

Mid South Educational Research Association
Wynfrey Hotel
Birmingham, AL
November 9, 2006
Business Meeting Minutes

President Gahan Bailey called the 2006 MSERA Business Meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. on November 9, 2006. She expressed her appreciation to the many who introduced her to, encouraged, and have supported her since she joined MSERA in 1994.

Rob Kennedy spoke on behalf of MSERF Foundation, explaining the mission of MSERF and future plans including the possibility of providing stipends for graduate students who are accepted in the Research in Progress category. He reminded members that it is their contributions to MSERF that makes this service to MSERA members possible. He expressed his appreciation for the many who have supported the foundation over the past several years.

Door prizes were drawn for the gifts provided by the State Representatives and At-Large- Representatives. Members had to be present to win.

Cliff Hofwolt presented an award to John Petry who recently retired from his long held position as MSERA Executive Secretary. He was awarded a life-time membership in appreciation of his many years of dedicated service to MSERA. A standing ovation attested to the great regard in which John is held by this organization.

The Executive Director also recognized the 2005-2006 State Representatives, and At-Large Representatives, Board Members, and Committee Chairpersons for their service during an unusual tenure. Larry Daniel also recognized Claribel Torres for her editorial work on *Research in the Schools*.

Jim Mclean presented the Outstanding Research paper Award to Glennelle and Gerald Halpin both of Auburn University. Walter Mathews presented the Historical Contribution Award to one of the MSERA founding members, George Hayes. Harry Bowman presented the Service Award to Linda Morse; the award was received by David Morse. Cliff Hofwolt presented the Herbert Handley Dissertation Award to Susan Seay of University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Randy Parker asked members to complete their conference evaluation forms either on the hard copies provided, or online at their convenience.

Past President Luster thanked President Bailey for sharing the 2006 conference with the 2005 leadership. She then presented the 2007 slate of officers. The candidates were asked to stand as their names were called. The motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was passed by acclamation. John Petry presided over the installation of the new officers: Randy Parker, President-elect; Herring, Secretary; Rebecca Giles, Alabama Representative; Linda Kondrick, Arkansas Representative; Joanna Dickey, Kentucky Representative; Betty Porter, Louisiana Representative; Dana Thames, Mississippi Representative; Patrick Kariuki, Tennessee Representative.

President Bailey then handed over the gavel to the incoming 2007 MSERA President, Bill Spencer. Bill invited all to the following reception. He then presented a token of appreciation to Gahan Bailey for her service as 2006 MSERA President. He concluded with an appeal for members to become actively involved in service to the

organization. President Spencer then adjourned the 2006 MSERA Business Meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda C. Kondrick
Secretary MSERA