

**Mid-South Educational Research Association  
2009 Board of Directors Meeting  
Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center  
Baton Rouge, LA  
November 3, 2009**

Members Present: Dana Thames, Linda Kondrick, Jane Nell Luster, Cliff Hofwolt, Gloria Swain, Rose Jones, Eddie Shaw, Harry Bowman, John Slate, Tony Onwuegbuzie, Joanna Dickey, Charley Notar, Nancy Fox, Donna Herring, Betty Porter, David Morse, Linda Morse, Walter Mathews, Rebecca Frels, Paige Baggett, Lynn Howerton, Mary Jane Bradley, David Bell, Julie Holmes

**Organization Business**

**Welcome**

**Dana Thames, President**

President Dana Thames called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm. She welcomed board members to Baton Rouge thanked everyone for their attendance. Dana expressed her gratitude to everyone for their cards, positive thoughts and well wishes during the past several months. Arrangements for dinner were announced. Dana thanked Jane Nell, Eddie, and Cliff for their dedication and hard work on conference arrangements and the program.

**Vice-President's Report**

**Linda Kondrick**

Linda reported that five papers were submitted for the Distinguished Paper Award and seven papers submitted for the Outstanding Dissertation Award. Linda thanked all for their concern and expressions of sympathy during her difficult time. She had nothing to report on the operations manual. Dana called attention to the presentation of papers on Friday morning from 9 to 9:50 and encouraged all to attend.

**Minutes**

**Donna Herring, Secretary**

Minutes from the 2009 Spring Board Meeting were distributed. Eddie Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy Fox seconded. The motion carried. Jane Nell Luster reminded all that only elected board members could vote.

**Executive Director's Report**

**Cliff Hofwolt**

Cliff Hofwolt submitted a Membership Analysis/Conference Registration report. Membership has remained around 500. Presently 207 have registered for the 2009 conference. Figures for 2006 (327), 2007 (272), and 2008 (335) are post conference membership, while the 2009 numbers are pre-conference membership.

A comparison of conference costs was presented. This conference will cost approximately \$28,000 in comparison to Hot Springs at \$13,000, Knoxville at \$14,000, and Birmingham at \$18,000. Cliff predicts that meeting costs will continue to go up yet membership is remaining constant. This year we will go in the hole with the operating budget. Cliff asks that we consider raising our fees at the spring 2010 Board meeting. The \$400 Institutional Members increased from 11 in 2009 to 12 in 2010 and the \$250 level decreased from 21 in 2009 to 18 in 2010.

**Constitution and Bylaws**

**Harry Bowman**

Harry Bowman had nothing for consideration.

**Nominations**

**Dana Thames, President**

The Slate of Candidates for terms beginning 2009 is as follows: VP/President Elect—Eddie Shaw, At-Large Representatives—David Bell, Kathleen Campbell, Charles Notar, and Rebecca Robichaux.

**Conferences Reports**

**Program Chair**

**Eddie Shaw**

A program report was submitted by Julie Holmes and Eddie Shaw. Over 300 proposals were submitted. Proposals were evaluated by at least two reviewers. The acceptance rate was 95% with 223 papers, 33 displays, 8 symposiums, 11 training sessions, and 13 RIPs accepted. A tri-fold brochure listing program sessions for each day and an addendum of late changes in the program will be provided at the registration desk. Eddie asked board

members to assist with presiding over a session. Suggested revisions to the conference software and proposal submission processes were discussed.

#### **Future Sites**

**JoAnna Dickey**

A Report of the Future Site Committee was submitted by JoAnna Dickey and Patrick Kariuki. The 2010 conference will be held in Mobile, Alabama with 2011 in Oxford, Mississippi, and 2012 in Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Larry Daniels has submitted a proposal for 2013 in Pensacola Beach, Florida which would call for a slight change in the MSERA rotation policy since 2013 would normally be Alabama's year. Linda Kondrick made a motion that we allow Florida to submit a proposal for 2013. Eddie Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dana asked JoAnna to notify Dr. Daniels about the board approved change in rotation for 2013 which would allow Florida to submit a proposal.

#### **Local Arrangements**

**Jane Nell Luster**

Jane Nell reported that she is in the process of finalizing total costs for this conference. She suggested that it might be helpful to do a timeline for future local arrangements committees. The committee has goodie bags for attendees and secured door prizes from Louisiana which will be given out at the Wednesday luncheon.

Dana called attention to all meetings for students and new members and encouraged board members to stop by.

Dana brought long sleeve MSERA shirts for all board members to pick up after the meeting.

#### **2010 Conference Location**

**Eddie Shaw**

A 2010 MSERA Local Arrangements report was submitted by Eddie Shaw. The fall 2010 meeting will be November 2-5 in Mobile, Alabama. The room rate for the Riverview is \$129 and \$149 for the Battle House. Eddie has a poster spot lighting Mobile that will be on display during the conference. All presentations will be in The Riverview.

