

**Minutes of the  
SAIR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & AWARDS BREAKFAST**

New Orleans, Louisiana – September 28, 2010

**Provided by Kathleen Morley, Secretary**

The 2010 SAIR Annual Business and Awards Breakfast meeting was called to order at 7:53 am and followed with a welcome to attendees by President Bernie Braun.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the 2009 SAIR Annual Business Meeting and Awards Breakfast were presented to the membership by Secretary Kathleen Morley (Baylor University). The minutes were approved with no changes upon a motion by Debbie Dailey (Washington & Lee University) and seconded by Glenn James (Tennessee Tech University).

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Ruth Salter (Albany State University) reported the number of registrants for the current conference totaled 408. Treasurer Salter also reported that SAIR had reached the goal point in its budget where we are in a position to cover a conference in case of any unforeseen events. She reported the current conference had a total of \$32,000 in sponsorships from exhibitors. She extended a special thank you to Donna Cumbie for her hard work at the registration desk during the conference.

**Audit Committee Report**

Audit Committee Chair Mary Sapp (University of Miami) delivered the results of the 2009 financial review. The Audit Committee met at the AIR conference in Chicago and communicated via e-mail. The review indicated that the financial records fairly represented the activity during the year and position at the end of the year. The committee had a few recommendations and most of those had already been addressed by the current SAIR Board of Directors.

**Past President's Report**

- **Nominating Committee Report**

Immediate Past President Michelle Hall (Southeastern Louisiana University) recognized and thanked the members of the 2010 nominating committee. The SAIR membership voted the following as newly elected officers and nominating committee: Vice President/President-Elect/Program Chair – Denise Gardner (University of Georgia); Secretary – Sara Gravitt (Wake Forest University); Members-at-Large: Don Cunningham (University of Tennessee) and Lisa Lord (University of Louisiana at Lafayette); and Nominating Committee Members – Angela Bobich (University of Maryland), Dana Dalton (Winston-Salem State University), Lily Hwang (Georgia Gwinnett College), Mitzy Johnson (Mississippi State University), and Sam Lowther (Auburn University).

- **Future Conference Sites**

Michelle Hall announced that SAIR 2013 will be held October 6-8 at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee.

**2010 SAIR Conference Report**

Vice President/President Elect/Program Chair Roy "Ike" Ikenberry (Belmont University) thanked the many vendors and sponsors for their support of the conference. He acknowledged the hard work and wonderful service from the staff at the Intercontinental Hotel. He thanked the SAIR board and conference committees for their hard work in putting together the conference. Finally, he recognized Delgado Community College and LAIR for their support and contributions to the conference. Ike concluded his report with a reminder to complete the conference evaluation forms and leave them at the table for pick up by the Evaluation Committee.

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

Travel Grants Chair Dana Dalton (Winston-Salem State University) recognized the 2010 Travel Grant Award Recipients as follows: Sandra Buso (Alvin Community College), Teresa Hall (University of Alabama at Birmingham), Angela Hamlin Bobich (University of Maryland), Jodi Herrin (University of South Carolina – Beaufort), Daysha Lawrence (Alamance Community College), Debbie Smarr (Grayson County Community College), Jeff Stewart (Macon State College), Yuliana Susanto (Kentucky State University), Jon Suttles (Freed Hardeman University), Dan Tennimon (Troy University). Dana also announced the winner for the 2010 William Fendley Newcomer's Grant – Leslie Odom (University of Dallas).

## **Awards**

Member-at-Large Nerissa Rivera (Duke University) served as chair of the 2010 Awards Committee. Nerissa thanked everyone for their entries. The award recipients were as follows:

- **Best Electronic Fact Book**: First Place – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Second Place – Georgia Institute of Technology, and Third Place – Florida State University
- **Best IR Web Site**: First Place – University of South Carolina, Second Place – Jacksonville State University, and Third Place – Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Best Fact Book**: First Place – Jacksonville State University, Second Place (tie) – Middle Tennessee State University, and Second Place (tie) – University of Georgia
- **Best Mini Fact Book**: First Place – Texas Tech University, Second Place – Georgia Institute of Technology, and Third Place – University of West Florida

President Bernie Braun presented the 2009 SAIR Best Paper Award to Mary Harrington (University of Mississippi) for her paper entitled “Make Your Power Points Sizzle, Not Fizzle”. Kate Kellum, University of Mississippi, accepted the award on Mary’s behalf. Nerissa also presented the Larry Jones Travel Grant to Chary-Sy Copeland (Florida State University).

Finally, Bernie presented three special awards to SAIR members. Sandi Bramblett (Georgia Institute of Technology) received the James Montgomery Outstanding Service Award, Mary Sapp (University of Miami) received the Distinguished Member Award, and Edwin Litolff (University of Louisiana System) received the Unsung Hero Award.

## **AIR 2011 Preview**

Debbie Dailey (Washington and Lee University), 2011 AIR Forum Chair, invited the SAIR membership to the 51<sup>st</sup> annual AIR Forum to be held May 21 – 25 in Toronto. The theme for the conference is “Passport to New Ideas and Better Decisions.” The Call for Proposals will be open until October 30.

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

President Bernie Braun recognized the outgoing members of the SAIR Board and thanked them for their service to the organization as follows: Dana Dalton – Member-at-Large (Newcomers/Travel Grants), Bethany Bodo – Member-at-Large (Awards/Exhibitors), Kathleen Morley – Secretary, and Michelle Hall – Immediate Past President.

## **2011 SAIR Conference Preview**

Program Chair Denise Gardner and Local Arrangements Chair Sandi Bramblett invited everyone to the next SAIR conference which will be held in Atlanta on October 9 – 11, 2011. Sandi presented a promotional video for Atlanta.

## **Door Prizes**

There were specially marked chairs at each table which indicated the winner of the door prize that also served as the center piece.

## **Other**

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am.