

**Minutes of the  
SAIR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & AWARDS BREAKFAST  
Destin, Florida – October 7, 2014  
Provided by Lisa Lord, Secretary**

The 2014 SAIR Annual Business and Awards Breakfast meeting was called to order at 7:58 am and followed by a welcome to attendees by President Mary Harrington (University of Mississippi).

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the 2013 SAIR Annual Business Meeting and Awards Breakfast were presented to the membership by Secretary Lisa Lord (University of Louisiana at Lafayette). The minutes were approved with no changes upon a motion by Denise Gardner (University of Tennessee). The motion was seconded by Eric Atchison (Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning).

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Paige Borden (University of Central Florida) reported the number of registrants for the current conference totaled 405, including sponsors. Among professional and students members, Alabama had the most registrants, followed by Georgia and Florida. The first and second quarter financial statements were published in the Fall 2014 Newsletter with assets totaling approximately \$83,000 at the end of the second quarter. Paige anticipates third and fourth quarter financial statements to be distributed in the Winter 2015 newsletter.

**Financial Advisory Committee Report**

Financial Advisory Committee Chair Sandi Bramblett (Georgia Institute of Technology) reported results of the 2013 financial review will be submitted to the membership via SAIRmail by the end of December. The Financial Review Committee members were Sandi Bramblett (Georgia Institute of Technology), Bernie Braun (Louisiana State University), and Michelle Hall (Southeastern Louisiana University).

**Past President's Report**

- **Nominating Committee Report**  
Immediate Past President Kathleen Morley (Baylor University) recognized and thanked the members of the 2014 nominating committee. The SAIR membership voted the following as newly-elected officers and nominating committee: Vice President/President-Elect/Program Chair – Cara Mia Braswell (Auburn University at Montgomery), Secretary – Nancy Floyd (University of South Carolina), Members-at-Large – Jayne Perkins-Brown (Georgia Southern University) and Emily Saleh (Louisiana Board of Regents) and Nominating Committee members – Jon Acker (University of Alabama), Donald Cunningham (University of Tennessee), Michelle Hall (Southeastern Louisiana University), Laverne Macon-Jamison (Livingstone College), and Meihau Zhai (University of Georgia).
- **Future Conference Sites**  
Kathleen Morley (Baylor University) announced that SAIR 2017 will be held October 7-10, 2017 at the Worthington Renaissance Fort Worth Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas.

**2014 SAIR Conference Report**

Vice President/President Elect/Program Chair Sara Gravitt (Wake Forest University) thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the conference. She thanked Diane Hodgins (Northwest Florida State College), Local Arrangements Chair. Sara recognized Digital Measures as the sponsor of the 2014 Awards Breakfast. Sara thanked conference photographer, Sandi Bramblett (Georgia Institute of Technology). Sara encouraged attendance at the sessions and State Interest Groups after the Business Meeting adjourns.

**Recognition of Vendors**

Vendors Chair Mitzy Johnson (Mississippi State University) recognized the sponsors and exhibitors by presenting a certificate of appreciation.

**Recognition of Travel Grant Recipients and William Fendley Newcomer's Grant Recipient**

Travel Grant Chair Lee Sanders (Southern Arkansas University Tech) recognized the 2014 Travel Grant Award Recipients as follows: Amanda Belcher – University of Central Florida; Allen Gale – Xavier University of Louisiana; Shannon Levitzke – Lurleen Wallace Community College; Shawn Potter – Tulane University; Eileen Storck – Indian River State College; Chunmei Yao – Virginia Commonwealth University; Robert Zuercher – University of Alabama. The Bill Fendley Travel Grant was awarded to Marisa Yates – Miami Dade College and the Larry Jones Graduate Student Travel Grant was awarded to Mondrail Myrick – Fayetteville State University.

**Awards**

Member-at-Large Andrew Luna (University of North Alabama) served as Chair of the 2014 Awards Committee and announced winners of the various awards:

- **Best Printed Fact Book**: First Place: University of West Georgia, Second Place: University of Georgia, and Third Place: Jacksonville State University.

- Best Institutional Research Website: First Place: University of Tennessee, Second Place: Georgia Institute of Technology, and Third Place: University of Texas System.
- Best Electronic Fact Book: First Place: Radford University, Second Place: Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and Third Place: Southeastern University.
- Best Mini Fact Book: First Place: University of West Georgia, Second Place: Florida State University, and Third Place: Mississippi State University.

The 2013 SAIR Best Paper Award was given to Peter Usinger (Polk State College) for his paper: "Tracking Pathways to Success".

#### **AIR 2015 Invitation**

Sandi Bramblett (Georgia Institute of Technology) invited the SAIR membership to attend the 2015 AIR Forum, May 26-30, 2015, in Denver, Colorado at the Hyatt Regency Denver. Sandi also encouraged participation in the Call for Proposals.

#### **Recognition of SAIR Board Members**

President Mary Harrington recognized the outgoing members of the SAIR Board and offered appreciation of service to Andrew Luna – Member-at-Large (Awards), Lee Sanders – Member-at-Large (Travel Grants and Newcomers), Lisa Lord – Secretary, and Kathleen Morley – Immediate Past President.

#### **SAIR 2015 in Savannah, Georgia**

Cara Mia Braswell (Auburn University at Montgomery), 2015 Program Chair, and Mike Crow (Savannah State University), Local Arrangements Chair, invited attendees to the 2015 SAIR Conference at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, October 10-13, 2015. Cara Mia presented a promotional video for Savannah.

#### **Door Prizes**

Drawings were held for door prizes.

#### **Other**

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 am.