

# Minutes of the Business Meeting of MSERA

November 18,  
1999

Point Clear, Alabama

## Call to Order

MSERA President Gerald Halpin opened the business meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

## Nomination Committee Report

John Enger offered the following slate of candidates for different positions:

Vice-President/President Elect	Jim Flaitz
State Department of Education	Qaisar Sultana Bernadette Chapple Beverly Klecker
Local Education Agency At-Large ( 4 positions)	Arlene Amos Gahan Bailey, Scott Bauer Ann Chapman, Dan Fasko Kathy Franklin, Linda Morse Cynthia Gettys, Jane Luster Mary Hall O'Phelan

The slate was accepted as presented. Paper ballots were distributed, members voted, and the ballots were collected.

## Secretary's Report

Robert Calvery distributed copies of the business meeting held in November 5, 1999 in New Orleans, LA. The minutes were approved as presented.

## Treasurer's Report

Robert Calvery reported a balance of \$27,890.84 in the Bank of Yellville, AR. MSERA also has a certificate of deposit in the Memphis Area Teacher's Credit Union, Memphis, TN valued at \$13,789.54. As of November 1, 1999 there were 630 members for 1999 (433 professional and 179 students). The pre-registration for the conference as of November 1, yielded 389 (329 professional and 60 students). The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

## Presidents Report

Gerald Halpin announced the contributions to the reception by the various universities and individuals. The total was \$8,293.70. Gerald recognized the University of South Alabama colleagues for their effort to make the annual meeting a special occasion. In addition, he presented a clock/card holder to each of the board members and committee chairs.



## **Minutes of Mid-South Educational Research Association**

### **2011 Annual Business Meeting**

**Oxford Mississippi**

**November 3, 2011**

**Inn at Ole Miss**

President Eddie Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. He welcomed members to the Ole Miss campus. Eddie announced a change in the evening schedule. He announced the President's reception will take place from 6-7:30 pm in the ballroom. He informed everyone that the 40<sup>th</sup> Fireside Chat Symposium had been moved to the 7:30- 8:30 pm time slot. Eddie Shaw thanked everyone for their hard work and for making the 40th Anniversary Meeting a success.

Eddie introduced the people sitting at the front table: President-elect Julie Holmes, Past president Linda Kondrick, Executive Director Cliff Hofwolt, and Secretary, Kathleen York.

Eddie thanked Dean Rock for the 40<sup>th</sup> reception hosted by Ole Miss, Robert Fox for making the local arrangements, Sara Blackwell for helping with the local arrangements, Dean Hayes for donating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary pins, and Walt Mathews for editing the Heritage volume.

Executive Director Cliff Hofwolt reported that MSERA is running ahead of budget going into the 2011 annual meeting. He reported a total of approximately 187 members pre-registered for the conference. He reported an additional 100 members had registered on-site so far. Cliff said he will send renewal information to current 2011 MSERA members who did not attend the conference. Cliff reported MSERA had nearly \$6,000 in institutional memberships this year.

Walt Matthews (editor of Heritage Volume) briefly addressed the need for continued leadership, openness, and transparency going forward in the next 40 years. He thanked those people who helped write the Heritage volume, and he thanked Dr. Fox and Timothy Angle who funded the printing of the book.

Linda Kondrick (past president) introduced members of the nominations committee: Nancy Fox, Pamela Broadston, Ron Skidmore, Betty Porter, Rose Jones, Vinson Thompson, David Bell, Kathleen Campbell, Charles Notar, Rebecca Robichaux, Paula Vanderford, Eric Dickson, JoAnna Dickey, and Jane Nell Luster.

She pointed out that this committee represented directors from all of the states in the region and noted that the 2011 slate of candidates represents all but one state in the region.

Linda Kondrick presented the slate of candidates for terms beginning 2011: Vice-President/President-Elect candidates-Michelle HajBroussard and Stephen Marvin; Directors At-Large candidates-Mindy Crain-Dorough, Gail Hughes, Charles Notar, and Roben Taylor; LEA/SDE Representative candidate-Paula Vanderford; and Graduate Student Representative Director candidates-Shannon Chiasson and Tina Tinney.

