



*Approved by Membership at 2008 ALAIR Business Meeting*

**ALABAMA ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH**

2007 Annual ALAIR Business Meeting

Alabama A&M University

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The Business Meeting was called to order by ALAIR President Sarah Latham at 12:30 p.m. in the Reception Center of the Ernest L. Knight Student Living Learning Complex. Just prior to lunch, the President of Alabama A&M University (AAMU), Dr. Robert R. Jennings, welcomed our group to their campus; his words were as welcome as the good food. President Latham greeted the ALAIR members and thanked the host institution, Alabama A&M University, represented by President Jennings and the staff from the University. She also expressed gratitude to Conference Program Chair Yardley Bailey for a job well done. President Latham introduced the Executive Committee members and thanked each for their commitment to ALAIR.

Before moving on to business, President Latham drew attention to the place setting with flowers remembering the late Dr. William Fendley, Executive Director of Institutional Research and Assessment at The University of Alabama. President Latham spoke of Bill's involvement in professional organizations and his commitment. Paul Darring read three verses of Longfellow's poem "A Psalm of Life" and the group observed a moment of silence to remember this special friend and colleague that will be dearly missed.

Minutes from the Business Meeting at the 2006 Conference at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa were presented by Secretary Julianna Proctor. Dan Tennimon moved and Matthew Campbell seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as is. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

In the absence of Treasurer Linda Lunsford, President Latham presented the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which was included in the registration packets. The total cash on hand (checking and savings accounts) is \$13,839.28 (before payment of conference bills). The President opened the floor for corrections and questions. Hannelore Delbridge raised concern over the low interest being accrued on the ALAIR accounts. President Latham stated that the Executive Committee had discussed the issue and that it would be addressed by the incoming Executive Committee. Yardley Bailey moved and Paul Darring seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

President Latham then turned the podium over to Conference Program Chair Dr. Yardley Bailey of The University of Alabama System. Yardley thanked Alabama A&M University for hosting the conference. He recognized the members of the AAMU staff that helped to make this conference run smoothly. He thanked the ALAIR Executive Committee, as well as the presenters and facilitators who helped make this conference a success. Dr. Bailey announced that a total of 82 people registered for the conference and remarked that the attendance was very good for this non-central location in the state.

Presenting this year's awards and nominations, Past President Cara Mia Pugh expressed her thanks to this year's Nominating and Awards Committee, Paul Darring and Johnny McMoy. She also stated that the prestigious Joseph T. Sutton Leadership Award will not be awarded, again, this year. Citing past recipients, Dr. Pugh reiterated the high standards and special honor of this award. Cara Mia announced Molly Mathis (University of North Alabama) as the winner of this year's ALAIR Travel Grant. Ms. Mathis will receive the \$300 travel grant for the AIR Forum in June. The award certificates were presented by Cara Mia to the ALAIR 2006 Best Presentation recipients, Dan Tennimon of Troy University Montgomery and Kang Bai of



Troy University Dothan. Each will receive a stipend to cover partial travel expenses to the 2007 AIR Forum in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Pugh then presented the 2007-08 slate of officers for approval by the membership. The 2007-08 slate of officers consists of the following nominees:

- Vice President/President-Elect: Mrs. Diane Sherman (Alabama Commission on Higher Education)
- Treasurer: Ms. Janis Newborn (Oakwood College)
- Nominating Committee: Ms. Brenda Bryant (Alabama State University)  
Ms. Mary Mayo (G.C. Wallace State Community College in Hanceville)

There being no nominations from the floor, the motion to accept the proposed slate of officers was passed and the slate was approved.

Past President Cara Mia Pugh then thanked President Sarah Latham for her service to ALAIR during the past year and presented Sarah with the traditional ALAIR gift to outgoing presidents: an engraved wooden box.

President Latham reported to the membership on several items accomplished during her presidential tenure including the establishment of a survey of institutional researchers, the sharing of web-based training opportunities, and a successful February drive-in workshop. AIR University hosted this year's drive-in workshop as Robert Gottesman and Regina Eady of Auburn University instructed 25 institutional research professionals on Microsoft Access. President Latham directed members' attention to the slideshow presentation set up in the room as Matthew Campbell presented the results of the 2007 ALAIR Survey. The enjoyable, yet informative, presentation was created by ALAIR Members-at-Large Shawn O'Mailia and Matthew Campbell. Among other points of interest, this survey of institutional researchers showed a strong desire for more QEP topics at future ALAIR functions.

President Latham reminded all members to join the ALAIR LISTSERV and to visit the ALAIR website for resource information. Members were encouraged to attend the AIR Forum in Kansas City, June 2-6, 2007, and Cathy Tanner encouraged attendance at the SAIR conference in Little Rock, October 7-9, 2007.

The traditional drawing for door prizes (contributed by many attending schools) was held, after which the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julianna Proctor  
ALAIR Secretary 2006-08