

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: April 24, 2026



Association for Institutional Research Virtual Board of Directors Meeting April 24, 2026

Attendees: Craig Abbey (Parliamentarian), Yenny Anderson, Angie Bell, Vincent Castano, Bethany Crowell (Treasurer), Brent Drake (Chair), Ivana Fredotovic, Adrea Hernandez (Vice Chair), Liile Lekena-Bayaga, Jillian Morn, Debbie Phelps, David Rudden (Secretary)

Guests: Christine Keller, Jason Lewis, Miguel Pineiro Vigo, and Leah Ross from the AIR Executive Office

Call to Order

Brent Drake called the meeting to order at 11:02 a (EST). A quorum was established.

Required Approval and Acknowledgement

Meeting Minutes

Angie Bell moved to accept the combined minutes of the March 16th, 25th and 31st, 2026 Board meetings. Craig Abbey seconded.

The motion passed.

Charge for Ad hoc Committee to Review Board Liaison Role & NEC Process

Brent Drake introduced a proposed charge for a Board Ad Hoc Committee to review the Board's NEC liaison role.

- a. **Charge:** The committee will make recommendations to modify GP XVI. Leadership Elections and Appointments to update the Board liaison role and create specific election slate selection procedures for the NEC.
- b. **Membership:** The committee will be chaired by the outgoing Chair of the NEC. The committee will also have membership from the Board/NEC Liaison, a current Board member, and two current or former NEC members.
- c. **Time Frame:** To present recommendations to the Board for their input, review, and vote by no later than the September 2026 Board meeting. This timeline allows for the 2027-28 NEC to incorporate the new procedure into the election process
- d. **Authority for the Committee:** To use no more than 5 hours of staff time.

Debbie Phelps moved to accept the charge for the ad hoc committee to review the Board NEC Liaison role and NEC selection process. Liile Lekena-Bayaga seconded.

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Financial Conditions and Activities Monitoring Report (Q4)

David Rudden moved that the Financial Conditions and Activities Monitoring Report for Q4 was delivered on time, that the interpretations are reasonable, and that the data supports the interpretations. Vincent Castano seconded.

The motion passed.

Strategic Foresight Exercise

Jillian Morn led a discussion to reflect on the strategic foresight activities of the Board over the past year. The discussion focused on the cadence of such activities in the future (e.g., monthly or quarterly), general approach to such activities and content to be covered in the upcoming year. The Board expressed appreciation for Jillian's work in leading the Strategic Foresight committee over the past year.

Executive Director Updates

Christine Keller provided updates on the upcoming financial audit and the 2026 Forum.

Liile Lekena-Bayaga left the meeting at 11:45a (EST).

Rising Star Award Proposal

Christine shared that Edward Delaney's family had donated a legacy gift to AIR in memory of Edward so as to continue his previous donations in support of early career IR professionals. The family's hope was that these funds could be used to recognize an emerging leader in IR. Discussion included the possibility of renaming the current Rising Star Award and pairing it with a scholarship for professional development using the Delaney legacy gift. Of note, Edward is being recognized posthumously with the 2026 John Stecklein Distinguished Member Award.

Vincent Castano moved to rename the Rising Star Award as the Edward J. Delaney, to include the new Edward J. Delaney scholarship and to delegate the implementation of the administration of the award to the AIR Executive Office. Ivana Fredotovic seconded.

The motion passed.

The above motion needs to be added to the AIR documentation.

New Business

Christine Keller was asked if there were any updates regarding the IPEDS ACTS submission. Christine shared that there have been a few recent lawsuits filed against the ACTS submission, but they are all still pending.

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Adjournment

Vincent Castano moved to adjourn the meeting. Jillian Morn seconded.

The motion passed.

Brent Drake adjourned the meeting at 12:05a (EST).