AERA PAPER FROM MSERA

One member of MSERA will be named to present a paper at the annual AERA meeting to be held in San Francisco, April 8-12, 1979. To select the outstanding paper submitted for consideration, the following regulations will be adhered to:

1. Each member who desires to be in competition for the outstanding paper will prepare four copies of his research paper and submit them by August 1, 1978 to the chairman of the selection committee, Dr. James E. McLean. (Note: This does not replace the abstract to be submitted to the Program Planning Committee by August 1 for consideration for the annual convention.)

2. By September 1, members of a selection committee working with the selection committee chairman will select 5-8 papers that they consider to be outstanding and will submit them to a committee of three disinterested, professional people from outside the region.

3. The results will be reported to the Board of MSERA at its meeting immediately prior to the annual conference and the Board will make the final decision and announce the three highest ranking papers in order of rank.

Members desiring to place their papers in competition for selection to represent the Mid-South Educational Research Association are requested to send six copies of their research papers (no length designated) to:

Dr. James E. McLean
P.O. Box 4006
University, Alabama 35486
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At its regular spring meeting held at Memphis State University on April 7, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to admit Kentucky as a member state. This proposal will be presented to the membership at the next convention for action.

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

I. General Information

The Seventh Annual MSERA Convention will be held November 8-10 in New Orleans, La. Headquarters for the convention will be the Maison Dupuy Hotel. University faculty, school personnel, graduate students, and others interested in educational research are invited to participate. Proposals for papers, symposia, and other formal presentations will be considered for inclusion in the program if they are received by August 1, 1978.

In order to assure that a wide variety of interests are represented, no single theme will be followed. Participants at past conventions have presented papers and symposia representing almost every discipline within the field of education. Examples of past topic areas include teacher education, evaluation research, special education, educational measurement and statistics, curricular issues, and many more.

II. General Regulations for Participation

- All members of MSERA are invited to submit a proposal for consideration. Membership is open to all persons who support the purposes of the organization. An application for membership can be found on the reverse side of this newsletter. Additionally, all persons attending the convention, including participants, will be required to register.

- PRINCIPAL AUTHORS MUST BE WILLING TO PRESENT THEIR PAPERS IN PERSON AT THE CONVENTION. If circumstances arise that prevent principal authors from presenting their papers they have the responsibility for obtaining a substitute to make the presentation. The Program Chairman must be notified of any changes.

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- Each contributor may be the principal author of only one paper. A principal author, however, may also participate in a symposia.

- Proposals submitted for consideration must meet the guidelines specified in this publication. The Program Committee reserves the right to exclude any proposal which does not meet all general regulations.

- Participants are expected to bring multiple copies of their papers for distribution. Principal authors must submit 2 copies of their presentations to MSERA for the organization's archives.

III. Nature of the Program

The program will consist of Discussion Sessions, Symposia, Training Sessions, Featured Sessions for Special Interest Groups, and Graduate Students Seminars for Research Proposals.

Guidelines for submitting proposals for each of these components of the program are as follows:

A. PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Discussion Sessions are organized around general topic areas selected by the Program Committee. Each participant submitting a proposal is asked to indicate appropriate descriptors (i.e. teacher evaluation, statistics, reading) relevant to the content of the paper. Participants are given approximately 15 minutes to present—not read—their papers. A general discussion session usually follows the presentations.

To propose a paper for a Discussion Session, the author should submit three copies of a typed, double spaced abstract that does not exceed 500 words. Longer abstracts will not be accepted. The abstract should include a statement of the problem, the significance of the study, a summary of procedures and statistical models employed, and a summary of results. A cover sheet preceding each abstract should include:

1. Title of Paper
2. Author(s) Name and Affiliation
3. Address of Principal Author
4. Three major descriptors relevant to the content of the paper.
5. Type of proposal: Discussion Session

Note: 2 self-addressed, STAMPED envelopes must accompany each proposal.

B. PROPOSALS FOR SYMPOSIAS

Those persons wishing to organize a symposia should submit three (3) copies of a typed, double spaced abstract that does not exceed 1000 words. Longer abstracts will not be accepted. The abstract should include a brief overview of the symposium, summaries of individual presentations, and suggestions for audience participation. A cover sheet preceding each abstract should include:

1. Title of Symposium
2. Organizer's Name, Affiliation, and Address
3. Names, Affiliation, and Addresses of all Participants
4. Titles of Individual Presentations
5. Three major descriptors relevant to the content of the paper.
6. Type of Proposal: Symposium

Note: 2 self-addressed, STAMPED envelopes must accompany each proposal.

