

IAIR Newsletter

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A Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues,

Hello from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. It is finally sunny with warm temperatures in southern Illinois. I hope your part of the world is experiencing warmer temperatures and moderate climates following very extreme weather this past year in many parts of our state.

Our Illinois Association is strong with 114 paid members and 8 Emeritus members. The most current copy of the Membership directory may be found at <http://www.ir.ilstu.edu/iair/membership/>. However, our fiscal health required the Steering Committee to look at ways to boost our revenue sources. Recollection from our long-time members reveals annual membership dues with the IAIR may have been \$10 from its beginnings. The Steering Committee has recommended that membership vote on increasing dues to \$20.

Rationale for this recommendation is contained in this newsletter. [\[See page 3.\]](#) We will talk about it at the IAIR Business Meeting at the AIR Forum on June 4 at 5:10 PM in the Westin/Washington Park Place II, Lobby Level. A web-based voting process for paid members will be available by June 15.

Appreciation goes to **Donald Quirk** for his service to the Illinois group as Newsletter Editor. For several years, the fall and spring editions have been informational and well organized. We value his expertise and dedication. Donald is working with an IR colleague to transition the newsletter to other capable hands. Also, a big thank you is extended to **Sharon Kristovich** for her years of service as Membership Chair. Sharon has been very conscientious about her job of maintaining a current listing of members and their contact information as well as other aspects of the job. Sharon has served as chair for quite some time, and we appreciate her expertise and dedication. We will be seeking someone who would like to be nominated for the post in next year's elections of steering committee members.

Illinois folks who will be attending the AIR Forum in Kansas City June 2-6 are invited to attend the annual IAIR reception following our business meeting Monday evening. We will locate an enjoyable place for appetizers and drinks. Since our fiscal health is a reason for concern, we hope that you would not mind paying your own way and still take this opportunity to connect with Illinois folks. We will guarantee you good conversation and a good place to meet and eat.

I applaud colleagues who will present at the AIR Forum. [\[See page 4.\]](#) And, to let you know, **Royal Dawson's** paper was selected for the IAIR Best Paper following his presentation at the 2006 IAIR Fall Conference. These are the details at the AIR Forum: IAIR Best Paper: 752- "Using Econometric Modeling to Identify High-Risk Students and Direct Intervention," Track 7 Best Paper/Presentation Session, Tuesday, June 5, 1:30-2:10 pm, Westin/Century C, Ballroom Level.

Last, but certainly not least, it is an honor to serve as President. I enjoyed getting to know many of you more when I served as Program Chair for two years, and I am committed to aid in the promotion of Institutional Research in post-secondary education.

Best regards,

Linda Benz, President



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All Roads Lead to Moline in November

Take I-74, I-80, or I-88. It doesn't matter, for all these roads will take you to Moline for the 2007 IAIR Annual Forum. The 37th IAIR Annual Forum will be held from Thursday November 8 to Friday November 9 at Moline, Illinois' Stoney Creek Inn. Please consider presenting a paper, panel, demonstration, or research report at this year's forum. The official call for proposals will begin in June and the target date for submission will be Monday, July 23. Registration information is forthcoming.

Kristi Mindrup, Program Chair



IAIR Treasurer's Report (April 27, 2007)

As of December 1, 2006 the IAIR account balance was \$8,062.01. Expenses paid between December 1, 2006 and April 15, 2007 total \$17,254.58, which includes \$17,225.64 in conference related expenses and \$28.94 for a check printing fee. Income received since December 1, 2006 totals \$11,291.80, which includes \$11,271.80 from conference fees and \$20.00 from membership dues. As of April 15, 2007 the IAIR account balance is \$2,099.23.

Date	Item Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
12/1/2006	Plus Beginning Balance		8,062	\$ 8,062
12/13/2006	Less Sebastian's - 06 IAIR Conf.	104		7,958
12/13/2006	Less A. Lincoln Museum - 06 IAIR Conf.	100		7,858
12/13/2006	Less August Evgs Catering - 06 IAIR Conf.	2428		5,430
12/18/2006	Less check printing charge	29		5,401
12/28/2006	Plus Residual/IAIR Conference		10,872	16,273
1/8/2007	Less Hilton Hotel - 06 IAIR Conf.	14,593		1,679
2/22/2007	Plus Membership Dues		20	1,699
4/17/2008	Plus Residual/IAIR Conference (final amount)		400	\$ 2,099

Laura Dorman, Treasurer



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: <http://www.pir.ilstu.edu/jair/>

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IERC Position Announcement

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville seeks to fill the position of Director, Illinois Education Research Council. Candidates should hold national recognition, show demonstrated strengths in education policy research and dissemination, and be willing to continue and extend the work of the IERC. For more information see http://ierc.siu.edu/documents/Executive_Dirctor2.pdf for the position announcement.

Marilyn M. Marshall, AIR Liaison



What's Up With the Shared Enrollment and Graduation Database?

The State Shared Enrollment and Graduation Information System, (SEG) was established in 1991 through the cooperative efforts of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the public universities, and the Illinois Community College Board. It was initially developed to provide a data source for monitoring student progress, retention, transfer patterns and degree completion of Illinois higher education students.

To date, all public universities, all community colleges and two private universities, Bradley and DePaul, have submitted over 15 million student enrollment records and over 1.8 million degree awarded records. Data are available for the public institutions beginning with fall semester 1983. Recently, with the emphasis on expansion of the data elements and the greater coordination of state data, the system has evolved into the Illinois Shared Enrollment and Graduation Consortium (ISEG).

