

**Minutes of the Business Meeting
OAIRP Spring Conference
Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion
April 27, 2012**

President Nick Frame (University of Cincinnati) called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and asked David Dirlam to introduce the keynote speaker, Dr. Marsha Watson, Executive Director of the Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education (AALHE). Her talk “Higher Education Assessment Goes Pro” described the history, need and opportunities for AALHE, including professional development, certification, advancing the discipline, and having political impact during a time of Federal efforts to simplify and control higher education assessment. Annual Conferences will be held alternately in Albuquerque (this year) and Lexington. Lack of progress in higher education assessment during the last two decades motivated the choice of new faces as plenary speakers. Attendance and membership have shown remarkably high growth since the organization’s founding in 2009.

The general business meeting followed the keynote address. He welcomed everyone and asked that new members and attendees stand and introduce themselves. The first order of business concerned the absence of an elected President. Nick Frame had volunteered to continue for a second term at the fall meeting, but no election was held at that time. David Dirlam seconded by Bob Burke nominated Nick for the remainder of the term and Nick Frame was elected by acclamation.

Susan Perry (Case Western Reserve University) gave the treasurer's report. Her 2011 figures are given below with Ann Fulkerson’s figures from the prior year for comparison.

	2010	2011
Beginning Balance	\$8,406.75	\$7,329.91
Revenue		
Annual Dues	\$2,925.00	\$3,956.88
Spring Conference	\$ 250.25	\$ 625.00
Total	\$3,175.25	\$4,581.88
Expenses		
Fall Conference facilities & catering	\$3,842.37	\$3,240.99
Fall Conference speaker honorarium & travel		\$ 626.69
Total	\$3,842.37	\$3,867.68
Ending Balance	\$7,739.60	\$8,044.11

The Treasurer’s report was accepted without question.

The location for the next Spring conference has not been established, so members were asked to consider their campuses as possible sites.

The individual council meetings followed and the groups discussed current issues for their respective institutions. Inspired by Dr. Watson’s speech, several members of the not-for-profit group mentioned a need to organize local assessment groups that would include faculty members for local institutions and would not require OAIRP membership. Maria Palmieri, David Dirlam, and Susana Luzuriaga are organizing a follow-up meeting for Southwest Ohio.