Linda asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made. Ava Pugh moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried. The ballots were marked and collected.

Dianne Richardson (Co-Chair Evaluation Committee) asked everyone to complete the meeting evaluations on-line or on paper.

Linda Morse reported two mentor sessions were held at the meeting this year.

Cliff Hofwolt gave the MSERF report. He discussed the benefits of MSERF and stated that MSERF funded the registration fee for 18 graduate students who were the winners of the *Research in Progress Award*.

Next year the foundation will give \$100 awards to each of the *RIF* award winners. This year the foundation also collected nearly \$3000 for the \$40 4 40 fundraiser campaign. The foundation also supported several events at the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting, including the time capsule, the past president's display, T-shirts and ribbons recognizing contributions to the campaign, the MSERA.org website, and the award for the outstanding paper presented at AERA. Cliff reminded the members that the foundation is a safety net for this organization.

Julie Holmes made a special contribution of \$250 to MSERF in the name of Rayma Harchar.

Julie Holmes encouraged members to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of MSERA in Lexington, Kentucky, November 7-9 at the Marriott Griffin Gate hotel.

### **Annual Meeting Recognition**

Julie Holmes recognized award winners which included:

Michelle Haj-Broussard-Program Chair; Ava Pugh-Harry L. Bowman Service Award; Franz H. Reneau-Herbert M. Handley Outstanding Dissertation Award; Dissertation Advisor-Marietta Del Fazero; and Andrea Lynch Paganelli-James McLean Distinguished Paper Award

Julie Holmes also recognized outgoing officers:

At-Large Directors-Kathleen Campbell, Charles Notar, Rebecca Robichaux, and David Bell; State Directors-Nancy Fox- Alabama, Pam Broadston-Arkansas, Ronald Skidmore-Kentucky, Michelle Haj-Broussard-Louisiana, Rose Jones-Mississippi, Vince Thompson, Tennessee; Eric Dickson-Graduate Representative, and Paula Vanderford-SLEA/LEA Representative.

Julie Holmes also recognized Committee Chairs and Editors:

David Morse-Archives and MSERA Website; Randy Parker-Budget Advisory Committee and LERA Liaison; Harry Bowman and James McLean-Co-Chairs Constitution & Bylaws Committee; Julie Holmes-Chair, Distinguished Paper Selection Committee; Charles Notar-Chair, Development Committee; Linda Kondrick-Chair, Nominations Committee, Rose Jones and Dianne Richardson-Co-chairs, Evaluation Committee; Ava Pugh-President, MSER Foundation; Dianne Richardson and Patrick Kariuki-Future Site Selection Committee; Pam Broadston, Susan Ferguson, and Shannon Chiasson-Graduate Advisory Committee, Kathleen Campbell and Jasna Vuk-Membership Committee; Linda Morse-Chair, MSERA Mentors Committee; Rob Kennedy-Chair, Publications and Communications Committee; John Petry, ERIC Liason and Editor, MSERA Proceedings; John Slate and Tony Onwuegbuzie-Co-Editors, *Research in the Schools*; Lynn Howerton and Mary Jane Bradley-Co-Editors, the *Researcher*; Gahan Bailey-Chair, Harry Bowman Service Award Committee; and Richard Kazelskis-Chair, Walter Mathews Historical Contribution Committee.

Julie Holmes also recognized members who helped with the local arrangements:

Robert Fox and Sarah Blackwell-Site Co-coordinators; Fanny Love-Administrative Co-coordinator; and Ann Monroe-Local Arrangements Committee.

Michelle Haj-Broussard gave out the *Research In Progress* awards to Shannon Chiasson, Shirley Douglas, Patricia Kuhlman, Michael Ray, Kaori Shimizu, Jo Ann Marx, Jandel Crutchfield, Heather Moore, Elizabeth Waters, Bart Swecker, Abasi McKinzie, Victoria Palmisano, Adam Koritsanszky, Lindsey Jakiel, and Elizabeth Repsher,

Michelle and Eddie thanked MSERF for funding graduate student awards.