#### **2011 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference**

**Walt Mathews**

Walt Mathews discussed the preliminary plans for the 2011 Anniversary Meeting. He announced a planning meeting for Wednesday at 2:00 in the Capitol Room. So far, 45 people have a role in the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Walt encouraged all board members to volunteer for a committee. Dana reminded all that Ole Miss has a hotel on campus with limited rooms and encouraged those who want to attend the 2011 conference to get rooms now at the hotel on campus.

#### **Evaluations**

**Julie Holmes/Mary Nell McNeese, Co-Chairs**

Dana announced that Julie Holmes and Mary Nell McNeese will have a table set up outside the meeting rooms.

#### **Research in the Schools**

**Tony Onwuegbuzie**

A report was submitted by Tony Onwuegbuzie. He introduced Rebecca Frels as the new member of their team. She serves as editorial assistant. **Research in the Schools (RITS)** has received 31 manuscripts thus far this year. Tony thanked Cliff and David Morse for their help. **RITS** has 54 members on the board. The recipients of the 2009 Outstanding Reviewer's Award are Angela Gibson, David Morse, and Robert Kennedy. **RITS** is indexed by ERIC and has secured licensing agreements to PROQUEST and EBSCO.

#### **Researcher**

**Lynn Howerton/Mary Jane Bradley, Co-Editors**

A three part report was submitted by Lynn and Mary Jane. Part 1 provided a summary of costs for publishing and disseminating the **Researcher** in 2009. Part 2 outlined the Production Planning Calendar for 2010, and Part 3 defined deadlines for all contributors for each issue. The editors expect a need for extra pages in the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition of the **Researcher**.

#### **MSERA Mentors**

**Linda Morse**

A Research Mentors Committee report was submitted by Linda Morse. Meetings at the 2008 conference were very well attended. Ribbons and Pins were used to easily identify mentors last year and will again be used this year. Three boxes of books have been donated as door prizes for the Mentor sessions from Pearson Higher Education.

**Archives and Website****David Morse**

A Report of the Archives Committee was submitted by David Morse. Archives are held in the Mississippi State University Mitchell Memorial Library. Archives holdings of publications for 2009 are pretty much complete. Some MSERA history is missing submissions covering the reigns of three former presidents.

An Update on the MSERA World Wide Web Page was provided by David Morse. The MSERA web site is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year and exists at two URLs. The on-line submissions site was again in operation this year. The conference program was posted on the site by mid-October. David made a recommendation that abstracts be posted prior to the conference about the same time that the program is published.

**Development Chair****Charles Notar**

A report was submitted by Charles Notar. Charles sent 151 letters with invoices to Deans on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Charles thanked Lynn and Mary Jane for publishing information in the **Researcher**. He suggested that letters and invoices be sent out within a month of the new budget year for each state. He also plans to send email to each state representative once the letters have been mailed so they can do follow-up with the Deans in their state.

**Membership****Paige Baggett/Rebecca Robichaux, Co-Chairs**

A membership brochure was developed and disseminated electronically.

**MSERF**

Dana distributed the minutes from the MSERF 2008 Fall Board Meeting.

**Publications and Communications****Rob Kennedy/Tom Lucey, Co-Chairs**

Dana distributed the Publications and Communications committee report. The report discussed the use of Second Life as an alternative to being on site for conferences.

**Alabama Representative****Nancy Fox**

A report was submitted by Nancy Fox. Nancy developed a listing of Deans from the Colleges of Education across the state. Emails were sent to them prior to proposal submission deadlines. She also emailed the membership brochure and resent when the deadline was extended. In October, a reminder email promoting the MSERA conference was sent along with a links to the MSERA Website, the conference hotel, and information about Baton Rouge.

**Kentucky Representative****JoAnna Dickey**

A report was submitted by JoAnna Dickey. She will be attending as many Kentucky member presentations as the schedule permits. She sent emails to all Kentucky members welcoming them to MSERA and providing information to be distributed to colleagues. JoAnna sent information to all Dean's of Institutional Members with information about the conference. She also provided MSERA information to all colleges and universities that are not Institutional Members.

**Louisiana Representative****Betty Porter**

Betty sent email to Deans of Louisiana colleges throughout the year with MSERA information.

**Mississippi Representative****Rose Jones**

Rose emailed contacts in Mississippi. She received some correspondence regarding the MSERA conference.

**At-Large****David Bell**

David kept deans in Arkansas up to date regarding MSERA conference information. He plans to work with deans to get more Institutional Membership.

**At-Large****Julie Holmes**

Julie has corresponded to contacts requesting information regarding conference. She still needs presiders for about half the sessions. Evaluations have been organized and will be at the tables outside the meeting rooms. She plans to make a check-list for use by presiders. She has a box for the archives and encouraged all presiders to get copies of papers for the archives. She will also have a display for LSERA.

**At-Large**

Gloria sent invitations to individuals in research classes and online college members.

**Gloria Richardson**

**At-Large**

Eddie has worked with graduate students to set up a blog for students who need to study for the PRAXIS II. An email will be sent out when the site is ready.

**Eddie Shaw**

Diane Richardson made a motion to adjourn and Julie Holmes seconded. Dana adjourned the meeting at 5:30.