

SAIR Business Meeting
The Grand Hotel Golf Resort and Spa – Point Clear, AL
10/17/2023

President Kristy Neal called the meeting to order at 8:23 AM and thanked everyone for attending the 50th SAIR conference. She thanked Vice President and Program Chair Meaghann Wheelis for a timely and fitting theme and hoped all attendees would apply their experiences at the conference and return home refreshed and energized.

Secretary Eric Atchison presented the minutes from the SAIR 2022 Business Meeting to the membership for review. The minutes had been sent electronically to the membership prior to the meeting on September 21. Eric requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Justin Shepherd made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Dedrick Brooks seconded the motion, and the membership unanimously approved the minutes. He then recognized the winners of the SAIR Facilitator newsletter oyster game Sara Gravitt, April Matthews, and Charlie Wilder. Eric reminded conference attendees about the transition to the SAIR Weekly Updates listserv which will begin being used after the conference concludes.

Treasurer James Hunt was next on the agenda and stated as of September 30, SAIR had 315 members. James provided an update on SAIR financials and reported overall equity of \$241,017.50, which is approximately \$20,000 higher than the prior year, a testament of the continued value of SAIR. He also recognized the 2020 SAIR board members who helped initially plan for the conference to be in Point Clear.

Our Past President Emily Erwin congratulated the new slate of officers as well as thanked those who ran in the election. She also thanked the members of the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee for their hard work. The 2023-24 SAIR Board will be comprised of the following:

- President – Meaghann Wheelis, Baylor University
- Vice President – James Hunt, Florida State University (newly elected)
- Past President – Kristy Neal, Louisiana State University
- Secretary – Eric Atchison, Arkansas State University System
- Treasurer – Erica Hughes, Southwest Tennessee Community College (newly elected)
- Member-at-Large for Member Engagement & Awards – Carley Dear, University of Mississippi Medical Center (newly elected)
- Member-at-Large for Professional Development – G. Marc Turner, Texas State University
- Member-at-Large for Registration – Wendy Broyles, Troy University
- Member-at-Large for Sponsors & Exhibitors – Samantha James, Georgia Tech (newly elected)

Newly Elected Nominating Committee 2023-24

- Matthew Campbell, Auburn University
- Eric Godin, St. Thomas University
- Suzanne Klonis, Furman University
- Susannah Livingood, University of Oklahoma
- Jason L. Wang, Georgia Institute of Technology

Emily shared thanks for work of the Financial Advisory Committee which was chaired by Denise Gardner, and included Allen Gale and Jim Purcell. She also announced that SAIR 53 will be held in

Little Rock, Arkansas in 2026. She closed with a personal thanks to all SAIR members for supporting her in her professional growth since becoming a member in 2009.

Meaghann Wheelis presented the 2023 conference report. She said she hoped participants were enjoying the area and conference sessions. She will be requesting from presenters to submit their materials in the coming weeks. Meaghann thanked all presenters, the members of the local arrangements committee, past board members, the hotel staff, and gave a special thank you to a few individuals for their efforts:

- Michelle Hall – maintaining the SAIR website
- Suzanne Simpson – coordinating the printing and transportation of conference programs
- Matthew Campbell – providing bags and cups to attendees
- Amanda Kin – hosting the Taste of Fairhope dinner outing
- Jared Avery – coordinating the Table Topics during the luncheon
- Matt Meadors, Eric Atchison, and Marc Turner – conference photography

Our Member-at-large for Registration Wendy Broyles reported SAIR 50 had 305 registrants with 295 in attendance and 27 sponsor attendees. We also had 119 newcomers to SAIR this year. She thanked the volunteers who assisted at the registration desk.

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

- Gold – 6
- Silver – 2
- Bronze – 5

She thanked SAIR participants for engaging with sponsors throughout the conference. Suzanne also announced the winner for the exhibit hall passport drawing for the Tableau backpack was Lee Howell.

