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GAIRPAQ

Georgia Association for Institutional Research, Planning, Assessment, and Quality

Spring 2021 Newsletter

Greetings GAIRPAQ members and associates,

The days are getting longer; the low temps are inching higher; weeds are springing up in the Bermuda; and the yellow stuff on cars is getting thicker and thicker. That's right – Spring is here again. A time of new beginnings both in nature and in our day-to-day lives. It has been said that the more things change, the more they stay the same; and those who have lived a little will attest that this is true in many regards. Nevertheless, I wonder if our daily work procedures will truly stay the same or take on a new mode of operation after we've gained control of the COVID-19 virus. Many businesses - including higher education - may continue some variation of the remote working situations that have enabled us to continue working productively during our socially distanced 2020.

Many have grown accustomed to the “new normal” of waking up and going to the office across the hall or downstairs to work in slippers and PJs. Having weekly Zoom or Teams calls with co-workers to strategize and stay on track of projects has now become the norm. Businesses have also unintentionally benefited from not having workers physically in the office, reducing expenses associated with power consumption, building maintenance, etc. While these are only a few metrics that point to a new way of working in the future, they are probably the best indicators of what we can expect going forward.

Although our country has made remarkable progress towards controlling the spread of COVID-19 with face masks, hand washing, social distance and several vaccines, we still are not fully “out of the woods” and able to return to business as usual. With that in mind, the GAIRPAQ Executive Board has decided to cancel the 2021 annual conference to safeguard the health and well-being of our members and their families. With a decrease in coronavirus cases and a large portion of the U.S. population having taken the vaccine, we sincerely hope and believe that 2022 will be the year to re-start our annual conference face-to-face. The Board has also decided to continue to waive membership dues for new and continuing members for 2021-22.

Finally, the GAIRPAQ Executive Board would also like to extend a big ‘Thank You’ to those who made submissions for the new GAIRPAQ logo announced in the previous newsletter. All submissions were very creative and the decision to choose just one was difficult. After much discussion, the Board came to a consensus and selected the logo submitted by Teja Plyler from the University of North Georgia. We also must give an honorable mention to Brad Sturz from Georgia Southern University, who also submitted a worthy contender.

It is my sincere hope that you all will continue to stay safe and follow CDC health protocols until we can finally declare that we've defeated COVID-19 and return to a semblance of life as we once knew it.

James E. Sanders

GAIRPAQ President, 2020-21

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Additional Notes

The 2021 Conference is cancelled

Plans for the 2022 Conference are being discussed

[Registration is open for the 2021 AIR Forum Virtual](#)

[Registration is open for the 2021 Assessment Institute – complimentary and virtual October 2021](#)

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Tech Tips

We're looking for tech tips for the next GAIRPAQ newsletter! Do you have any tips you'd like to share with your fellow members? Please share ideas or hints that you've found useful in your work by emailing info@gairpaq.org. We'll share your tips on the website and next newsletter.

Logo Contest Winner!

The winner of our Logo Contest is Teja Plyler! Teja is an Institutional Research Analyst at the University of North Georgia.

Thank you so much to all who participated!!



GAIRPAQ Elections

- **Open Positions:** Vice President, Secretary, & Two Members-at-Large
- **Dates:**
 - **Nominations due:** June 4
 - **Elections held:** June 14 – June 23
 - **Results announced:** June 25

Please email info@gairpaq.org to nominate a GAIRPAQ Member for an open position.

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