

ALAIR Newsletter

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President's Message

Myrtes Dunn Green

Greetings,

I have been thinking about everything lately; but I've found that my thinking has been especially enthusiastic with regard to my career. This thought process has re-awakened those pieces that add purpose and glory to my life. In thinking about the opportunities and challenges I have at Stillman College, I again acknowledged that it's the individuals I work with on a daily basis who contribute to my satisfaction. Professional affiliations and opportunities for development contribute to my really appreciating and being pleased with my career. I know that my tenure as president of our state association will add to this richness.

I encourage each of you to become active in ALAIR via membership, participation in activities associated with making ALAIR a better special interest group (SIG) of AIR, and attendance at the annual state conference. As we launch the 1997-1998 year, the Executive Committee has established the following initiatives:

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The Ten Year Ride of ALAIR

Debbie Dailey

Now listen my colleagues and you shall hear
Of the birth of the group that we call ALAIR,
Twas the twenty-third of September, 1980 and seven,
A day that I surely won't be forgettin',
For you see on that day, at Dr. Leischuck's grand meetin'
I first met the man I'd one day be weddin'.
What a turn out we had! The steering committee was
delirious,
SACS' new criteria talk was going quite furious.

We had such a great time on that first day
That we decided to meet again, before May!
Montgomery and the Alabama State Hornets served
As the excellent hosts this group deserved.
Al Yeager was great as ALAIR president
Though looking back, it was a very short stint!
Tom McAlpine was chosen to lead this august group
When back to Birmingham we all did troop.

Yours truly was honored to take over the reins
As the thriving young group met down on the plains.
In '91 we moved over to the Capstone
As Kitty Collier of ACHE took the leadership on.
Don Dailey, my husband by now, led the charge
And down in Mobile our strength did enlarge.
Montevallo played host to our next, now seventh meeting
And good ol' Al Searway was the gavel beating.

Harriott Calhoun was presiding and ALAIR sitting pretty
When the association met in the Rocket City.
Down to Dothan we traveled to meet the next year
Judy Miller stepped up to keep us in gear.
Sam Lowther from Auburn took on the next challenge
As we met at Samford, a private college.
Back to T-Town this year we have come
And Judy Rogers has taken over the president's fun.

Accreditation and factbooks, computers and stats
Across the years, we've covered all that.
AIR legends and presidents, college presidents, too,
Have all addressed ALAIR with encouragement true.
But through it all one thing has held fast
This group of folk is truly the best!
So listen my colleagues and you shall hear
Of the greatest IR group—we call it ALAIR. ♣

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ALAIR Executive Committee Members 1997-1998

President	Dr. Myrtes Dunn Green Stillman College
Vice President/ President Elect	Dr. Anna Waggener University of South Alabama
Secretary	Ms. Janis Colee ACHE
Treasurer	Dr. Michael O'Rear The University of Alabama
Past President	Dr. Julia Rogers
Member-at-Large	Dr. Priscilla Holland University of North Alabama
Member-at-Large	Mr. Willie Jackson Tuskegee University
Member-at-Large	Mr. Jim Pitchford Gadsden State Community College

Nominating Committee
Mr. Reginald Crenshaw
Bishop State Community College

Mrs. Debbie Fortune
Troy State University

Minutes of ALAIR Annual Business Meeting, April 11, 1997

The Alabama Association for Institutional Research conducted its annual business meeting on April 11, 1997 at the Bryant Conference Center on the University of Alabama campus. Dr. Julia Rogers, president, called the meeting to order at 11:55 p.m. with a welcome for everyone. She also extended a welcome to special guest Dr. Joe Sutton.

The minutes of the 1996 annual business meeting were included in everyone's conference packet for review. A motion by Mrs. Teresa Hall to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.

Treasurer Mrs. Ellen Haulman presented the financial report, which indicated the Association's financial activity from April 19, 1996 through April 11, 1997. Mr. Sam Lowther moved and Mrs. Teresa Hall seconded a motion to accept the financial statement as read. The motion was carried unanimously.

Vice President/President Elect, Dr. Myrtes Green, gave a report on the total registration of 53 for the Conference.

