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Keith Stiles, Editor

President's Corner

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Hello friends and fellow NCAIR members. The NCAIR conference is just two months away. Heather Langdon, Program Chair, and the planning committee are organizing what will be an excellent event. Make plans to attend the 37th annual NCAIR conference March 15-17, 2010 at the Hilton Garden Inn Kitty Hawk. Reserve your room now by calling 1-877-629-4586. See the Program Chair's section for more details.

A special workshop opportunity is available in conjunction with the 2010 conference. An IPEDS workshop sponsored by AIR is being offered on Monday March 15. I've provided on the following page an AIR communication that gives the details including registration information.

Please let me emphasize that

registration for the AIR-IPEDS workshop is separate from the NCAIR registration,
and
workshop participants may request up to \$500 to offset the cost of travel,
and
registration requests must be received by January 26, 2010.

Please take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Also, remember the NCAIR Travel Grant Program. Details and an application form are provided in this newsletter.

Thank you very much.
Adam Shick
NCAIR President

WORKSHOP

(e-mail from Association for Institutional Research – January 4, 2010)

The Association for Institutional Research ([AIR](#)) and the North Carolina Association for Institutional Research ([NCAIR](#)) are co-hosting a one-day IPEDS Workshop for data providers and users in conjunction with [NCAIR's Conference](#). Financial support for this workshop is provided by the National Center for Education Statistics ([NCES](#)).

Registration Request and Travel Assistance Award Process

This workshop is limited to 40 participants. For additional information and to apply, please visit <http://www.airweb.org/ncair2010ipedsws>. Workshop participants may request up to \$500 to offset the cost of travel.

Registration requests must be received by January 26, 2010.

IPEDS Workshop Highlights

- Workshop scheduled in conjunction with [NCAIR's Conference](#) - March 15, 2010
- Taught by experienced practitioners from across the country
- Includes six hours of instruction, workshop materials, breaks, and lunch
- No tuition charge to participants
- Travel assistance awards are available

This workshop is comprised of two modules:

1) IPEDS Data as the Public Face of an Institution- This module raises the level of awareness among higher education professionals about the importance of accuracy and consistency in data reported to IPEDS. Examples of real IPEDS data used in the public domain will be incorporated, enabling participants to understand how IPEDS data are used by governmental and non-governmental entities. This module includes presentations, discussions, exercises and demonstrations utilizing IPEDS data tools and resources. Topics include:

- Data sources (within IPEDS surveys)
- IPEDS lifecycle
- Public and institutional use of IPEDS data
- Data nuances and context for interpreting the data

2) IPEDS Data and Benchmarking: Supporting Decision Making and Institutional Effectiveness- Module 1 introduces the fundamentals of creating benchmarks to measure institutional effectiveness. The module provides an overview of the types of comparison groups that can be constructed using IPEDS data, with examples of appropriate use. Participants will use actual data from the IPEDS surveys, including the IPEDS Data Feedback Report and Executive Peer Tool. Exercises and resources will demonstrate processes to establish key performance indicators and identify variables to refine comparison groups.

Visit <http://www.airweb.org/ncair2010ipedsws> to start your registration request today.

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From the Program Chair

Heather Langdon

NCAIR 2010 Conference
“Soaring to New Heights in IR, Assessment, & Planning”
Hilton Garden Inn -- Kitty Hawk, NC
March 15-17, 2010

Our 2010 conference is right around the corner! The schedule is coming together really nicely with excellent sessions and speakers. I would like to thank all who will share their professional expertise by presenting. See our conference preview below....

The online registration site is up and ready for you to register for our 2010 conference! If you have not already registered, please go to: <https://secure.airweb3.org/ncair/>

NCAIR Conference registration is still only \$125, which includes several meals. Be aware of the *early bird registration deadline* of February 1. You may also download and complete registration at our NCAIR website: http://www.ncair.net/conferences/2010/2010_conference.htm or see the registration form included with this newsletter.

