

SAIR Business Meeting
Hotel Monteleone – New Orleans, LA
10/4/2022

President Emily Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM and thanked everyone for attending the conference. Afterwards, Secretary Jennifer Moore presented the minutes from the SAIR 2021 Business Meeting to the membership for review. The minutes had been sent electronically to the membership the week prior to the meeting. Jennifer asked the membership if anyone had any recommendations for changes to the minutes. There were no recommendations for changes to the minutes. After Eric Atchison made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Marc Turner seconded the motion, and the membership unanimously approved the minutes.

Treasurer James Hunt was next on the agenda. He reminded the membership that the Board publishes the SAIR financial statements in the newsletters. Also, James gave an update on the review that an external auditor has completed of the work of our prior SAIR Treasurers. He also mentioned that the Board has upgraded QuickBooks software and migrated official Board files to Microsoft Office 365.

Will Miller, our Member-at-large for Professional Development, thanked all of our workshop presenters and attendees for their support. This year, we had over 200 workshop registrations (duplicated). Will also mentioned that this year the Carousel of Knowledge provided additional professional development opportunities outside of the conference.

Molly Hall, our Member-at-large for Member Engagement and Marketing, taught our Newcomers Workshop with Past President Suzanne Simpson. She thanked our newcomers who participated in the workshop. Our newcomers wore green lanyards this year to distinguish them from returning members (purple) and vendors (gold).

Molly recognized Bryn Bakoyéma and Jim Purcell with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education as our Best Paper Award winners from the SAIR 2021 conference in Louisville, KY. They won for their paper “Opportunities and Barriers for Retaining Alabama’s University Graduates”.

Molly also acknowledged our 25 travel grant winners who are listed below:

Newcomers Travel Grant

- Spencer Black (The University of Louisiana at Lafayette)
- Ivana Fredotovic (Miami Dade College)
- Katherine Gipalo (Florida State University)
- La Toya M. Hart (Jackson State University)
- Ryan King (Austin Peay State University)
- Tanisha Lewis (Oakwood University)
- James M. (Chip) Moore, III (Georgia Independent College Association)
- Charlie Wilder (Auburn University)

Bill Fendley Travel Grant

- Carolyn Beamer (University of West Florida)

Larry G. Jones Graduate Student Travel Grant

- Cassandra Kepple (Florida State University)

Edith H. Carter Travel Grant

- Robert Aycock (University of Georgia)
- Wendy Broyles (Troy University)
- Jessica Carroll (Wallace Community College Selma)
- Vicki Cleveland (University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth)
- Nikki Connors (Virginia Tech)
- Samantha James (Georgia Institute of Technology)
- Melba Kennedy (River Parishes Community College)
- Veronica Leonard (Hendrix College)
- Srisuda McCollough (Western Carolina University)
- Stuart Miller (Auburn University)
- Ellissa Brooks Nelson (UNC Charlotte)
- Mandy Sessions (Wallace Community College - Dothan)
- John Thomas (The University of Texas Permian Basin)
- Laura Wilkins (SOWELA)

Molly acknowledged the 2022 SAIR Best Practice Award winners who are listed below:

Best Innovative Practice

- Third Place: Lincoln Memorial University's DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Second Place: Lincoln Memorial University
- First Place: Georgia Institute of Technology

Best Interactive Report

- Third Place: College of Charleston
- Second Place: East Carolina University
- First Place: Florida State University

Best Print Report

- Third Place: Spelman College
- Second Place: University of North Texas Health Science Center
- First Place: Georgia College & State University

Best Website

- Third Place: Oklahoma State University
- Second Place: University of South Carolina
- First Place: Florida State University

Molly also acknowledged the 2022 SAIR Service Award winners:

- The Unsung Hero/Heroine Award recognizes the ongoing contributions of a member to SAIR and the field of institutional research and planning in the broadest sense. This year's winner is Andrew Luna (Austin Peay State University).
- The James R. Montgomery Outstanding Service Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to SAIR over an extended period of time. This year's winners are Matthew Campbell (Auburn University) and Kathleen Morley (Baylor University).
- Distinguished Membership is awarded to SAIR members or former members who have made distinguished contributions to institutional research. The award aims to provide meaningful recognition of significant effort in the field of institutional research. The award is for the lifetime of the individual. This year's winner is Rick Burnette (Florida State University).

