



Mississippi Association for Institutional Research  
Business Meeting  
March 25, 2022 – 12:30 p.m.

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Thompson at 12:30 p.m. with 27 participants.

**II. Reports:**

a. Treasurer

Chrisa Mansell stated that we had \$27,272.23 with the only thing outstanding that is not included in that amount is the conference center, lunch today and a few registrations.

**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 2022-23:

Past President	Tim Dedeaux, Pearl River Community College
President	Ken Thompson, Millsaps College
Vice President	*Amber Nelms, Northeast MS Community College
Treasurer (2-year term)	Chrisa Mansell, Delta State University
Secretary	Cecila King, Mississippi State University
Webmaster	Chrisa Mansell, Delta State University
Webmaster	Amber Nelms, Northeast MS Community College

\*Due to the retirement of Stephanie Diffey, the board selected Amber as her replacement, for there to be continuity once elections were held at the conference.

Officer Elections for 2022-23:

Vice President	Chrisa Mansell, Delta State University
Treasurer	Diann Nichols, Itawamba Community College
Secretary	Kelli Hefner, Northeast MS Community College
Member-at-Large (2-year)	Melanie Davis, Pearl River Community College
Member-at-Large (4-year)	LaDonna Eanochs, Alcorn State University

## **V. New Business**

### **Awards**

- a. Unsung Hero Award – Carley Dear, University of Mississippi Medical Center
- b. Jim Nichols Award – Carolyn Wiley, Northwest Mississippi Community College
- c. Best Presentation Award for 2021\*

Dr. Carolyn Wiley – *IR Professionals as Change Agents at their Institution*

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

## **VI. Other Business**

Ken thanked Tim for his contribution for putting this year's conference together. The city of Tupelo provided the award winners and Tim with gift bags as a thank you.

Tim thanked Ken for his contributions and pulling this year's conference together, even though we weren't sure that we might have to cancel again.

Ken recognized Stephanie for her service and contributions to MAIR upon her retirement. He explained how the board was called upon to appoint a new vice president, according to the by-laws. The executive committee chose Amber to fill that position. Ken then handed the gavel over to Amber.

Ken requested that the new officers stay for a short meeting and noted that in lieu of a newsletter prior to the conference, there would be one to follow the conference with more information.

Amber noted that there were 10 Mississippi institutions who were not represented at the conference. She would like to make a concerted effort to recruit members from these institutions and as an appointed president, she would do her best to full fill her duties. Amber thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.