

Mid South Educational Research Association
Austin Hotel
Hot Springs, AR
November 8, 2007
Business Meeting Minutes

President Bill Spencer called the 2007 MSERA Business Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. CST on November 8, 2007. He thanked everyone for coming and expressed his appreciation to the many who participated in the conference.

Nominations Chair Gahan Bailey presented the 2008 slate of officers for Vice President/President Elect, At-Large Representatives, and LEA/SDE Representative. The candidates were asked to stand as their names were called. There were no nominations from the floor. Gahan announced that no nominations for Graduate Student Representative were submitted prior to the meeting and asked for nominations from the floor. Kevin Walker was the only nomination made from the floor. The motion was made that the candidate for LEA/SDE representative and the candidate for Graduate Student Representative be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous. Gahan gave directions for completing the ballot. The ballots were collected for counting.

Rob Kennedy, MSERF president, spoke on behalf of the MSER Foundation. He explained the Research in Progress Award program and the procedures for applying. He stated that the MSER Foundation is very pleased to support the project. Rob emphasized that the funds come from contributions of MSERA members to the foundation. Rob and Sherri Shaw presented six graduate students with a check for \$200 each. Graduate students receiving the awards were: Jared Bartels, Bonaventure Ogbechie, SungHee YangKim, Delores Brazzell, Hemali McJunkins, and Kaston Anderson.

President Spencer and Harry Bowman presented Richard and Carolyn Kazelskis with the Harry M. Bowman Service Award. The Walter M. Mathews Historical Contributions Award was presented by Walter Mathews to Jerry Robbins. Executive Director Cliff Hofwolt presented the McLean Outstanding Research Paper Award to Nancy Leech and Tony Onwuegbuzie. They received a cash award of \$250 from the association as well as \$250 from the foundation. The two will split the award and will automatically have the opportunity to present at AERA. Cliff also presented the Herbert Handley Outstanding Dissertation Award to Lishu Yin. Lishu received a \$250 cash award and her advisor, Dwight Hare, was recognized.

Randy Parker introduced Patrick Kariuki, Tennessee Representative, who spotlighted Knoxville for the 2008 conference. Randy discussed the site arrangements and showed a short video of the Crown Plaza conference hotel.

Door prizes were provided by State Representatives, At-large Representatives, and the LEA Representative. Julie Holmes and Linda Kondrick awarded the door prizes. Members had to be present to win.

Cliff Hofwolt recognized the 2006-2007 Board Members and Committee Chairs. Those recognized were: Julie Holmes, Jack Klotz, Gloria Swain, Edward Shaw, Laura Boudreaux Pitre, Rebecca Giles, Linda Kondrick, JoAnna Dickey, Betty Porter, Dana Thames, Patrick Kariuki, Kevin Walker, David Morse, Gahan Bailey, Harry Bowman, Lawrence Leonard, Randy Parker, Susan Santoli, Sherry

Shaw, Michelle Haj-Boussard, Paige Baggett, James Kirylo, Linda Morse, Rob Kennedy, Tom Lucey, John Petry, Tony Onwuegbuzie, Larry Daniel, Mary Jane Bradley, Lynn Howerton, Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, and Kevin Kieffer. Linda and Julie were also given certificates to the spa for their dedicated work and many hours spent with local arrangements.

Eddie Shaw asked members to please complete a conference evaluation. He informed members that the evaluation can be done online. Eddie asked that paper evaluations be dropped in the box at the evaluations table. He thanked all who served as presiders and those who assisted at the evaluations table.

President Spencer announced the results of the election as follows: 1) Vice President/President Elect—Dana Thames, 2) At-Large Members: Eddie Shaw, Gloria Swain, David Bell, and Julie Holmes. He also asked Linda Boswell, Kevin Walker, and Randy Parker to join the others at the podium. President Spencer presided over the installation of new officers.

Bill announced the location of the reception and acknowledged the contribution of Arkansas Tech University for partially supporting the reception. Bill thanked the members of the association for the opportunity to serve as president and thanked his dean for her support in allowing him time to complete MSERA responsibilities. He also thanked board members and committee chairs for their support during his tenure. President Spencer then passed the gavel to incoming 2008 President, Randy Parker.

Randy acknowledged the efforts of Bill Spencer and presented him with a plaque for his service as 2007 MSERA President. Randy pledged to build upon the foundation of the many that came before us and to lead this foundation towards meaningful pursuits and endeavors. President Parker invited all to the gala reception and celebration. The 2007 business meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. CST.