Eddie Shaw announced and congratulated the newly elected officers:

Michelle Haj-Broussard-Vice-President/President-Elect; Charles Notar, Roben Taylor, Gail Hughes, and Mindy Crain-Dorough-Directors At-Large; Paula Vanderford-LEA/SDE Representative; and Shannon Chiasson-Graduate Student Representative.

Door prizes were distributed by Julie Holmes and Michelle Haj-Broussard.

Eddie Shaw reminded all present of the reception following the business meeting and passed the gavel to the new president, Julie Holmes.

Julie Holmes presented Eddie with a plaque recognizing his hard work as president of MSERA 2011.

Julie Holmes called the meeting to a close.

**Adjournment:** The 2011 MSERA annual business meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.



**Mid South Educational Research Association  
2010 Board of Directors Minutes  
Mobile, Alabama  
Riverview Plaza  
November 4, 2010**

President Linda Kondrick called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. She thanked all for their work on this year's conference.

Cliff Hofwolt reported that MSERA had approximately \$25,000 going into the conference. The organization had 480 members last year. There were 172 pre-registered for this conference and approximately 70 registered onsite. He will send renewal information to present members who did not attend the conference. MSERA had \$5,850 in institutional memberships this year.

Linda introduced the members at the head table: Donna Herring, Eddie Shaw, Cliff Hofwolt, Gahan Bailey, Dana Thames, Julie Holmes, Walt Mathews, and Jane Nell Luster.

Dana Thames presented the slate of candidates for terms beginning 2010: Vice President/President-Elect-Julie Holmes, Secretary-Kathleen York and Nan Adams, Alabama Representative-Nancy Fox and Gary Peters, Arkansas Representative-Gail Hughes and Pam Broadston, Kentucky Representative-Ron Skidmore, Louisiana Representative- Rayma Harchar and Michelle Haj-Broussard, Mississippi Representative-Rose Jones and Sarah Blackwell, and Tennessee Representative-Vince Thompson. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations. Dana asked for nominations from the floor. Diane Swain moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried. The ballots were completed and collected.

Jane Nell Luster asked members to examine proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws. Time was given for members to review changes. Members voted unanimously to approve the changes. Jane Nell declared that the changes were approved by the membership.

Rose Jones asked that members complete the conference evaluation. She also asked members to be active and support MSERA.

Linda Morse gave a description of what constitutes a Mentor and shared the purpose of the Mentor program. She reported that a total of 17 graduate students attended the conference.

Rob Kennedy gave the MSERF report. He discussed the benefits of MSERF and stated that it is a financial safety net for MSERA. He discussed several of the MSERF projects including: providing funds for the MSERA website and giving scholarships to the RIP students who present at MSERA. MSERF plans to fund the registration fee for up to 16 graduate students next year.

Walt Mathews reported on the plans for the 2011 conference. Carolyn Wiggins explained the \$40 4 40 years program. The program was designed to support the Commemorative MSERA Celebration at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Conference at the University of Mississippi in 2011. She asked members to contribute or pledge \$40.00 to the MSER Foundation in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> year.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Recognition

The outgoing officers were recognized by Eddie Shaw. They included: Donna Herring-Secretary, Nancy Fox-Alabama Director, Pam Broadston-Arkansas Director, JoAnna Dickey-Kentucky Director, Betty Porter-Louisiana Director, Rose Jones-Mississippi Director, and Dana Thames-Past President.

Eddie also recognized members for Outstanding Service. They included: Cliff Hofwolt-Executive Director, Julie Holmes-Program Chair, Gahan Bailey and Eddie Shaw-Local Arrangements, Charlie Notar-Development Committee, Randy Parker-Budget Advisory, Jane Nell Luster-Operations Review, Rose Jones and Janet Boyce-Evaluation, Richard Kazelskis-Distinguished Awards, Mary Jane Bradley-Researcher, Rob Kennedy-Publications and Communications, Michelle Haj-Broussard and Pam Broadston-Graduate Student Advisory, Linda Morse-Mentors, David Morse-Archives and Website, Rebecca Robichaux-Membership, and Patrick Kariuki and Diane Richardson-Future Sites.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Awards

The Research In Progress awards were presented by Michelle Haj-Broussard and Pam Broadston. They thanked professors for encouraging students to submit proposals. They also thanked MSERF for funding graduate students to attend MSERA. The awards were presented to: Lleeia Cobb, LaShanda Simmons, Mona Reed, Otis Clayton, Timothy Nelson, Jamie Walker, Bo Shadden, Jeena Owens, Janelle Ouimette, Jennifer Nelson, and April Nelms. Pam and Michelle presented the graduate students with checks and thanked them for presenting.

