

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This year has been a year of challenges and successes for MSERA. As President, I have been greatly gratified at the support given by members of the Board of Directors as well as by the committee chairs. The program reflected in this year's Proceedings is truly a work that has emerged from the hard work of many. I would especially like to thank the program chairs Gail Hughes and Linda Kondrick for their valiant efforts when the new proposal submission software being developed fell behind schedule. While it is now finalized and will be ready to go in the coming years, their patience was critical. Cliff Hofwolt also deserves a lot of credit for stepping in to push the process forward. And members of the program committee were also ultra cooperative in submitting their evaluations. Finally I would also like to thank those members of MSERA who submitted proposals for their patience and understanding. Both the presenters and the session chairs are to be commended.

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While there are many others who have contributed in so many ways, I must make a special effort to thank Linda Kondrick and Julie Holmes for their work as site co-chairs. Without their tireless and exemplary efforts, the conference could not have been as successful as it was. It has been a great year for MSERA and we look forward to another one in 2008.

Bill Spencer
MSERA President, 2007