Mrs. Deborah Dailey presented a report on the SAIR Conference in Mobile in October 1996. ALAIR sponsored the reception for the SAIR Conference. A special thank you was given from her to ALAIR for this generous contribution.

Dr. William Fendley gave a brief overview on the AIR Conference to be held in Orlando, May 17-22, 1997. He encouraged continued participation in AIR by ALAIR members. ♣

The next SAIR annual meeting will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 11-14, 1997. A number of ALAIR members hold offices in SAIR and AIR. They are as follows:

SAIR: Mrs. Deborah Dailey, Past President; Mr. Sam Lowther, Nominating and Planning Committees, Ms. Hannelore Delbridge, Member-at-Large; Mrs. Teresa Hall, Planning Committee

AIR: Dr. William "Bill" Fendley, Vice President/President Elect; Dr. Harriott Calhoun, Secretary; Mrs. Deborah Dailey, Track Chairman; Dr. Myrtes Green, Nominating Committee

Dr. Rogers introduced Mr. Lowther as the Chairman of the Awards Committee; other members included Mrs. Teresa Hall and Ms. Hannelore Delbridge. The awards were presented as follows:

1996 Best Paper – Mr. Andrew Luna

1997 Travel Award – Mr. Dan Tennimon (for AIR)

Sutton Award – Mrs. Deborah Dailey

Immediate Past President Mr. Sam Lowther presented the slate of officers to the membership:

Vice president/president elect – Dr. Anna T. Waggener, University of South Alabama; Treasurer – Dr. Michael R. O'Rear, The University of Alabama; Nominating Committee – Mr. Reginald Crenshaw, Bishop State Community College and Mrs. Debbie Fortune, Troy State University.

A call for nominations from the floor was made with no names forthcoming. The slate presented by the nominating committee was unanimously accepted. Mr. Lowther acknowledged the other members of the committee – Dr. Allen Smith and Mrs. Cathy Tanner.

In other business, Dr. Waggener reported on the web site for the Association and discussed a chat room and clearinghouse for ALAIR data. Mr. Lowther recognized and thanked Dr. Rogers for her service to ALAIR as vice president and president. She was presented with a token of appreciation from the membership.

Dr. Rogers recognized two officers leaving the Executive Committee – Mr. Sam Lowther, past president, and Mrs. Ellen Haulman, treasurer. A special thanks was given to Dr. Green and her committee for the excellent job as program coordinators for the Conference. Dr. Rogers then welcomed Dr. Green as the incoming president. There being no further business, Mrs. Dailey moved for adjournment, which was approved unanimously. ♣

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Dates Set for the 1998 ALAIR State Conference

The Executive Committee approved the recommendation that the 12th annual ALAIR Conference be held Thursday and Friday, April 16-17, 1998, on the campus of Alabama A&M University. Vice president/president elect Dr. Anna Waggener, and local hostesses Dr. Eric Brennan, Alabama A&M University, and Mrs. Karen Freemon, the University of Alabama at Huntsville, are already working to ensure that the conference will be one of the best ever. Tentative plans call for a newcomer's workshop, early bird hospitality and group dinner, a guest speaker, tools and techniques, and concurrent sessions covering a variety of topics.

Plan now to attend. The "Rocket City" has hosted us before, and the Executive Committee is looking forward to returning with a blast. Everybody is encouraged to send suggestions about the Conference to Anna. Also, begin preparing those papers and presentations now. More information will be forthcoming in future editions of the newsletter. ♣

Executive Committee Held First Meeting on July 24

Your Executive Committee launched its tenure with a daylong meeting. President Myrtes Green convened the committee in the Alabama Center for Commerce, Chancellor's Conference Room, Montgomery, Alabama. The agenda included greetings and introductions, acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Vicki Hawsey as Association secretary, approval of Ms. Janis Colee as secretary, and review of minutes from the 1997 annual business meeting. Past president Sam Lowther and vice president Waggener will take the lead in developing the ALAIR website. The Committee approved a proposed structure for the home page to include welcome and introduction highlights, information about ALAIR and its organizational documents, news and information, resources and feedback. The Committee is excited about this endeavor and knows that it will be most beneficial to the membership. Additional agenda items included assignment of committees to review and revise as needed the Constitution and Bylaws. ♣

Member News

Sarah Carrigan has joined Auburn University at Montgomery as Coordinator of Institutional Studies. Sarah formerly served as Research Associate for the College Information Systems Project in Auburn University's College of Education.