Randy Parker presented the Harry Bowman Award to William Spencer from Auburn University. Richard Kazelskis presented the Walt Mathews Award to David and Linda Morse.

Eddie Shaw announced that there were no clear cut winners for the Distinguished Papers. No awards were given.

Dana Thames announced the winners of the elections. There were: Vice President/President-Elect Julie Holmes, Secretary-Kathleen York, Tennessee Representative-Vince Thompson, Alabama Representative-Nancy Fox, Arkansas Representative-Pam Broadston, Kentucky Representative-Ron Skidmore, Mississippi Representative-Rose Jones, Louisiana Representative-Michelle Haj-Broussard, and President-Eddie Shaw. President Linda Kondrick inducted the officers.

Linda thanked several women who have mentored her over the years and presented gifts to Kathy Franklin, Jane Nell Luster, Julie Holmes, Dana Thames, and Gahan Bailey.

Door prizes were distributed by Julie Holmes and Rose Jones.

Linda reminded members to fill out the participation form and asked all to place evaluation forms in the box outside or email them. She reminded all of the reception following the business meeting and passed the gavel to new president Eddie Shaw.

Eddie presented Linda with a plaque for her wonderful work as president of MSERA 2010. He called for motion to close meeting. Randy Parker made the motion and Charlie Notar seconded. The motion carried. The 2010 MSERA Business meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

**Mid-South Educational Research Association  
2009 Business Meeting  
Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center  
Riverside B  
Baton Rouge, LA  
November 5, 2009**

President Dana Thames called the meeting to order at 5:00 EST. President Thames welcomed attendees to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Business meeting and announced the reception on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor following the Business Meeting.

Cliff Hofwolt reported on the financial status of MSERA. MSERA started the year with approximately \$34,500 and presently has approximately \$44,600. The hotel bill for the conference has to be paid. Cliff noted that MSERA is solvent and the financial health of the organization is strong. In addition, MSERF has in excess of \$40,000.

Cliff also reported on MSERA participation. MSERA averages around 500 members per year. The 2009 conference registration was approximately 300. There were 207 who pre-registered and 90 registered on-site.

Julie Holmes thanked all who served as presidors and encouraged all attendees to complete the conference evaluation form either on paper or online. The 2010 Call for Participation was discussed and all attendees were asked to volunteer to serve on a future MSERA committee.

Michelle Haj-Boussard presented awards from MSERF to: Delores Cormier-Zenon, Steven McCullar, Heather Moore, Susan Piper, and Marian Jackson. She expressed thanks to the graduate students and the Foundation.

Linda Kondrick presented the Herbert M. Handley Outstanding Dissertation Award to Monica Ratliff and Sherlyn Powell and the James E. McLean Distinguished Paper Award to Larry Daniels, Lunetta Williams, and Katrina Hall. A \$500 check accompanied the Outstanding Dissertation Award and a \$250 check accompanied the distinguished Paper Award.

Dana Thames presented the Harry L. Bowman Service Award to Walter Mathews. Richard Kazelskis awarded the Walter Mathews Historical Contributions Award to Ron Adams.

Jane Nell Luster recognized and thanked those who served on the local arrangements committee including Betty Porter, Julie Holmes, Rebecca Robichaux, Randy Parker, and Lynn Loftin.

Eddie Shaw gave highlights for the 2010 conference and invited everyone to come to Mobile, AL in 2010.

Walter Mathews announced the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference scheduled on the campus of Ole Miss in 2011. He encouraged all to volunteer for a committee or work on the conference publication celebrating 40 years of MSERA.

