



Alabama Association for Institutional Research

NEWS LETTER

President's Message

As we approach our fourth annual meeting I would like to take a moment to update you on ALAIR activities of the past year.

First and foremost on a personal note. Don Dailey and I were married on November 4, 1989. Don and I met at the first ALAIR meeting in Birmingham. Little did we realize at the time the significance of that day! So see, exciting things can happen at the ALAIR conferences!

Janet Richardson, elected ALAIR Secretary-Treasurer at our last meeting, received a new job as Director of Institutional Studies at St. Leo's College in Tampa, Florida. As specified in the Bylaws, the Executive Committee appointed a replacement for the office. Judy Miller of Enterprise State Junior College agreed to serve in the position.

The Executive Committee has conducted a telephone survey of past and present members of ALAIR. This was an effort to gain feedback from the membership to determine the course our organization should take. If you were not contacted please express your thoughts to any of the Executive Committee members.

Our annual meeting planned for April 26 at Auburn looks to be a great one. Please make every effort to attend and to inform others who might be interested. Hope to see you all there!

SAIR in Durham

Several institutional researchers and planners converged on the city of Durham, North Carolina the week of October 18th for the annual SAIR/SCUP conference. A record number 300 registered for the conference, of which 24 were from Alabama. During the awards luncheon Alabamians were honored in two of the four categories in which awards were granted:

Best Planning Document
Frank Lovrick, Troy State
University at Dothan
Best Black and White Graphics
Patrick Sinnott, Tuskegee
University

The conference presented balanced themes between planning for the 1990s and hands on applications, which included a Resource Fair and software demonstrations. The planned social activities also provided a balance, ranging from the elegant Presidential Reception to the merry dancing and German fare offered at the Oktoberfest.

There were 17 members attending the ALAIR SIG meeting. During the meeting the members discussed the activities of the Executive Committee, the upcoming conference in Auburn, and other matters of concern. Interest was expressed in hosting SAIR in Alabama, and Mobile, Birmingham, and Huntsville were mentioned as possible sites.

(Thanks to Don Dailey for presiding over the ALAIR meeting at the SAIR conference in Durham.)

Happenings Within ALAIR

Harriott Calhoun is the 1989-90 Secretary for the Southeastern Association for Community College Research. She also is serving on the AIR Table Topics Committee and presented a workshop at SAIR/SCUP in Durham.

William D. Carr has been appointed the SACS Self Study Director for Jacksonville State University. Their site visit is scheduled for Spring, 1993.

Elizabeth Cooper is now the Director of Institutional Research at Snead State Junior College.

Don Dailey is now the Director of Health Affairs Planning and Projects at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Paul Darring has joined the staff of the Office of Institutional Research and Planning at the University of South Alabama.

Bobbie Glassco has been appointed Dean at Snead State Junior College.

Robert Gottesman is the new staff member in the Office of Planning and Analysis at Auburn University.

Maryanne Kachelhofer recently received her doctorate from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Richard Livingston recently received his doctorate from the University of Alabama.

Al Searway served on the Workshops Committee for SAIR/SCUP.

Upcoming Meetings

April 26 - Fourth Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association for Institutional Research, at the Foy Student Union Building on the campus of Auburn University. For information contact Kitty Collier at the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (269-2700).

May 13-16 - Association for Institutional Research (AIR) 30th Annual Forum, The Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky. For information contact Jean Chulak, AIR Administrative Director (904-644-4470).

1989 - 90 ALAIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Immediate Past President:

Tom McAlpine, Alabama A&M University

President:

Debbie Dailey, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Vice President:

Kitty Collier, Alabama Commission on Higher Education

Secretary-Treasurer:

Judy Miller, Enterprise State Junior College

Members-at-Large:

Brenda Bryant, Alabama State University

Al Searway, Jacksonville State University

Karen Stanfield, Wallace State Community College - Hanceville

AN URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ELECTION OF OFFICERS!!!

It is extremely important that we utilize the expertise, experience, and spirit of service which exists within our organization. We are urging each and every member to consider running for office and/or to nominate colleagues they believe would be qualified and who would be willing to serve as officers. It is vitally important that each of us takes this responsibility seriously and personally. The future success of ALAIR depends on the full participation of the membership.

*** * * * * Call for Nominations * * * * ***

Please indicate in the spaces below the names of individuals you feel would be willing to serve as officers of ALAIR. You may nominate yourself or a colleague. This is very important!! Please return the completed form by April 6 to:

Dr. Thomas McAlpine
Alabama A&M University
Post Office Box 579
Normal, Alabama 35762
Telephone: 851-5753

Nominations for: Vice President/President-elect _____

Secretary-Treasurer _____

Other (no specific office in mind)

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