Our Member-at-large for Professional Development Marc Turner thanked all of our workshop presenters and attendees for their support. This year, we had 13 workshops, including 2 AIR-sponsored IPEDS workshops, with 192 workshop duplicated registrations and 126 unduplicated. Marc also mentioned that SAIR will be developing continuous professional development opportunities through the OWLS (Online Workshop and Learning Series) and thanked Wendy Broyles and Eric Atchison for their help in developing the logo.

Our Member-at-large for Member Engagement and Marketing Molly Hall thanked the 20 volunteers who served as peer reviewers for the SAIR Best Paper and Best Practice Awards.

Molly recognized Kevin McMIndes as our Best Paper Award winners from the SAIR 2022 conference in New Orleans, LA. He won for his paper “Putting Student Success Initiatives on the Map: A Framework to Inform Effectiveness and Efficiency”.

Molly also acknowledged our 20 travel grant winners who are listed below:

Newcomers Travel Grant

- Sejin Ahn (Louisiana Christian University)
- Dedrick Brooks (Murray State University)
- Sandra Taylor (University of West Florida)
- Carrie Varney (Morehead State University)
- Elizabeth Wakefield (Arkansas State University-Newport)

- Marjorie Washington (Southern University and A&M College)
- Rachel Whitman Rotch (Auburn University)

Bill Fendley Travel Grant

- William Luton (University of the Holy Cross)

Larry G. Jones Graduate Student Travel Grant

- Shelby Morris (University of Alabama)

Edith H. Carter Travel Grant

- Ashton Davis (Western Oklahoma State College)
- Rebecca Elliott (Thomas Moore University)
- Jessica Harber (Florida SouthWestern State College)
- Jennifer Hutson (University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College)
- Stacy Lynch (Louisiana Tech University)
- Will Miller (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University)
- Teja Plyler (University of North Georgia)
- Berdikul Qushim (Southern University and A&M College)
- Cynthia Senior (University of Mississippi Medical Center)
- Christopher Weldon (Augusta University)
- Charlie Wilder (Auburn University)

Molly acknowledged the 2023 SAIR Best Practice Award winners who are listed below:

Best Innovative Practice

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

Best Interactive Report

- Third Place: Florida State University (Admissions dashboard)
- Second Place: Wake Forest University
- First Place: Florida State University (Department dashboard)

Best Print Report

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

Best Website

- Third Place: University of Tennessee Knoxville
- Second Place: Emory University
- First Place: Florida State University

Molly also acknowledged the 2023 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 Beverly King (East Carolina 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 winner is Melanie Suzanne Simpson (University of Alabama in Huntsville).
- 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 Michelle Hall (Southeastern Louisiana University).

Our President Kristy Neal presented the proposed changes to the SAIR Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. She noted that due to the nature of reviewing membership levels, this yielded a full review by the SAIR board and the board has effectively made the motion and seconded through their review. Kristy opened the floor to discussion about the changes to the Articles of Incorporation and there was none. A vote was held and a unanimous response was in the affirmative. Next, Kristy asked for any discussion about the proposed changes to the Bylaws and there was none. A vote was held and a majority responded with ayes with several verbal nays. Both motions passed and became effective immediately.

Kristy recognized Molly Hall, Suzanne Klonis, and Emily Erwin for their service as they step off of the SAIR board. She then asked all SAIR members in attendance with 5 or more years to stand and be recognized. She continued with 10, 20, and 30. At the 40-year mark, one member, Glenn James was recognized for his years of membership and service to SAIR.

James Hunt, incoming Vice President and Program Chair announced our 51st SAIR Conference celebrating the 50th anniversary of the formation of SAIR will be held on September 28 to October 1 in Atlanta, Georgia in 2024. Due to the conference occurring sooner in the year in 2024, he plans to open a call for proposals in February and hotel reservations in May.

Kristy Neal adjourned the meeting at 9:25 AM after a motion by Emily Erwin and a second by Marc Turner.