

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This acknowledgements page is dedicated to you - the members of MSERA. It is also to recognize and salute those who served as your officers this year and committee leaders. As we've acknowledged many times, it has been a very different year. Look over the names of those who have served the organization in 2005, watch for them at upcoming meetings and say "thank you." It is a testament to their dedication that they met in November with almost perfect attendance to make the transition of leadership as smooth as possible for incoming President Gahan Bailey and to plan for the future of the organization. We missed Baton Rouge as the 2005 site of the meeting, yet Baton Rouge and Louisiana felt your support and concern. Thank you.

The 2005 MSERA Proceedings are abstracts representing the work of hundreds of experienced and novice researchers, educational practitioners, and policy makers. Although the scholarly work was not physically presented to an audience this year, this in no way takes away from the blind peer review process that lead to the acceptance of their work and recognition by MSERA that their work was worthy of inclusion on the program of the annual meeting.

This acknowledgements page will be somewhat shorter than those in previous proceedings; I want the first paragraph to stand as the recognition of the work of the 2005 leaders of MSERA this year.

One individual recognition that I do want noted is that of John Petry. John submitted his resignation as Executive Director of MSERA effective at the end of 2005. John has served MSERA with dedication in many capacities, including as Editor of these Proceedings. He is to be commended and thanked.

To the 2005 officers and committee chairpersons and all those who serve to make MSERA the organization it is, with thanks and appreciation.

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