Randy Parker announced the slate of officers from the 2009 nominating committee. The slate of officers included: Vice President/President Elect—Edward Shaw, At-Large—David Bell, Kathleen Campbell, Charles Notar, and Rebecca Robichaux. A motion was made and seconded to present the slate of officers for a vote. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The vote carried unanimously. Bill Spencer made a motion that the candidates be elected by acclamation. Bob Rasmussen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Thames thanked Randy Parker and the nominating committee for their great work.

Door prizes were distributed by Julie Holmes, Betty Porter, and Rebecca Robichaux. Julie thanked the state representatives and Pearson Higher Education for the door prizes.

The 2008-2009 outgoing Board Members and Committee Chairs were recognized as follows: At-Large Representatives: Julie Holmes, Eddie Shaw, David Bell, and Gloria Richardson, Archives and MSERA Website—David Morse, Constitution and By-Laws—Harry Bowman, Distinguished Awards Selection Committee—Linda Kondrick, Development Committee—Charles Notar, Nominations Committee—Randy Parker, Exhibits and Vendors—Julie Holmes, Future Sites—Patrick Kariuki and Co-Chair JoAnna Dickey, Graduate Student Advisory—Michelle Haj-Boussard, Growth and Expansion—Larry Daniel, Local Arrangements—Jane Nell Luster and Co-Chair—Betty Porter, Membership—Rebecca Robichaux, MSERA Mentors—Linda Morse, Research In The Schools Co-Editors—John Slate and Tony Onwuegbuzie, The Researcher Co-Editors—Lynn Howerton and Mary Jane Bradley, Walter Mathews Historical Contribution Committee—Richard Kazelskis, 2009 Outstanding Reviewers for Research In The Schools—David Morse, Robert Kennedy, and Angela Gibson, Program Chairs—Eddie Shaw and Julie Holmes. President Thames thanked Cliff Hofwolt for his dedication and hard work.

The induction of new officers was conducted by President Dana Thames.

President Thames thanked all for their support and hard work during her tenure as president. She handed the gavel over to Linda Kondrick as the 2010 MSERA president.

President Kondrick presented a plaque to outgoing President Thames in honor of her year as 2009 President of MSERA and invited all to attend the reception on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 EST.



**Mid South Educational Research Association**  
**Fall Business Meeting**  
**November 6, 2008**  
**Crowne Plaza—Salon A, B, C**  
**Knoxville, TN**

President Randy Parker officially called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm EST. He announced the reception immediately following the business meeting.

President Parker yielded the floor to Pass President Bill Spencer, Chair of the nominations committee. Bill explained the make-up of the nominations committee and thanked those who served on the committee. He introduced the 2009 slate of officers as follows: Vice President—Linda Kondrick, Secretary—Donna Herring, Alabama Director—Nancy Fox, Arkansas Director—Pam Broadston, Kentucky Director—JoAnna Dickey, Louisiana Director—Betty Porter, Mississippi Director—Rose Jones, and Tennessee Director—Barbara Young. Bill explained the ballot colors and policy for voting for state directors. Bill opened the floor for nominations and asked for nominations for each position individually. Beverly Klecker nominated Dr. Ron Skidmore, from Morehead State University for the Kentucky Director's position. Attendees from Kentucky were asked to write in Dr. Skidmore's name to express a vote for him. With no additional nominations, Bill closed the nominations. Gahan Bailey made a motion that others be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Kentucky members voted and ballots were collected.

Cliff Hofwolt gave the Executive Director's report. He reported that MSERA had 326 attendees in Hot Springs and presently have 340 at the Knoxville conference. We ended the year with 493 current members. He explained that everyone attending this conference will have membership for 2009. Those not attending will receive renewal letters. Cliff asked attendees to notify him if any contact information such as mailing address and/or email address changed. Cliff announced that we opened the year with approximately \$40,700 in the bank. We collected prior to the conference about \$26,000 and now have a balance of around \$55,000. After bills are paid for this conference, we should end the year in good shape. MSERA membership and conference rates have not increased over the past 10 years and should remain the same for next year. MSERA has a second account managed by the MSER Foundation which has around \$40,000 in a money market account. MSERA is healthy financially and will continue to offer a great conference. He also stated that our Institutional Memberships have contributed considerably to this organization.

