

**Minutes of the Business Meeting
OAIRP Spring Conference
Dana Conference Center
The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio
March 27, 2009**

President Wayne Schneider (Kent State University) called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. He welcomed everyone and asked the new members to stand and introduce themselves. Wayne then thanked Bin Ning and his staff at the University of Toledo for their help with the conference arrangements and logistics.

Wayne explained an inquiry he received regarding the AIR Best Paper Award. The winner of the Fall 2008 meeting is not able to attend the AIR conference in Atlanta, but would be making the same presentation at another conference. The recipient wondered if the award could be applied to a conference other than the AIR Forum. Wayne took the matter to the Executive Committee who decided the wording of the original motion was for travel only to the AIR Forum. After much discussion, the Executive Committee proposed the following changes:

1. \$350 stipend to attend the AIR Annual Forum to present winning paper/presentation
2. \$300 stipend to attend any AIR sponsored program
3. \$250 stipend to attend any program of an AIR affiliated organization
4. \$200 stipend to attend any national or regional program where winning paper is presented
5. Award must be used within two years of winning
6. These changes are to include 2008 Fall and 2009 Spring winners

Bob Burke (Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio) motioned that the changes be accepted. Bill Knight (Bowling Green State University) commended the board for their work on this matter and indicated his support; no objections were noted and the motion was approved unanimously.

Anne Fulkerson (Owens Community College) gave the Treasurer's Report. There was a beginning balance of \$12,264.75 as reported at the Fall Conference (October 24, 2008). Revenues for the period since were \$1,770.25 and expenses were \$4,186.03 for an ending balance of \$9,848.97. Anne indicated that members will see the balance go down in the fall due to a reduction of membership and credit card fees along with the monies paid out for fall and spring Best Paper Awards. The report was accepted without objection.

Denise Krallman (Miami University) announced that the NEAIR meeting will be held from November 7-10 in Baltimore, Maryland. Future meetings have been scheduled for Saratoga Springs in 2010 and in Boston during the first week of December 2011.

Bill Knight recognized the absence of Julie Carpenter Hubin due to the passing of her mother. He asked the membership to keep her in their thoughts.

Bill announced the AIR Forum in Atlanta has not seen a reduced number of registrations from past years as had been expected. He encouraged people to attend as there will be many quality presentations.

Bill also discussed the effects of the economy on IR department's travel budgets. AIR recognizes this and is in the process of developing several new professional development

opportunities that will not require travel for face to face interaction. He asked the membership to forward any ideas and/or suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Papenfus