The overall goal of the Consortium is to increase the understanding of the paths Illinois college students follow in their efforts to seek a degree. The ISEG consortium assists member institutions in conducting educational research on Illinois students. Interactive reports are available online to member institutions to examine the mobility and enrollment patterns of their students across the state. Additionally, degree reports are available so that a member institution can track the progress toward a degree of students not retained by the institution. Future goals of ISEG include expanding the consortium to include all Illinois institutions, expansion of interactive reports and increased collaboration with member institutions.

More information regarding ISEG and the ISEG Expansion Project can be found at <http://iseg.siu.edu>. For now, anyone wishing to access the ISEG should contact George Vineyard, Senior Researcher at 618-536-2382 or gmv1@siu.edu.

George Vineyard, Senior Researcher
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June Vote on IAIR Annual Dues Increase

Since the inception of IAIR (or for at least the last 25 years), our annual membership dues have been \$10.00. To cover operating costs for the Association as well as expenses related to the annual meeting, the Executive Board recommends a \$10.00 increase in annual membership dues. IAIR members will be asked to vote on this recommendation via a web-based ballot process that will be made available by June 15. Note, in accordance with current policy, emeritus members will not to be assessed annual dues.

[IAIR Steering Committee](#)



Call for Proposals for the National Symposium on Student Retention

The Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange at the University of Oklahoma (CSRDE, an AIR Affiliate) is sponsoring the National Symposium on Student Retention. The symposium has a strong emphasis on current research and evidence based strategies.

This year's symposium is scheduled for September 24-26, 2007 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Abstracts of 200 words are due May 18, 2007. [*Editor's Note: Rosemary Hayes, the CSRDE Director, has agreed to extend the May 18th deadline for IAIR members by two weeks, but be sure to email the consortium in advance if you plan a submission.*] Final papers are due July 6, 2007. Abstracts will be given a preliminary review. All papers submitted will also be peer reviewed for presentation at the symposium and publication in the conference proceedings. CSRDE is particularly interested in papers that address current, evidence-based research that advances knowledge in the student retention and success fields.

More information on the Call for Papers, the abstract submission process, and the symposium can be found on the web at: <http://www.ou.edu/csrde/symposium>. Or email the consortium at: csrde@ou.edu.

Rosemary Hayes
CSRDE Director



Illinois Presenters at the 2007 Kansas City AIR Forum

(Click on session number to view presentation summary.)

Session Number	Presenter Name	Institution	Room	Day	Time
017	Trudy Bers	Oakton	Chouteau A - Internet - Hyatt	Wednesday	10:40-12:20
123	Joseph Baumann	Harper	Brookside - Westin	Wednesday	10:40-11:20
139	Jaclyn Cameron	DePaul	Regency New York - Hyatt	Tuesday	8:50-9:30
139	Judah Viola	DePaul	Regency New York - Hyatt	Tuesday	8:50-9:30
140	Rina Bongsu-Petersen	DePaul	Pershing East - Westin	Monday	4:10-4:50
224	Mardell Wilson	Illinois State	Pershing Exhibit Hall - Hyatt - Exhibitors	Sunday	5:00-6:00
248	Neil Pagano	Columbia	Century B - Westin	Tuesday	8:50-9:30
251	Trudy Bers	Oakton	Empire B - Hyatt	Monday	1:40-2:20
406	Trudy Bers	Oakton	Washington Park Place III - Westin	Tuesday	1:30-2:10
429	Kristia Stout	Waubonsee	Pershing North - Westin	Tuesday	4:00-4:40
467	Brad White	IERC	Liberty (Internet) - Westin	Tuesday	8:50-9:30
505	Mary Hess	NORC	Liberty (Internet) - Westin	Tuesday	12:30-1:10
505	Kim Williams	NORC	Liberty (Internet) - Westin	Tuesday	12:30-1:10
603	John Zhang	Harper	Mission - Westin	Monday	1:40-2:20
629	Gerald McLaughlin	DePaul	Mission - Westin	Tuesday	12:30-2:10
631	Kevin Hynes	Midwestern	Shawnee - Westin	Wednesday	11:40-12:20
631	Jion Liou Yen	National-Louis	Shawnee - Westin	Wednesday	11:40-12:20
649	Patricia Inman	U. of I.-- Chicago	Pershing Exhibit Hall - Hyatt - Exhibitors	Sunday	5:00-6:00
653	Gerald McLaughlin	DePaul	Washington Park Place III - Westin	Tuesday	8:50-9:30
653	Josetta McLaughlin	Roosevelt	Washington Park Place III - Westin	Tuesday	8:50-9:30
715	Gerald McLaughlin	DePaul	Pershing East - Westin	Monday	10:40-12:20
729	Rachelle Brooks	Northwestern	Empire C - Hyatt	Tuesday	10:30-11:10
729	Aaron Hosmon	Northwestern	Empire C - Hyatt	Tuesday	10:30-11:10
734	Gerald McLaughlin	DePaul	Chouteau B - Hyatt	Wednesday	11:40-12:20
734	Josetta McLaughlin	Roosevelt	Chouteau B - Hyatt	Wednesday	11:40-12:20
752	Royal Dawson	Columbia	Century C - Westin	Tuesday	1:30-2:10
W32	Josetta McLaughlin	Roosevelt	Benton A - Hyatt	Saturday	8:00-4:00
W32	Gerald McLaughlin	DePaul	Benton A - Hyatt	Saturday	8:00-4:00
W40	Josetta McLaughlin	Roosevelt	Pershing West - Westin - Internet	Sunday	2:00-4:00