Randy thanked Cliff for his work as Executive Director. He also thanked the institutions who are Institutional Members and thanked Charlie Notar for his work with the Institutional Membership.

Eddie Shaw reported on evaluations and asked attendees to complete the evaluation form and provide comments. He announced that the conference evaluation could be completed by paper or online. He encouraged all attendees to consider helping by volunteering to work on a committee. Eddie thanked presidors, especially those that filled in. He also asked for those interested in evaluating proposals to email him and he expressed a need for members to volunteer work on the program committee.

Rob Kennedy gave a report from the MSER Foundation. The foundation serves as a support mechanism and financial safety net for the conference. Bob Rasmussen is leader in maximizing return on money from the MSERF. Funds go to support *Research in Progress* sessions, Outstanding Paper awards, and the MSERA Website. He commended David Morse for his work on the website. Rob thanked attendees for their contributions and announced that a list of contributors appears in the *Researcher*.

Gahan Bailey announced the formation of a Support Committee. Last year they decided to support the graduate students who were accepted to present their work in the *Research In Progress* sessions. Last year they presented 6 graduate students with checks and this year have 4 who will receive checks from the foundation. She asked for Pam Broadston and Michelle Haj-Broussard, co-chairs of the Graduate Advisory Committee, to come forward to present the checks. Checks in the amount of \$200 were given to Lon Fox, Yuko Iwai, Jan Blake, David Horgan.

Linda Morse gave a report from the Mentors committee. They gave away books at the *Research In Progress*

sessions. She invited those graduate students to join MSERA next year.

Randy thanked our colleagues from the University of Tennessee for their excellence with local arrangements. He recognized Chris Skinner who has been exemplary in putting the conference together. Chris thanked Judith Boser, Gary Skolits, and Tinah Utsman for their hard work and assistance with local arrangements.

Bill Spencer announced a tie vote for the Kentucky Director's position and asked the entire group to vote. White ballots were distributed and all members were asked to write in either JoAnna Dickey or Ron Skidmore. Ballots were collected.

Betty Porter reported that LERA provided the red luggage tags for everyone. She asked all to come to Baton Rouge next year and reminded members that the dates for next year's conference are on the luggage tags.

Cliff presented the Program Chair Award to Linda Kondrick. The Harry L. Bowman Service Award was given to Arkansas State University for handling the *Researcher* for the past 10 years. A plaque was presented to Nola Christenberry, Mary Jane Bradley, and Lynn Howerton along with a plaque for their Dean. The Walter M. Matthews Historical Contributions Award was presented to John Enger. The James E. McLean Distinguished Paper Award was not presented due to lack of submissions that were worthy of the award. The Herbert M. Handley Outstanding Dissertation Award was presented to John F. Edwards (student) and David Morse (professor) along with a check for \$200. State Directors were presented awards as follows: Rebecca Giles—Alabama, Linda Kondrick—Arkansas, JoAnna Dickey—Kentucky, Betty Porter—Louisiana, Dana Thames—Mississippi, and Patrick Kariuki—Tennessee. Donna Herring was presented the Secretary plaque. At-Large Representatives David Bell, Julie Holmes, Eddie Shaw, and Diane Swain received certificates for their committee work. Committee Chairs were awarded certificates as follows: David Morse (Archives and MSERA Web Site), Charles Notar (Development), Eddie Shaw (Evaluation), Julie Holmes (Evaluation and Exhibits and Vendors), Patrick Kariuki (Future Site Selection), JoAnna Dickey (Future Site Selection), Pam Broadson (Graduate Advisory), Michelle Broadston (Graduate Advisory), Chris Skinner (Local Arrangements), Gary Skolits (Local Arrangements) Paige Baggett (Membership), Rebecca Robichaus (Membership), Linda Morse (Mentors), Rob Kennedy (Publications and Communications), Lynn Howerton (The Research), Mary Jane Bradley (The Researcher), Dana Thames (Distinguished Awards), John Petry (ERIC Liaison and Proceedings)

Randy Parker announced the results from the vote for Kentucky Director. JoAnna Dickey was selected as Kentucky Director.