I encourage you to book your rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks/Kitty Hawk if you have not already. The hotel rooms are only \$95/per night (or \$125 for ocean front). The phone number is: 252-261-1290 or toll free 877-629-4568. Be sure to indicate you are with the NCAIR Conference, so you will receive the conference rate (the hotel will let you use the conference rate if you decide to stay there on days just before or after the conference as well). You may see pictures of the facility and learn more about it by visiting:

<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=ORFKHGI> OR
<http://www.stayhgi.com>

Enter the city of Kitty Hawk and NC into the site search engine.

Finally, I would like to remind you of a couple funding opportunities from NCAIR. First, consider applying for an NCAIR Travel Grant if that will help you to be able to attend this year's conference. The Travel Grant Application form is included in this newsletter, and it may be found at the NCAIR website. Another wonderful opportunity for presenters is the NCAIR Best Paper Award. Anyone who presents a paper session and would like to submit their paper for consideration should bring the paper to the conference for judging. The winner receives \$400 from NCAIR to present the paper at SAIR or AIR.

I look forward to seeing you in Kitty Hawk!

Heather Langdon
NCAIR 2010 Program Chair

CONFERENCE PREVIEW:

Monday Evening Opening Speaker: Dr. Randy Swing



Dr. Randy Swing is the Executive Director of the Association for Institutional Research, a professional association of 4,200 members. Until 2007, Swing served as Co-Director & Senior Scholar at the Policy Center on the First Year of College, a Fellow in the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience, and held appointments in Japan and Scotland. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and author on assessment, institutional research, and student success. Prior to 1999, he held leadership positions at Appalachian State University in assessment, advising, Upward Bound, and Freshman Seminar. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.

Please plan to dine with your colleagues Monday evening following Dr. Swing's opening address. A full dinner will be provided.

Tuesday Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Alan Mabe



Dr. Alan Mabe serves as the Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs for the University of North Carolina System. A member of the Florida State faculty from 1972-2002, Mabe chaired the philosophy department for 15 years until 1993, when he assumed the position of dean of graduate studies. A past president of the Faculty Senate, he assumed the dual title of associate vice president for academic affairs at FSU in 1998. He came to the UNC system in January 2002. Mabe holds an undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Guilford College and earned master's and doctoral degrees from Syracuse University.

Preliminary Concurrent Sessions:

- Academic Confidence and the Impact of a Living-Learning Community on Persistence
- Using SAS to produce RTF files
- IPEDS and Student Financial Aid in the Age of Transparency and Accountability
- Working with Pivot Tables
- SACSpeak: Lessons learned from those who have seen the light at the end of the Accreditation "tunnel"--and it wasn't a train! How to stay on track for a successful reaffirmation
- IPEDS Update
- Study of how institutional practices and faculty support mechanisms impact the organizational commitment of contingent faculty compared to tenured/tenure-track faculty
- Understanding the Visibility of IPEDS Data and Putting Those Data to Work: A Demonstration of IPEDS Data Tools
- More to come!
- Don't miss the AIR IPEDS Preconference workshops!!

NCAIR 2010 REGISTRATION FORM
2010 NCAIR CONFERENCE – March 15-17, 2010
Hilton Garden Inn, Kitty Hawk, NC

Name:	Badge Name:
Title:	Institution:
Address:	City, State, Zip
Telephone:	Email:
Vegetarian? Yes No	

Is this your first conference (Y or N)?	
Year of the first NCAIR conference you attended	

Fees	Postmarked By February 16	Postmarked After February 16	Amount Due
NCAIR Registration Fee	\$125	\$135	

I would be willing to serve as a facilitator.	Y or N
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Refund Policy:
 If refund is requested Thirty days (30) days prior to 1st day of Conference, refunded amount is registration fee minus membership fee.
 If refund is requested 14 -29 days prior to 1st day of Conference, refunded amount is half of registration fee.
 If refund is requested less than 14 days prior to 1st day of Conference, no money will be refunded.
 Extraordinary circumstances outside of the above parameters will be reviewed by the Executive Board.

