

**Mid South Educational Research Association
2010 Board of Directors
Mobile, Alabama
Riverview Plaza
November 2, 2010**

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS-BOARD MEETING

Members Present: Robert Fox, Sarah Blackwell, Gahan Bailey, Eddie Shaw, Dana Thames, Richard Kazelskis, Cliff Hofwolt, Harry Bowman, Randy Parker, Julie Holmes, Kathy Campbell, Vinson Thompson, Jane Nell Luster, Paula Vanderford, Eric Dickson, Linda Kondrick, Nancy Fox, Donna Herring, Rose Jones, Charlie Notar, Betty Porter, Diane Richardson, Fanny Love, David Morse, Linda Morse, Michelle Haj-Broussard, Rob Kennedy, Walter Mathews, Ava Pugh, and Kay Pepper

President Linda Kondrick called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. She thanked all committee members for their hard work on the 2010 conference. Linda introduced three new directors: Paula Vanderford-SDE/LEA Representative, Vinson Thompson-Tennessee Director, and Eric Dickson-Graduate Student Representative.

Eddie Shaw shared information about the proposed changes to the Operations Manual and asked everyone to look at the updated version. He also discussed the new position of Historian.

Donna Herring stated that the minutes had been sent to all board members and all suggested revisions had been made. Charlie Notar made the motion to accept the corrected minutes. Dana Thames seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dana Thames presented a report from the Nominations Committee. At least four people were contacted for each open position. She thanked everyone who helped in establishing the slate of candidates.

Cliff Hofwolt presented a financial report for the past year and shared the Accountant's Review Report. The balance is \$25,168.22. Cliff stated that the Institutional Memberships for 2010-2011 went down from last year. MSERA had 9 universities that joined at the \$250 level and 9 that joined at the \$400 level. He reported that MSERA has 177 pre-registered for the conference. There are presently 470 members. He reported that the Tax Exempt Forms had been filed and that MSERA is in compliance. The form must be filed each year. Richard Kazelskis made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Charlie Notar seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Charlie Notar suggested that the rates for Institutional Membership be reduced if universities sign up for two years. Cliff said there was already a policy in place and suggested that this be discussed and voted on at the spring meeting. Charlie mailed 150 letters with invoices on May 18, 2010. Nine institutions joined with \$250 memberships and nine with \$400 memberships.

Randy Parker reported that the financial situation for MSERA is solvent. He suggested that we be cautious due to the economy. Randy recommended that we encourage institutional memberships and additional individual memberships. He recommended a closer relationship with state directors to market the conference and consistently nurture members. He also asked local arrangements committees to work more closely to monitor conference expenses on the front in.

Jane Nell Luster presented a report from the Operations Review Committee. She stated the charge of the committee and discussed accomplishments over the past year. She suggested that a past president be on the committee for each decade. Jane Nell highlighted needs of the organization and discussed proposed changes to the Operations Manual which will be voted on in the Thursday Business Meeting. Harry Bowman prepared 200 copies for the Business Meeting. Jane Nell commended the members of the committee for their diligent work.

Harry Bowman distributed revisions in the Constitution and By-Laws and discussed each revision. Charlie Notar made a motion to accept the revisions and propose them to the MSERA membership at the Thursday Business meeting. Vinson Thompson seconded the motion. After discussion, a vote was taken. The motion carried.

2010 CONFERENCE REPORTS

Julie Holmes presented a report of the Program Committee. The program includes: 146 Discussion Papers, 20 Displays, 3 Symposia, 6 Training Sessions, and 14 Research in Progress sessions. There were 199 proposals submitted and 192 accepted. She thanked reviewers for their hard work in evaluating proposals. Julie announced that an Addendum to the program will be available at the registration table. The final program was posted on the MSERA website last week.

Gahan Bailey presented a report from the Local Arrangements Committee. Gahan welcomed all to Mobile and explained activities scheduled at the two conference hotels. Conference bags were put together and will be handed out at the registration table. She shared information about the keynote speaker, Winston Groom. Deans in the state of Alabama contributed \$5000 to pay for the keynote speaker. The deans were from: 1) The University of South Alabama, 2) Jacksonville State University, 3) The University of Alabama, 4) Auburn University, and 5) The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Rose Jones shared a report from the Evaluation Committee. She asked for volunteers to help at the table. The procedures for handling projectors were discussed. Julie Holmes stated that presenters were notified about the equipment MSERA would provide.