New board members were asked to come forward for installation of new officers. Those included: Vice President—Linda Kondrick, Secretary—Donna Herring, Alabama Director—Nancy Fox, Arkansas Director—Pam Broadston, Kentucky Director—JoAnna Dickey, Louisiana Director—Betty Porter, Mississippi Director—Rose Jones, Tennessee Director—Barbara Young, and Dana Thames (President). Randy Parker conducted the Installation of Officers ceremony.

Door prizes were distributed.

President Randy Parker passed the official gavel to new president Dana Thames. Dana recognized first time attendees. She also asked attendees from our six member states and other states to continue to return to MSERA which is a welcoming and warm organization. She recognized past presidents (~15) and founders (~4) in the audience. Founding members in the audience included Walter Mathews, Bob Rasmussen, John Petry and Bill Spencer.

Dana thanked Randy for his hard work, efforts, leadership, and wisdom and presented him with the President's Plaque with Gavel.

Dana adjourned the meeting at 6:30.

Mid South Educational Research Association  
Austin Hotel  
Hot Springs, AR  
November 8, 2007  
Business Meeting Minutes

President Bill Spencer called the 2007 MSERA Business Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. CST on November 8, 2007. He thanked everyone for coming and expressed his appreciation to the many who participated in the conference.

Nominations Chair Gahan Bailey presented the 2008 slate of officers for Vice President/President Elect, At-Large Representatives, and LEA/SDE Representative. The candidates were asked to stand as their names were called. There were no nominations from the floor. Gahan announced that no nominations for Graduate Student Representative were submitted prior to the meeting and asked for nominations from the floor. Kevin Walker was the only nomination made from the floor. The motion was made that the candidate for LEA/SDE representative and the candidate for Graduate Student Representative be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous. Gahan gave directions for completing the ballot. The ballots were collected for counting.

Rob Kennedy, MSERF president, spoke on behalf of the MSER Foundation. He explained the Research in Progress Award program and the procedures for applying. He stated that the MSER Foundation is very pleased to support the project. Rob emphasized that the funds come from contributions of MSERA members to the foundation. Rob and Sherri Shaw presented six graduate students with a check for \$200 each. Graduate students receiving the awards were: Jared Bartels, Bonaventure Ogbechie, SungHee YangKim, Delores Brazzell, Hemali McJunkins, and Kaston Anderson.

President Spencer and Harry Bowman presented Richard and Carolyn Kazelskis with the Harry M. Bowman Service Award. The Walter M. Mathews Historical Contributions Award was presented by Walter Mathews to Jerry Robbins. Executive Director Cliff Hofwolt presented the McLean Outstanding Research Paper Award to Nancy Leech and Tony Onwuegbuzie. They received a cash award of \$250 from the association as well as \$250 from the foundation. The two will split the award and will automatically have the opportunity to present at AERA. Cliff also presented the Herbert Handley Outstanding Dissertation Award to Lishu Yin. Lishu received a \$250 cash award and her advisor, Dwight Hare, was recognized.

Randy Parker introduced Patrick Kariuki, Tennessee Representative, who spotlighted Knoxville for the 2008 conference. Randy discussed the site arrangements and showed a short video of the Crown Plaza conference hotel.

Door prizes were provided by State Representatives, At-large Representatives, and the LEA Representative. Julie Holmes and Linda Kondrick awarded the door prizes. Members had to be present to win.

Cliff Hofwolt recognized the 2006-2007 Board Members and Committee Chairs. Those recognized were: Julie Holmes, Jack Klotz, Gloria Swain, Edward Shaw, Laura Boudreaux Pitre, Rebecca Giles, Linda Kondrick, JoAnna Dickey, Betty Porter, Dana Thames, Patrick Kariuki, Kevin Walker, David Morse, Gahan Bailey, Harry Bowman, Lawrence Leonard, Randy Parker, Susan Santoli, Sherry

Shaw, Michelle Haj-Boussard, Paige Baggett, James Kirylo, Linda Morse, Rob Kennedy, Tom Lucey, John Petry, Tony Onwuegbuzie, Larry Daniel, Mary Jane Bradley, Lynn Howerton, Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, and Kevin Kieffer. Linda and Julie were also given certificates to the spa for their dedicated work and many hours spent with local arrangements.