Checks are payable to NCAIR (Tax ID 561-56-2055). Send conference registration form and fee to: Laverne Macon, Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC 28144.

If you have any questions, please contact Laverne Macon, Treasurer, at lmacon@livingstone.edu or Heather Langdon, Program Chair, langdonhh@appstate.edu (828-262-2093)

NCAIR 2010 Membership Renewal

For those members unable to attend the conference this year, we will miss you at the conference.

Name:	Institution:
Title:	Address:
Telephone:	City, State, Zip:
Fax:	Email:

Fees	Renewal Fee	Amount Due
NCAIR Membership Renewal Fee	\$25	

NCAIR Travel Grant Program

The North Carolina Association for Institutional Research (NCAIR) has a travel grant program to assist members with attending the annual conference.

Purpose: To promote professional development among institutional research professionals that work in institutions and organizations from North Carolina associated with NCAIR.

Eligibility: Travel/development grants are available to both active members and newcomers (individuals who will become new members of NCAIR at the next annual conference) from North Carolina schools. Upon review of the applications by the Travel/Development Grant Committee, a recommendation is made to the NCAIR Board of Directors who will approve the travel/development grant awards.

Amount of Grants: The amount awarded to each grant recipient will be based on the amount requested as well as the financial need of the requester, but will not exceed \$200. The grant can be used toward hotel and mileage. ***Conference registration fees will be waived for recipients.***

Application Materials and Considerations: To be considered for the award, application materials must be submitted to the Travel Grant Committee. The deadline for grant application will be February 3. The following items must be submitted:

- a. A completed NCAIR Travel Grant Request Form.
- b. A brief resume/curriculum vita.

Criteria for Awarding of Grants: Recommendations by the Travel Grant Committee to the Executive Committee for travel grant awards will be based on information submitted in the application materials.

NCAIR 2009-10 TRAVEL GRANT REQUEST FORM

Name:

Institution:

Amount Requested (Maximum of \$200):

Please describe the financial need and the financial support, if any, available from your institution.

How will receiving this grant contribute to your professional development, particularly with regard to current and future activity in NCAIR?

Please attach a brief resume/curriculum vita to this form and mail, fax, or e-mail to the NCAIR Travel Grant Committee Chair named below on or before the date noted for the conference you plan to attend:

September 1, 2009 (SAIR-presenters only)

February 5, 2010 (NCAIR Conference in Kitty Hawk, NC)

NCAIR Travel Grant Committee
ATTN: Ivan Walker
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For more information about NCAIR Travel Grants, go to:
http://www.ncair.net/documents/Travel_Grants_Policy.pdf

Report of the NCAIR Nominating Committee

Dana L. Dalton, Chair, Members, Wayne Stone and Carolyn Ortiz

Nominations for the North Carolina Association for Institutional Research 2010-11

Program Chair/President Elect; Carol Carrere

Education: PhD and MS in Textile Technology and Management, NC State University;

Experience: VP for Institutional Planning and Support, Mt. Olive College;

Professional Affiliations: NCAIR, SAIR, AIR

Secretary: Libby Joyce

Education: MS Educational Research Methodology, UNC-Greensboro;

Experience: Assistant Director of Institutional Research, Elon University;

Professional Affiliations: NCAIR, SAIR

Member-At-Large 2 Year Colleges: William LeFevers

Education: MA Public Administration, Webster University;

Experience: Director of Planning and Research, Western Piedmont Community College;

Professional Affiliations: NCAIR, SAIR, CCPRO, ERCBEC

Appointed by President to complete a 1 yr term due to position vacancy:

Member-At-Large Private Institutions: Philina Sarro

Education: BA. Business Administration, Methodist College;

Experience: Research Associate, Methodist University;

Professional Affiliations: NCAIR, SAIR