

**Mid-South Educational Research Association  
2009 Business Meeting  
Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center  
Riverside B  
Baton Rouge, LA  
November 5, 2009**

President Dana Thames called the meeting to order at 5:00 EST. President Thames welcomed attendees to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Business meeting and announced the reception on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor following the Business Meeting.

Cliff Hofwolt reported on the financial status of MSERA. MSERA started the year with approximately \$34,500 and presently has approximately \$44,600. The hotel bill for the conference has to be paid. Cliff noted that MSERA is solvent and the financial health of the organization is strong. In addition, MSERF has in excess of \$40,000.

Cliff also reported on MSERA participation. MSERA averages around 500 members per year. The 2009 conference registration was approximately 300. There were 207 who pre-registered and 90 registered on-site.

Julie Holmes thanked all who served as presidors and encouraged all attendees to complete the conference evaluation form either on paper or online. The 2010 Call for Participation was discussed and all attendees were asked to volunteer to serve on a future MSERA committee.

Michelle Haj-Boussard presented awards from MSERF to: Delores Cormier-Zenon, Steven McCullar, Heather Moore, Susan Piper, and Marian Jackson. She expressed thanks to the graduate students and the Foundation.

Linda Kondrick presented the Herbert M. Handley Outstanding Dissertation Award to Monica Ratliff and Sherlyn Powell and the James E. McLean Distinguished Paper Award to Larry Daniels, Lunetta Williams, and Katrina Hall. A \$500 check accompanied the Outstanding Dissertation Award and a \$250 check accompanied the distinguished Paper Award.

Dana Thames presented the Harry L. Bowman Service Award to Walter Mathews. Richard Kazelskis awarded the Walter Mathews Historical Contributions Award to Ron Adams.

Jane Nell Luster recognized and thanked those who served on the local arrangements committee including Betty Porter, Julie Holmes, Rebecca Robichaux, Randy Parker, and Lynn Loftin.

Eddie Shaw gave highlights for the 2010 conference and invited everyone to come to Mobile, AL in 2010.

Walter Mathews announced the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference scheduled on the campus of Ole Miss in 2011. He encouraged all to volunteer for a committee or work on the conference publication celebrating 40 years of MSERA.

Randy Parker announced the slate of officers from the 2009 nominating committee. The slate of officers included: Vice President/President Elect—Edward Shaw, At-Large—David Bell, Kathleen Campbell, Charles Notar, and Rebecca Robichaux. A motion was made and seconded to present the slate of officers for a vote. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The vote carried unanimously. Bill Spencer made a motion that the candidates be elected by acclamation. Bob Rasmussen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. President Thames thanked Randy Parker and the nominating committee for their great work.

Door prizes were distributed by Julie Holmes, Betty Porter, and Rebecca Robichaux. Julie thanked the state representatives and Pearson Higher Education for the door prizes.

The 2008-2009 outgoing Board Members and Committee Chairs were recognized as follows: At-Large Representatives: Julie Holmes, Eddie Shaw, David Bell, and Gloria Richardson, Archives and MSERA Website—David Morse, Constitution and By-Laws—Harry Bowman, Distinguished Awards Selection Committee—Linda Kondrick, Development Committee—Charles Notar, Nominations Committee—Randy Parker, Exhibits and Vendors—Julie Holmes, Future Sites—Patrick Kariuki and Co-Chair JoAnna Dickey, Graduate Student Advisory—Michelle Haj-Boussard, Growth and Expansion—Larry Daniel, Local Arrangements—Jane Nell Luster and Co-Chair—Betty Porter, Membership—Rebecca Robichaux, MSERA Mentors—Linda Morse, Research In The Schools Co-Editors—John Slate and Tony Onwuegbuzie, The Researcher Co-Editors—Lynn Howerton and Mary Jane Bradley, Walter Mathews Historical Contribution Committee—Richard Kazelskis, 2009 Outstanding Reviewers for Research In The Schools—David Morse, Robert Kennedy, and Angela Gibson, Program Chairs—Eddie Shaw and Julie Holmes. President Thames thanked Cliff Hofwolt for his dedication and hard work.

The induction of new officers was conducted by President Dana Thames.

President Thames thanked all for their support and hard work during her tenure as president. She handed the gavel over to Linda Kondrick as the 2010 MSERA president.

President Kondrick presented a plaque to outgoing President Thames in honor of her year as 2009 President of MSERA and invited all to attend the reception on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 EST.