Eddie Shaw asked members to please complete a conference evaluation. He informed members that the evaluation can be done online. Eddie asked that paper evaluations be dropped in the box at the evaluations table. He thanked all who served as presiders and those who assisted at the evaluations table.

President Spencer announced the results of the election as follows: 1) Vice President/President Elect—Dana Thames, 2) At-Large Members: Eddie Shaw, Gloria Swain, David Bell, and Julie Holmes. He also asked Linda Boswell, Kevin Walker, and Randy Parker to join the others at the podium. President Spencer presided over the installation of new officers.

Bill announced the location of the reception and acknowledged the contribution of Arkansas Tech University for partially supporting the reception. Bill thanked the members of the association for the opportunity to serve as president and thanked his dean for her support in allowing him time to complete MSERA responsibilities. He also thanked board members and committee chairs for their support during his tenure. President Spencer then passed the gavel to incoming 2008 President, Randy Parker.

Randy acknowledged the efforts of Bill Spencer and presented him with a plaque for his service as 2007 MSERA President. Randy pledged to build upon the foundation of the many that came before us and to lead this foundation towards meaningful pursuits and endeavors. President Parker invited all to the gala reception and celebration. The 2007 business meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. CST.

Mid South Educational Research Association  
Wynfrey Hotel  
Birmingham, AL  
November 9, 2006  
Business Meeting Minutes

President Gahan Bailey called the 2006 MSERA Business Meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. on November 9, 2006. She expressed her appreciation to the many who introduced her to, encouraged, and have supported her since she joined MSERA in 1994.

Rob Kennedy spoke on behalf of MSERF Foundation, explaining the mission of MSERF and future plans including the possibility of providing stipends for graduate students who are accepted in the Research in Progress category. He reminded members that it is their contributions to MSERF that makes this service to MSERA members possible. He expressed his appreciation for the many who have supported the foundation over the past several years.

Door prizes were drawn for the gifts provided by the State Representatives and At-Large- Representatives. Members had to be present to win.

Cliff Hofwolt presented an award to John Petry who recently retired from his long held position as MSERA Executive Secretary. He was awarded a life-time membership in appreciation of his many years of dedicated service to MSERA. A standing ovation attested to the great regard in which John is held by this organization.

The Executive Director also recognized the 2005-2006 State Representatives, and At-Large Representatives, Board Members, and Committee Chairpersons for their service during an unusual tenure. Larry Daniel also recognized Claribel Torres for her editorial work on *Research in the Schools*.

Jim Mclean presented the Outstanding Research paper Award to Glennelle and Gerald Halpin both of Auburn University. Walter Mathews presented the Historical Contribution Award to one of the MSERA founding members, George Hayes. Harry Bowman presented the Service Award to Linda Morse; the award was received by David Morse. Cliff Hofwolt presented the Herbert Handley Dissertation Award to Susan Seay of University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Randy Parker asked members to complete their conference evaluation forms either on the hard copies provided, or online at their convenience.

Past President Luster thanked President Bailey for sharing the 2006 conference with the 2005 leadership. She then presented the 2007 slate of officers. The candidates were asked to stand as their names were called. The motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was passed by acclamation. John Petry presided over the installation of the new officers: Randy Parker, President-elect; Herring, Secretary; Rebecca Giles, Alabama Representative; Linda Kondrick, Arkansas Representative; Joanna Dickey, Kentucky Representative; Betty Porter, Louisiana Representative; Dana Thames, Mississippi Representative; Patrick Kariuki, Tennessee Representative.

President Bailey then handed over the gavel to the incoming 2007 MSERA President, Bill Spencer. Bill invited all to the following reception. He then presented a token of appreciation to Gahan Bailey for her service as 2006 MSERA President. He concluded with an appeal for members to become actively involved in service to the

organization. President Spencer then adjourned the 2006 MSERA Business Meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda C. Kondrick  
Secretary MSERA