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AIRUM 2020 Summer Updates and Conference Survey

It's hard to believe we're only halfway through 2020 as we send this message out to you. We missed connecting with you at the AIR Forum, and we wanted to update you on a few things the Steering Committee has planned for this summer and gather your ideas on planning for the fall--including a survey on options for a *virtual* fall conference (see below).

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Programming

As we confront racism in our institutions and communities, the Steering Committee is offering a reading project with actionable steps geared towards data practitioners in higher education. Led by the Member Benefits subcommittee, we are developing a book talk featuring one of the book's authors focused on ***From Equity Talk to Equity Walk: Expanding Practitioner Knowledge for Racial Justice in Higher Education***. More details to come on this opportunity for AIRUM members.

We also have Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion resources on the [AIRUM](#) website that we hope will be of interest to you, and we thank the respective organizations that have created this content. [Please share ideas and other resources with us](#), and we'll add them to our website.

Webinars and COVID-19 Resources

AIRUM hosted a series of webinars during the spring semester, including strategies for addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar recordings are available to members on the [Members Area](#) of the AIRUM website, and the pandemic resources are available publicly on the [AIRUM](#) website.

2019 AIRUM Conference Recap

With 161 attendees, a visit from AIR President Martin Fortner, a new Mentor Meet-Up, a Happy Hour sponsored by Rapid Insight, three great pre-conference sessions, and a new conference location, the 2019 AIRUM Conference was full of great opportunities to learn and to connect. Thanks to all who presented and participated!

Congratulations to Nichole Petersen, Century College, for the selection of her presentation "**The Pivotal Role of Institutional Research and Meeting HLC Criteria 4.B.**" as the Best Presentation from the 2019 AIRUM Conference. Even though the AIR Forum was moved to a virtual format, Nichole graciously gave an encore of her presentation to the membership as part of the spring

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Stay Involved!

You can become an AIRUM member through our [website](#), where you can post to other members through the AIRUM listserv, find conference presentations, watch webinars, and review any regional IR job postings. Stay in touch through our LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter accounts, and always e-mail us at AIRUMonline@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions. Your involvement makes our volunteer-driven organization thrive. Thank you for your support!

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webinar series. Members can [view the recording](#) of the presentation in the Members Area.

If you presented at the 2019 AIRUM Conference, **please email a PDF of your slides and/or handouts to AIRUMonline@gmail.com** so we can include them on the [website with other presentations from past AIRUM conferences](#).

2020 Conference and Planning Survey

To serve our members and address COVID-19 concerns, the Steering Committee is planning a virtual fall conference with many opportunities for members to connect, collaborate, and present. To help us navigate this new reality, please [complete a short Member Survey regarding the conference](#).

Please reply to the survey by Friday, August 7th. Your responses will be very valuable for our planning, and we thank you for your input!

