



Mississippi Association for Institutional Research  
Business Meeting  
September 20, 2023  
12:45 p.m.

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Chrisa Mansell at 12:45 p.m. with 32 participants.

**II. Reports:**

a. Treasurer

- Kate Failing stated that the current balance was \$29,542.69.
- \$1050 was donated to the Friends of the Jefferson County Library for their summer reading program, MAIR's philanthropic project for the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- MAIR became a recognized nonprofit corporation, at both state and federal levels; therefore, charitable contributions to it are tax-deductible. Also, MAIR members are now eligible to apply for AIR conference travel grants.

b. No other reports were given

**III. Old Business**

No old business items were presented for discussion.

**IV. Officer Elections**

As state in the By-Laws, the following officer positions were filled by succession/term requirements for 2023-24. President will become Past President, Vice President will become President, and so on.

Past President	Ken Thompson, University of Mississippi Medical Center
President	Chrisa Mansell, Delta State University
Vice President	Diann Nichols, Mississippi State University
Treasurer (2-year term)	Kate Failing, Mississippi Delta Community College
Webmaster	Chrisa Mansell, Delta State University
Webmaster	Ken Thompson, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Officer Elections for 2023-24:

Vice President	Melanie Davis, Pearl River Community College
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Treasurer	Kate Failing, Mississippi Delta Community College
Secretary	LaDonna Eanochs, Alcorn State University
Member-at-Large (2-year)	Valerie Bishop, Meridian Community College
Member-at-Large (4-year)	Margaret Walden, University of Mississippi

## V. New Business

### Awards

- a. Unsung Hero Award – Mitzi Norris, University of Mississippi Medical Center
- b. Best Presentation Award for 2023\* - Carley Dear, University of Mississippi Medical Center  
“Outcomes for Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Quality”

\*Best Presentation Award is automatically accepted for AIR’s conference program list.

- c. Ken Thompson presented Chrisa Mansell with the presidential recognition award.

### Plans for Next Annual Meeting

Due to the discontinuation of Creating Futures, an annual technology conference held in March each year, members of the MAIR Board recommend that the MAIR Annual Meeting return to a spring meeting beginning March 2025. Therefore, MAIR membership dues will not be charged again until spring 2025 for those MAIR members currently in good standing.

In lieu of a 2024 Annual Meeting, in spring 2024, MAIR will host a workshop similar to the workshop held at UMMC in spring 2023. The date, topic, and location of the meeting will be determined and announced at a later date.

A business meeting will be held at the spring 2024 workshop since MAIR will not host an Annual Meeting in 2024.

The proposed plans for the next annual meeting were approved unanimously.

## VI. Other Business

No other business was conducted.

The business meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10 PM.

Submitted by



Valerie Bishop

Secretary