



**Mid South Educational Research Association
2010 Board of Directors Minutes
Mobile, Alabama
Riverview Plaza
November 4, 2010**

President Linda Kondrick called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. She thanked all for their work on this year's conference.

Cliff Hofwolt reported that MSERA had approximately \$25,000 going into the conference. The organization had 480 members last year. There were 172 pre-registered for this conference and approximately 70 registered onsite. He will send renewal information to present members who did not attend the conference. MSERA had \$5,850 in institutional memberships this year.

Linda introduced the members at the head table: Donna Herring, Eddie Shaw, Cliff Hofwolt, Gahan Bailey, Dana Thames, Julie Holmes, Walt Mathews, and Jane Nell Luster.

Dana Thames presented the slate of candidates for terms beginning 2010: Vice President/President-Elect-Julie Holmes, Secretary-Kathleen York and Nan Adams, Alabama Representative-Nancy Fox and Gary Peters, Arkansas Representative-Gail Hughes and Pam Broadston, Kentucky Representative-Ron Skidmore, Louisiana Representative- Rayma Harchar and Michelle Haj-Broussard, Mississippi Representative-Rose Jones and Sarah Blackwell, and Tennessee Representative-Vince Thompson. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations. Dana asked for nominations from the floor. Diane Swain moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried. The ballots were completed and collected.

Jane Nell Luster asked members to examine proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws. Time was given for members to review changes. Members voted unanimously to approve the changes. Jane Nell declared that the changes were approved by the membership.

Rose Jones asked that members complete the conference evaluation. She also asked members to be active and support MSERA.

Linda Morse gave a description of what constitutes a Mentor and shared the purpose of the Mentor program. She reported that a total of 17 graduate students attended the conference.

Rob Kennedy gave the MSERF report. He discussed the benefits of MSERF and stated that it is a financial safety net for MSERA. He discussed several of the MSERF projects including: providing funds for the MSERA website and giving scholarships to the RIP students who present at MSERA. MSERF plans to fund the registration fee for up to 16 graduate students next year.

Walt Mathews reported on the plans for the 2011 conference. Carolyn Wiggins explained the \$40 4 40 years program. The program was designed to support the Commemorative MSERA Celebration at the 40th Annual Research Conference at the University of Mississippi in 2011. She asked members to contribute or pledge \$40.00 to the MSER Foundation in celebration of the 40th year.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Recognition

The outgoing officers were recognized by Eddie Shaw. They included: Donna Herring-Secretary, Nancy Fox-Alabama Director, Pam Broadston-Arkansas Director, JoAnna Dickey-Kentucky Director, Betty Porter-Louisiana Director, Rose Jones-Mississippi Director, and Dana Thames-Past President.

Eddie also recognized members for Outstanding Service. They included: Cliff Hofwolt-Executive Director, Julie Holmes-Program Chair, Gahan Bailey and Eddie Shaw-Local Arrangements, Charlie Notar-Development Committee, Randy Parker-Budget Advisory, Jane Nell Luster-Operations Review, Rose Jones and Janet Boyce-Evaluation, Richard Kazelskis-Distinguished Awards, Mary Jane Bradley-Researcher, Rob Kennedy-Publications and Communications, Michelle Haj-Broussard and Pam Broadston-Graduate Student Advisory, Linda Morse-Mentors, David Morse-Archives and Website, Rebecca Robichaux-Membership, and Patrick Kariuki and Diane Richardson-Future Sites.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Awards

The Research In Progress awards were presented by Michelle Haj-Broussard and Pam Broadston. They thanked professors for encouraging students to submit proposals. They also thanked MSERF for funding graduate students to attend MSERA. The awards were presented to: Lleeia Cobb, LaShanda Simmons, Mona Reed, Otis Clayton, Timothy Nelson, Jamie Walker, Bo Shadden, Jeena Owens, Janelle Ouimette, Jennifer Nelson, and April Nelms. Pam and Michelle presented the graduate students with checks and thanked them for presenting.

Randy Parker presented the Harry Bowman Award to William Spencer from Auburn University. Richard Kazelskis presented the Walt Mathews Award to David and Linda Morse.

Eddie Shaw announced that there were no clear cut winners for the Distinguished Papers. No awards were given.

Dana Thames announced the winners of the elections. There were: Vice President/President-Elect Julie Holmes, Secretary-Kathleen York, Tennessee Representative-Vince Thompson, Alabama Representative-Nancy Fox, Arkansas Representative-Pam Broadston, Kentucky Representative-Ron Skidmore, Mississippi Representative-Rose Jones, Louisiana Representative-Michelle Haj-Broussard, and President-Eddie Shaw. President Linda Kondrick inducted the officers.

Linda thanked several women who have mentored her over the years and presented gifts to Kathy Franklin, Jane Nell Luster, Julie Holmes, Dana Thames, and Gahan Bailey.

Door prizes were distributed by Julie Holmes and Rose Jones.

Linda reminded members to fill out the participation form and asked all to place evaluation forms in the box outside or email them. She reminded all of the reception following the business meeting and passed the gavel to new president Eddie Shaw.

Eddie presented Linda with a plaque for her wonderful work as president of MSERA 2010. He called for motion to close meeting. Randy Parker made the motion and Charlie Notar seconded. The motion carried. The 2010 MSERA Business meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.