

Association for Institutional Research in the Upper Midwest Constitution

I. Name

It is hereby established that there be a Midwest organization for persons working or interested in institutional research. This organization shall be called the Association for Institutional Research in the Upper Midwest and will be known by the acronym AIRUM,

II. Purpose

AIRUM is a regional organization of institutional researchers. The objectives of the organization are to:

- improve and disseminate research predominantly of concern to institutions of higher education.
- provide a collegium for professional persons in a common profession.
- provide an avenue for professional accomplishment by offering at least annual meetings at which papers may be presented, speeches given, workshops taught, and other such professional contributions made.
- encourage association with the Association for Institutional Research and to promote AIR forums and other activities.
- encourage professional identification, development and renewal.

III. Membership

Membership is open to individuals dedicated to the purposes of the organization. A person's affiliation with or interest in institutional research will be self determined. Voting members will consist of all individuals attending the annual conference.

IV. Geographic Coverage

AIRUM is a regional organization defined by the states of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the upper peninsula of Michigan. These states will be the territory commonly served by AIRUM but membership may be extended to individuals outside of the immediate region.

V. Affiliation with the Association for Institutional Research

AIRUM is an affiliate of AIR, a national organization dedicated to the profession of institutional research.

VI. Annual Conference

An annual conference will be held within the geographic boundaries of the organization, except in the case of joint conferences with other regional institutional research groups. The conference will be organized by the Steering Committee.

VII. Steering Committee

The Steering Committee consists of eight AIRUM members, with seven serving three-year terms and a Treasurer serving an indefinite term. Membership is staggered so that two to three new members are seated each year. Membership changes at the end of the annual conference. Individuals interested in

serving on the Steering Committee should place their name in nomination with a committee member. Nominations may also be made at the annual meeting.

New membership is determined by vote of the existing Steering Committee, which will attempt to maintain a balance of geographical and institutional representation.

There will be three offices held within the Steering Committee, namely, two Co-Chairs and a Treasurer. Each Steering committee member should be prepared to serve as an officer, as necessary. Officers will be selected by the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee will be responsible for scheduling and planning the annual conference and other programs. The Committee maintains the membership roster. Decisions on meeting dates, program substance, the assessment and the expenditure of funds, and the like, will be made by the Committee. The Committee will coordinate an evaluation of the annual conference and will appoint annually a liaison for AIR. The Committee will also initiate an agenda for the annual meeting.'

VIII. Annual Meeting

An annual meeting of AIRUM membership will be held in conjunction with the annual conference. The meeting will provide an opportunity for nominations of members to the Steering Committee, and for consideration of any items of business raised by a member of AIRUM.

IX. Constitutional Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be initiated by a member of AIRUM. Proposals will be forwarded to the Steering Committee and will be considered at the next annual meeting. To be adopted, an amendment must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the attendees of the annual meeting at which the proposal is discussed.