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Greetings MSERA Membership

Pursuant to **Article XI, Section 1** of our constitution, this correspondence and accompanying full-text version of the association's constitution and bylaws denoting proposed revisions via strikethrough text, and highlights are presented to the membership for review no less than 30 days prior to the 2017 Annual Meeting.

**Article XI, Section 1** of our constitution stipulates that any revisions to the constitution and bylaws be reviewed and approved by the governing board of the association prior to a vote by the membership on said revisions. At the spring 2017 Board of Directors meeting, the proposed revisions to the constitution and bylaws were presented to the board by the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Dr. Harry Bowman. The Board unanimously approved the revisions. At the November 9 Business Session, the membership will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed revisions.

*The full-text constitution and bylaws with proposed revisions is also available online at [www.msера.org](http://www.msера.org)*

### **Summary of Proposed Revisions**

#### ***General Formatting***

Various revisions addressing capitalization and grammar are proposed throughout the Constitution and Bylaws (examples are "Constitution," "Bylaws," and "of the Association"). These revisions will ensure consistency throughout the document.

#### ***Substantive Revision to the Constitution***

The substantive revisions proposed for the Constitution are the following:

- Change in the title of the graduate student representative on the MSERA Board to undergraduate/graduate student director to allow an undergraduate student to serve as a director on the MSERA Board.
- Appointment of the Executive Director to a three-year term with the option for renewal of the appointment for one or more subsequent terms.
- Distinction between the "Annual Meeting" and the "Annual Business Session."

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## ***Substantive Revision to the Bylaws***

*The substantive revisions proposed for the Bylaws are the following:*

### Duties of the President

- Appointment of an Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair who will also serve as the editor of the Annual Meeting Proceedings.
- Appointment of editors of all publications and Webmaster for three-year terms upon recommendation by the Executive Committee.

### Duties of the Secretary

- Coordination with the Executive Director in processing registration fees and membership dues.

### Duties of the Executive Director

- Management of MSERA financial resources and submission of periodic reports to the MSERA Board.
- Requirements for external review of MSERA financial records and submission of reports to the MSERA Board annually and upon completion of three-year term.

### Duties of the Historian

- Specification of types and form (electronic) of records to be submitted to MSERA archives.

### Membership

- Clarification of membership year based on the time of the year that dues are received.

We look forward to engaging you at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Starkville MS on November 8-10.

Sincerely,

Your MSERA Leadership Team

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