Meaghann Wheelis, our Member-at-large for Registration, thanked all of our 303 registrants with a special thank you to those who worked the registration desk. We also had 108 newcomer registrants this year. Our membership comes from 16 states.

Suzanne Klonis, our Member-at-large for Sponsors and Exhibitors, thanked all of our sponsors. The level breakouts are below:

- Platinum – 1
- Gold – 3
- Silver – 5
- Bronze – 2

Nuventive could not attend the conference this year but sponsored our SAIR Program at a Glance.

Our Past President Suzanne Simpson congratulated the new slate of officers as well as those who ran in the election. We had a strong slate of candidates this year. She also thanked the members of the 2021-2022 Nominating Committee for all of their hard work. The 2022-23 SAIR Board will be comprised of the following:

- President – Kristy Neal, Louisiana State University
- Vice President - Meaghann Wheelis, Baylor University (newly elected)
- Past President – Emily Campbell, River Parishes Community College
- Secretary – Eric Atchison, Arkansas State University System (newly elected)
- Treasurer – James Hunt, Florida State University
- Member-at-Large – Wendy Broyles, Troy University (newly elected)
- Member-at-Large – York Forsyth, South Louisiana Community College (newly elected)
- Member-at-Large – Molly Hall, Virginia Tech
- Member-at-Large – Suzanne Klonis, Furman University

Newly Elected Nominating Committee 2022-23

- LaDonna Eanochs, Alcorn State University
- Melissa Lewis, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Will Miller, Jacksonville University
- Jacob Pleitz, The University of Alabama
- Galiya Tabulda, Florida State University

Our 50th SAIR Conference will be held in Point Clear, Alabama in 2023. Our 50th anniversary of SAIR will be celebrated at a conference in Atlanta in 2024. In 2025, SAIR will be in Alexandria, Virginia. Suzanne thanked Emily and Kristy for their leadership during this challenging time as well as Matt Campbell and Rick Burnette for their prior leadership.

Next, President Emily Campbell recognized our outgoing SAIR Board Members: Jennifer Moore – Secretary, Will Miller – Member-at-Large, Meaghann Wheelis – Member-at-Large, and Suzanne Simpson – Past President. She presented them with a plaque and thanked them for their service. Emily also mentioned that a draft copy of a proposed SAIR Code of Conduct would be sent to the membership with a 30-day comment period to receive feedback. The final code of conduct will be published on the SAIR website. Also, members will need to agree to the Code of Conduct during next year's registration process.

Kristy Neal gave the 2022 conference report. She said that she had received great feedback on the conference workshops and concurrent sessions. Kristy thanked our sponsors and presenters for making this conference possible. She also asked everyone to remember those in the path of Hurricane Ian. Kristy gave a special thank you to the following:

- Michelle Hall – website maintenance
- Suzanne Simpson – programs
- Meaghann Wheelis – registration
- Matthew Earhart – management of proposal submission website

Emily thanked the Hotel Monteleone for their collaborative work on the conference. She also reminded members to look for more professional development opportunities. Kristy thanked the SAIR Board for their hard work and was honored to pass the torch to newly elected Vice President Meaghann Wheelis.

Meaghann Wheelis announced that the 2023 SAIR Conference will be at the he Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa in Point Clear, Alabama on October 13-17. SAIR was last held in Alabama in the 1990's.

Emily Campbell passed the baton to Kristy Neal, who became our new SAIR President. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM after a motion by Jim Purcell and a second by Rick Burnette.