

Approved by Membership at 2006 ALAIR Business Meeting

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

2005 Annual ALAIR Business Meeting

Faulkner State Community College

Fairhope, AL

Friday, April 8, 2005

The Business Meeting was called to order by President Kris Reed Mascetti at 1:10 PM in Centennial Hall Auditorium. President Mascetti welcomed all new ALAIR members and Mrs. Frances Sutton and her son Bill. She thanked host institution Faulkner State Community College and Linda Lunsford, Ann Strickland, and Brian Strickland. She also expressed gratitude to Program Chair Cara Mia Pugh for her extensive efforts on this conference. President Mascetti introduced the Executive Committee and thanked them for their commitment to ALAIR during the 2004-05 year and especially during this conference. A special thank you to outgoing member Dan Tennimon, who has served on the Executive Committee for five consecutive years.

Minutes from the Business Meeting at the 2004 Conference at UAB were presented by Secretary Jane Mathis-Hopson. With no changes proposed, Hannelore Delbridge moved and Mimi Johnson seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as distributed. Motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Billy Hughes presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that the final entry under the heading "Checking Account" should be listed as credit, not a debit. The corrected current checking account balance is \$6,227.25 and the corrected total cash on hand balance is \$9,393.24 (before payment of conference bills). Matthew Campbell moved and Yardley Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as amended. Motion passed. A corrected copy of the Report is included with these minutes.

Cara Mia Pugh announced that 68 persons had registered for this conference. She thanked Linda Lunsford and Ann Strickland of Faulkner State for their hard work hosting the conference.

President Mascetti reported to the membership on several items of new business. The ALAIR website is current, with new information being added including Executive Committee and Annual Business Meeting minutes, links to regional workshops and materials, links to conference programs (with further links to PowerPoint presentations), and Best Paper/Presentation links. Kris thanked Matt Campbell and Sam Lowther for all their work adding these new items to the website, with special thanks to Sam for his ongoing work as ALAIR webmaster, an unofficial position which doesn't end as do the Executive Committee members' terms! In other new business, President Mascetti thanked Regina Eady for creating and updating the new online Directory system, with the help of Sam Lowther and Jonathan Langley.

Past President Dan Tennimon expressed thanks to Yardley Bailey and Kim Brinkley-Jones, members of the Nominating/Awards Committee. He then presented the 2005-06 slate of officers for approval by the membership. The slate consists of the following nominees:

Vice President / President-Elect - Dr. Sarah Latham (Samford University)

Treasurer - Ms. Linda Lunsford (Faulkner State Community College)

Nominating Committee - Mr. Tim Smith (Jacksonville State University)

Ms. Kim Thoma (University of Alabama System).

There being no nominations from the floor, the motion to accept the proposed slate of officers was made by Robert Gottesman and seconded by Bill Fendley. The motion passed and the slate was approved.

Dan noted the most recent recipients of the ALAIR Travel Grants. Elizabeth Lilley (Troy State University) was awarded the ALAIR Travel Grant to SAIR last summer and attended the Biloxi SAIR conference in the

fall; she has since moved out of Alabama. Jon Acker (University of Alabama) was awarded the ALAIR Travel Grant to AIR and will travel to the AIR Forum in San Diego, CA May 29-June 1, 2005.

Recipients of the award for Best Presentation at the ALAIR 2004 Conference, whose names were announced in the August 2004 newsletter, were Mimi Johnson (H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College) and Andrea Agnew (Bishop State Community College). Their paper, entitled "Moving through the Maze of Program Evaluation: A Theoretical Approach to Evaluating a Retention Program", will be presented at the 2005 AIR Forum in San Diego, CA. Mimi was presented her certificate by Dan Tennimon (Andrea was not present).

Before Dan presented the 2005 Sutton Award, Kris made some remarks about Dr. Sutton, summarizing his long and rich career in Institutional Research and noting what a model and mentor he was to many ALAIR members past and present. She then introduced Mrs. Sutton, who noted how pleased and happy she and her son, Bill, were to be present at this year's conference.

Dan then presented the 2005 Sutton Award to Janis Colee Lowther, recently retired from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Dan and Bill Sutton presented Janis with an engraved plaque and photos were taken.

After the Sutton Award presentation, Kris presented Mrs. Sutton a basket of flowers as a token of esteem and appreciation from ALAIR.

Dan Tennimon then presented President Mascetti with the traditional ALAIR gift to outgoing presidents: an engraved wooden box.

Robert Gottesman gave a brief PowerPoint talk encouraging ALAIR members to attend the 2005 AIR Forum in San Diego, CA May 29-June 1, 2005. May 3 is the early registration deadline. There are six program tracks, and details are available at www.airweb.org.

Cathy Tanner talked about the 2005 SAIR Conference, to be held October 22-25, 2005 at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, SC. Jim Eck, former ALAIR president, is Program Chair. Proposal deadline is May 9, 2005. Detailed information is available at www.sair.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM, after which a drawing for door prizes (contributed by many attending schools) was held.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Mathis-Hopson
ALAIR Secretary 2004-06