diego Ballroom Salon A & B from 5:45 p.m.-Until ?

Once again, IAIR will be present at the Newcomer and Early Bird reception at the AIR Forum in San Diego. (See the announcement below.) Please stop in Saturday night at the IAIR table to hook up with your fellow Illinoisans.

The Newcomer's Event again 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. Come meet with your neighbors and those with whom you share a special interest, or wander through the "AIR Bazaar" to get an idea of the breadth of activities IR encompasses. All Affiliated Groups and Special Interest Groups will receive an invitation to participate.

[Marilyn Murphy Marshall](#)



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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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—28 by my count—who are presenting papers, conducting symposia or leading workshops at AIR. The list does not include the many IAIR members serving on committees, facilitating sessions or otherwise supporting the AIR Annual Forum.

You can click on a session number to link to the AIR Forum page with complete details on each session.

IAIR Business Meeting and Reception

The business meeting is scheduled for:4:10- 4:50 on Monday, May 30 in Desert Springs, St, Level 4 and IAIR hosted Cocktail Reception (hors d'oeuvres provided, cash bar) will be Tuesday, May 31st from 5 to 7 in the beautiful Yacht Club Restaurant and Bar of the Marriott – San Diego Hotel & Marina, <http://www.yachtclubevents.com/> Please join us for both.



Illinois Presenters at the 2005 AIR Forum in San Diego *

Session ID	Name	Institution
711-603	Garth Lengel	Chicago State University
711-603	Samir Miari	
15-482	Lance Kennedy-Phillips	DePaul University
61-W02 24-649 22-743 15-482 33-659	Gerald W. McLaughlin	
38-760	Anna Wells	Illinois State University
38-760	Linda Thomas	
38-760	Robin K. Gould	
32-241 38-333	Wendy G. Troxel	
711-330	Charlotte L. Briggs	Loyola University Chicago
711-606	Kevin Hynes	Midwestern University
15-117 27-647	Dan House	Northern Illinois University
32-709	Ann Person	Northwestern University
711-619	James KostECKI	Oakton Community College
76-W30	Trudy Bers	
32-656	David R. Majka	Robert Morris University
33-659 15-482	Josetta S. McLaughlin	Roosevelt University
110-565	Celina Sima	University of Illinois at Chicago
22-211	Denise R. Hayman	
110-565	Patricia S. Inman	
39-508 29-601	Davis Jenkins	University of Illinois at UC
34-285	Debra Bragg	
29-127	Denise O. Green	
29-127	Eunyoung Kim	
34-285	Jacob Marszalek	
34-285	Jane Loeb	
34-285	Margaret Brooks-Laraviere	
34-285	Rongchun Zhu	
38-760	Joseph A. Rives	Western Illinois University

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.)

