

Message From AIR Interim Executive Director

Dear Member,

Change is an inevitable part of any organization, and AIR is certainly not immune. Last week, AIR members received notice from the AIR Board or Directors that longtime AIR Executive Director Randy Swing resigned his position after he and the Board were unable to come to terms on a 2016 employment contract. Randy has been retained as a consultant through the end of March 2016 to close out several projects with which he is actively involved.

Let me join the Board in expressing that all of us at the Executive Office very much appreciate Randy's many contributions to AIR and the fields of IR and higher education, and we wish him the best.

My appointment as interim executive director is in accordance with AIR's executive director succession plan. A nationwide search for a permanent executive director will begin soon, and will be led by the AIR Board of Directors. As interim executive director, my responsibility is to ensure that the vision, goals, and everyday business of AIR continue as usual during this transition.

As chief financial officer and a member of the Executive Office leadership team, I am both familiar and involved with all aspects of AIR's business and membership functions, goals, and aspirations. Along with me, the Executive Office staff will continue to ensure that all the programming, events, initiatives, and projects that are important to our members (such as the 2016 AIR Forum) move forward seamlessly.

For 50 years, the Association for Institutional Research has been an important resource for those in IR and related fields, and the Executive Office staff and I are excited to be a part of what will be accomplished in 2016! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at jlewis@airweb.org.

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