Cara Mia Brasell has been appointed Coordinator of Institutional Studies in the Office of Planning and Analysis at Auburn University. Cara Mia is completing

work on her doctorate in counselor education and was most recently employed as Placement Coordinator in Auburn's College of Education. Jim Eck, formerly of UGA, is now IR director at Samford. Debbie Dailey is now Associate Director of Institutional Research at Georgetown University.

This year's AIR Travel Grant awarded by ALAIR went to Dan Tennimon of Troy State University at Montgomery. Dan used the \$300 stipend to attend his first Annual Forum in Orlando.

Vicki Hawsey was awarded the doctor of education in Administration of Higher Education from Auburn University in June 1997. Vicki is currently serving as dean of instruction at Reid State Technical College. Priscilla Holland was awarded the doctor of education in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama in May.

David Frees and Karen Freemon have a new phone number. They can be reached at (205) 890-6686.

Twenty members from Alabama attended the AIR conference in Orlando, and a number of them presented papers. Angie Rolling (Troy), Harriott Calhoun (Jefferson State), Ray Hackett (Auburn), and Sarah Carrigan (AUM) gave papers or presentations. Several other ALAIR members were involved as facilitators, conveners, and moderators of various sessions and activities.

Mary Beth Adams is Assistant Director of Institutional Studies and Services at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Andrew Luna (formerly with The University of Alabama and now at the University of Louisville) represented ALAIR in the best state papers and presentations track in Orlando. He presented his paper entitled "Using the Variables Control Chart as a TQM Measure."

Gerald Leischuck (Auburn) recently retired as Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees. He is a former Sutton Award recipient, and joined us at the Annual Conference for the first time in many years. Everyone enjoyed his reminiscences and insights on the 'old-timers' panel session after lunch. ♣

SAIR Conference

The SAIR Conference will be held October 11-14 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The web page address is <http://www.oir.uair.edu/sair/>

For more information contact John Kalb at jkalb@mailers.fsu.edu. ♣

Available Positions

UAB's Office of Institutional Studies and Services is searching for a Coordinator of Institutional Research. Anyone interested should contact Mary Beth Adams at

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- To review, update and publish the Policies and Procedures Manual,
- To establish the ALAIR website,
- To review and re-establish cooperative professional programming with other IR groups and/or higher education organizations,
- To update the resource directory, and
- To sponsor a regional workshop and a state conference to promote professional development.

Join the Executive Committee as we extend ALAIR into its eleventh year and add to the legacy. ♣

ALAIR Travel Grant for the 1997 SAIR Conference

Enclosed with this edition of the newsletter is the travel grant application for the 1997 SAIR Conference. The ALAIR award is \$200. This opportunity is provided to assist ALAIR members who might not otherwise be able to attend the Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas. All ALAIR members are encouraged to apply. Applications should be returned by August 20, 1997, to ALAIR President Myrtes Green. ♣

Dr. Vicki Hawsey
Secretary
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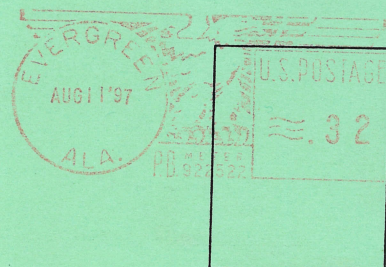
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Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your ALAIR membership for 1997-98? To continue receiving the newsletter, conference registration materials, as well as materials from other groups using our membership list, you should be a current member of ALAIR. If you did not attend the annual conference in Tuscaloosa or renew your membership at that time or since then, please complete the brief form below and mail it along with \$15 to Dr. Michael O'Rear, Associate Director of IR, The University of Alabama, Box 870166, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0166. An institutional membership is available for \$25 and covers two individuals.

Name _____ Title Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.
Position _____
Institution _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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ALAIR TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION

For the 1997 SAIR Conference

October 11-14 in Hot Springs, Arkansas

Name _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Please provide a brief statement describing your financial need for the travel grant.

Please describe the ways in which this conference will contribute to your professional development in general and to your participation in ALAIR.

Return this form by August 20 to:

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