C. PROPOSALS FOR TRAINING SESSIONS

The first half-day of the annual meeting is usually set aside for training sessions. Popular topics usually involve entry level research, statistical, or evaluation skills. Such training sessions usually last from 1-4 hours. Registration fees are optional. Persons wishing to organize a Training Session should submit three (3) copies of a typed, double spaced abstract that does not exceed 400 words. The abstract should include a description of the scope of the training session, a list of objectives, and a summary of the activities to be presented. A cover sheet preceding each abstract should include:

1. Title of Training Session
2. Names, Affiliation, and Addresses of Presentors
3. Length of Training Session
4. Amount of Registration Fee, if any
5. Any additional information, such as special equipment or limits on number of participants
6. Type of Proposal: Training Session

Note: 2 self-addressed, STAMPED envelopes must accompany each proposal.
D. PROPOSAL FOR FEATURED SESSIONS

Featured Sessions have been organized to permit a single author or group of authors to present an extended discussion of a major topic. Topics treated in Featured Sessions are usually of general interest and should be designed to permit open discussion involving the audience.

To propose a paper for a Featured Session, the author should submit three copies of a typed, double-spaced abstract that does not exceed 500 words. Longer abstracts will not be accepted. The abstract should include a statement of the problem, the significance of the study, a summary of procedures and statistical models employed, and a summary of results. A cover sheet preceding each abstract should include:

1. Title of Paper
2. Author(s) Name and Affiliation
3. Address of Principal Author
4. Three major descriptors relevant to the content of the paper.
5. Type of Proposal: Featured Session

E. GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINARS FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

To increase participation by graduate students, a new component has been added to the program this year. Several seminars will be scheduled to allow graduate students to present research proposals for theses or dissertations which are still in the developing stage. Each student will be given about 10 minutes to present a summary of his or her research proposal. At the end of the session, a general discussion will be held so that students may receive feedback on the research design, methodology, and measurement and statistical techniques in their proposals.

Students wishing to submit a proposal for these seminars should prepare a typed, double spaced abstract that does not exceed 400 words. The abstract should include a statement of the problem, the significance of the study, and a brief description of the proposed procedures. A cover sheet preceding each abstract should include:

1. Title of Presentation
2. Student's Name, Affiliation, and Address
3. Name and Affiliation of Major Professor
4. Type of Proposal: Graduate Student

F. SESSION CHAIRPERSONS

Individuals who are interested in serving as chairpersons for the various sessions held during the convention should send their name and address on a 3" x 5" index card to the Program Chairman.

G. OTHER PROGRAM NOTES

The Program Committee encourages innovative ideas for new types of sessions. Anyone wishing to organize a special topic of issue session should contact the Program Chairman.

H. AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Participants are encouraged to supply their own audio-visual equipment. However, if special needs arise, please contact the Program Chairman. Each meeting room will be supplied with a screen and blackboard.

IV. WHERE TO SEND PROPOSALS

All proposals and correspondence concerning the convention program should be sent to the Program Chairman:

Dr. Robert H. Rasmussen
Box 140
LSU School of Dentistry
1100 Florida Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70119

Remember to include: 3 copies of cover sheet and abstract and 2 self-addressed STAMPED envelopes.

Deadline for Proposals: Aug. 1, 1978

Notification: All persons submitting proposals will be notified of receipt of abstracts. Final notification for proposals to be included in the program will be mailed by September 20, 1978.

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ROBERT BLACKMON of LSU has been named Louisiana representative to MSERA Board of Directors to succeed Jack Newfield.
Mid-South Educational Research Association

is an association for those in the Mid-South who are interested in quality educational research and its application in the schools.

APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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Name: ☐ MR. __________________________ Institution or Organization: ☐ MS. last first middle

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Membership
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☐ Student Member ...... $3.00
(students only: name of sponsoring professor: __________________________)

This application form may be returned to any of those listed on the back of this form or to Box 635, University, Mississippi, 38677. Make checks payable to MSERA.

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