

Dear Members:

As we start, our Fall semesters, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended the 42nd Annual Meeting of AEIRS in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This was our second solo annual meeting, and thanks to your support and attendance, the meeting was a great success. AEIRS is a strong, proud organization thanks to your support and the hard work of our volunteers.

There were over 150 attendees at the 2009 AEIRS meeting. Mr. Barry Burns, this years Honors Lecturer, presented *Digital Dilemma*. His lecture focused on digital awareness, pitfalls and recovery for technologists. Questions on the modality and the future of the modality were well received and expertly answered.

The new Board of Directors was presented at the business session, along with our annual awards and recognitions. This year's Elsevier Award winner was Carole South-Winter. The Research Grant was awarded to Jammie Wilbanks and the Invest in the Future winner was Crystal Bird. Congratulations!



Jeanne Olson and Brandie Shannon from Elsevier present their scholarship check to Carole South-Winter.

Joy Renner once again excited the members in attendance as she Passed the Hat at the business session. This year, members donated nearly \$1000. Judy McNitt from Supertech surprised the members by donating \$1000 to our educational funds. The Renners, once again, made a very generous match of \$2000. This year's Pass the Hat provided \$4000 for research and other programs sponsored by AEIRS. Thank you to the members, our partners and the Renners for donating so generously to this organization and its future.



Misericordia University sponsored a reception and book signing after a presentation by Dr. Sylvia LaFair from Santa Fe, New Mexico. Her book *"Don't Bring It to Work: Breaking the Family Patterns that Limit Success"* was presented along with research from her years of leadership and training.

Thanks to the many presenters at this Annual Meeting for preparing interesting presentations that are relevant to our work as educators. Thanks to Carole South-Winter our Meeting Planner and her team for another amazing and educational meeting.

We hope you had fun, got reacquainted with colleagues, networked for ideas, and enjoyed the sun and food in the Land of Enchantment. Let's meet next year, July 8 & 9, 2010 at the Venetian Hotel & Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada for more educational sessions and some fun.

James Murrell, President