MSERA AWARDS REPORTS

Eddie Shaw reported that there were submissions for the Herbert Hanley Dissertation Award and James McLean Outstanding Research Paper Award. Each paper was reviewed by five people. There was no uniform rubric used for evaluation and no clear winner for either category. There will not be an award for either category this year. Eddie suggested that a rubric be developed for evaluation and posted on the web. He thanked all who helped with reviews.

Richard Kazelskis reported that several names were submitted for the Walter Mathews Historical Contribution Award. He expressed concerns that clarification was needed on the Walter Mathews Award and Harry Bowman Award. This will be addressed in the spring board meeting.

Judy Boser submitted a report from the Harry Bowman Award Committee. Five states were represented on the committee. The committee had three individuals nominated for the Harry Bowman Award. This year the award will be presented to Bill Spencer at the Business meeting on Thursday night.

MSERA RESEARCH FOCUS OFFERINGS AND PUBLICATIONS

Lynn Howerton sent a report that included the Production Planning Calendar Summary for 2011. The question was posed, "What happens if the Researcher is sent to member name or current resident?" Linda Kondrick will poll members before the spring board meeting. Kathy Campbell made a motion to approve the additional costs of four extra pages for the Anniversary publication of the Researcher and Rob Kennedy seconded it. The motion carried.

Tony Onwuegbuzie sent a report; however, since Internet was not available at the Board Meeting, the report could not be accessed. Linda Kondrick will email the report to all. A paper was left out of the last issue. The printer will reprint the publication since it was their fault.

Rob Kennedy provided a report from the Publications and Communications Committee. He discussed suggestions and recommendations from the committee which included the creation of a Technology Committee. Charlie Notar made the motion to create a Technology Committee. Functions and duties for the Technology Committee will be reviewed and proposed at the spring board meeting. Dana Thames seconded the motion. After no discussion, a vote was taken. The motion carried.

Michelle Haj-Broussard reported that there was an unprecedented number of Research In Progress sessions submitted. In order to accommodate the large numbers, poster sessions were added for Research In Progress.

Linda Morse provided a report from the Research Mentors Committee. There were two well attended sessions last year. Door prizes featuring new books on educational research topics were donated by Pearson Higher Education. Mentors were identified with pink ribbons for their badges and the official MSERA Mentors' pin. The plans for this year are to follow the same format. Two meetings have again been scheduled and Cengage has donated a box of books for door prizes.

David Morse presented a report from the Archives Committee. Archives holdings of publications are almost complete. A table was provided that summarized papers, handouts, or flotsam and jetsam collected from sessions at the 2009 conference in Baton Rouge. He stated that the evaluation committee does a good job getting papers and emphasized that all session presiders should get a paper for each session.

David Morse presented a report on the MSERA Website. He stated that the MSERA website is in its 14th year and exists at two URLs. The current program was received and posted. All but three issues of the Researcher have been posted on the Website.

Harry Bowman presented an Agreement For The Consortium of State and Regional Educational Research Associations (SRERA) to establish an Aligned Organization Relationship with The American Educational Research Association. SRERA will be required to establish by-laws. The report outlined the contributions to the Relationship by AERA, the Contributions to the Relationship by the Consortium, and the Collaborations by AERA and the Consortium. SRERA is an Aligned Organization with AERA. The charge by AERA of \$250 will provide a meeting room for the Consortium Business Session for 4 years starting in 2011. AERA will endeavor to provide an Exhibit Hall Booth for the AERA Annual Meeting to the Consortium at a discounted rate. SRERA will get a slot on the program for the winner of the distinguished paper. Harry asked for approval of amount to provide a booth. Dana Thames made a motion to provide \$200 for the booth and Charlie Notar seconded. After a discussion, a vote was taken. The motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT And DIRECTORS REPORTS

Jane Nell Luster led a discussion of recruitment of volunteers. The question was asked, "Do we want to ask people to volunteer for something that does not exist?" and "Do we want members to volunteer and never be contacted?" Linda Kondrick asked for a committee to look at the Call for Participation and revise. Eddie Shaw, Cliff Hofwolt, Jane Nell Luster, and Linda Kondrick volunteered and will work on the form for distribution on Thursday night. Procedures for recruitment and use of volunteers will be developed and Linda Kondrick will pilot this procedure for the next year.

Ava Pugh presented the Minutes of the 2009 Fall MSERF Board Meeting. New officers were elected as follows: Ava Pugh-President and Beverly Klecker-Vice President. Members of the Board of directors are: Gypsy Abbott, Bob Rasmussen, Dana Thames, Patrick Kariuki, and Eddie Shaw. The balance in the MSERF checking account is \$13,251. MSERF will continue to support the MSERA Outstanding Paper Award at \$250 and the MSERA Website at \$250 per year. The Board will continue to recognize contributors to MSERF in the membership issue of *The MSERA Researcher*.

Nancy Fox reported that she contacted Alabama College of Education Deans at all universities in the state encouraging participation in the 2010 MSERA Conference. Reminder emails were sent to University Deans in October. The email asked Deans to forward the information to all professors.

Pamela Broadston sent letters to all College of Education Deans in Arkansas. A copy of the letters was shared.

JoAnna Dickey sent a report but it did not get copied for distribution. The report will be sent by email. JoAnna has asked to be replaced as Local Arrangements chair in Kentucky.

Betty Porter developed a database of all who have attended from Louisiana in the last three years. She sent MSERA 2010 conference information via email during the year.

Rose Jones shared copies of information that was mailed to Universities throughout Mississippi. She sent information several times during the past year.

Kathleen Campbell and Rebecca Robichaux sent an email invitation and the tri-fold brochure advertising the MSERA 2010 meeting to all Deans of Colleges of Education at every university in Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama, and Kentucky. Kathleen asked faculty who teach in the Educational Leadership doctoral program to encourage/facilitate doctoral students to present. She also recruited two colleagues to run for offices. She designed an LERA flyer to distribute at the MSERA 2010 conference.

Charlie Notar has all addresses and correct names for all College of Education Deans by states. Anyone wanting a copy should contact Charlie.

Rebecca Robichaux promoted the MSERA 2010 conference via the tri-fold brochure. She also actively recruits faculty and graduate students. Rebecca offers help to first time presenters.

There was a discussion of how to handle "No Shows". Linda Kondrick will create a committee to develop a policy for "no shows". The policy will be presented at the spring board meeting.

FUTURE CONFERENCE REPORTS

Linda Kondrick restated the need to look for a new Kentucky local arrangements chair since JoAnna Dickey has asked to step down.

Walter Mathews discussed the 40th Anniversary Conference which will be held November 1-4, 2011. He summarized by stating that the Anniversary Conference will: 1) Examine the past to see what we can learn from it, 2) Look at the present and celebrate, and 3) Look at the future to see where we are going. The conference will be four days instead of three and will offer both pre and post conference sessions. He discussed several offsite activities that would be available and highlighted a number of events/receptions to be held during the conference. A Time Capsule will be buried on campus near the School of Education and will contain a special collection of items and objects. There will be a ceremony for burying the Time Capsule. A form was distributed to Board Members for suggestions for items for the time capsule. The form will also be distributed during the conference. Nancy Fox shared information on the Initialism Project and distributed post cards to Board Members for submitting an idea for the initials MSERA. Post cards will be distributed during the conference. Nancy created a banner for the registration area where post cards will also be available. Other ideas such as MSERA Trivia contest, Wikis, Photos from the Past, and \$40 for 40 years were discussed.

Kay Pepper announced that they would have a table set up from Mississippi. She asked all to stop by and pick up a bag with information and items from Mississippi.

Robert Fox discussed the local arrangements for the 2011 conference. There will not be a luncheon. There are 4 ball rooms, 2 auditoriums, and 2 board rooms. The Spring Board Meeting will be February 25-26, 2011 at the Inn at Ole Miss. The room rate is \$104 plus tax. A total of 30 rooms have been set aside for the board meeting. Board members may check in beginning October 31, 2011 for the Fall Conference. A total of 50 rooms are available for early check in. Check out will be November 4, 2011. Members can make reservations at 662 234-2331 or 888 486-7666 and should request either the Spring Board Meeting or Fall Conference. A free continental breakfast is provided and the hotel has a café on site. The hotel shuttle will take attendees to and from the square at no cost. Parking is free. Robert noted that suites are available for \$159 and if we hit an overflow, 40 additional rooms are available downtown. He will pay for the printing of *The Heritage Volume*.

Walt Mathews will get a cost for purchasing a mailing list from AERA. The goal is to broaden the appeal and increase membership. Betty Porter made a motion and Dana Thames seconded the motion for the executive committee to investigate and make decisions on how much to spend to send out additional information for advertising the 2011 conference. The motion carried.

Linda Kondrick reminded members that dinner is at 6:00. Nancy Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.