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How it Works

Judith A. Boser
1992 MSERA President

The spring meeting of the MSERA Board of Directors took place in Nashville on March 20. ERIC Liaison Walter Emanuel submitted 91 papers from the 1991 Annual Meeting to ERIC. Other papers may also have been submitted by the authors. ERIC submission forms will be sent to presenters prior to the meeting this year so that the forms can be typed to alleviate the problem of legibility that sometimes occurs when authors fill out the forms at the meeting.

Many of the items discussed were related to the 1992 Annual Meeting in Knoxville, November 11-13. Local Arrangements Chair Patricia Davis-Wiley has contacted Delta airlines regarding special discount airfares. Information on taking advantage of this discount when making reservations are included in this issue.

When you are planning travel times for the trip to Knoxville, please be aware that Knoxville is in the Eastern time zone, unlike most of the Mid-South region. For most MSERA members, this will mean allowing an extra hour for travel to the meeting in order to arrive on time in Knoxville, but that hour will be refunded on Friday when you return home.

One new feature at the 1992 meeting will be drawings for attendance incentives. The drawings will be conducted at the business meeting on Thursday evening, and individuals must be present to receive the incentives. State representatives showed interest in contributing an incentive representing their respective states for the drawings. The New Member Reception will be Wednesday morning from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. On Thursday morning there will be a continental breakfast for graduate students, and a continental breakfast is being planned for all MSERA members on Friday morning.

The 1992 business meeting of MSERA will take place Thursday evening 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is an important event, and attendance at the business meeting has not always reflected this. It is at this meeting that the MSERA officers are elected. You could make a difference! The last time states elected their directors, there was a tie in one state, resulting in a second ballot. This is also the time that the winners of the outstanding research and dissertation paper awards are recognized. Drawings for the attendance incentives (previously mentioned) will take place at the business meeting. Include attendance at the business meeting in your plans for the Knoxville convention.

Other Business...The Radisson Hotel was selected as the site for the 1993 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, based on the report from 1993 Local Arrangements Chair Rita Zerr and on discussion and comments from those familiar with New Orleans and the sites under consideration. The Maxwell House will be the site for the 1994 Annual Meeting in Nashville, with Ann Neely as Local Arrangements Chair for 1994.

By-laws for the Mid-South Educational Research (MSER) Foundation have been established by a committee under the leadership of MSERA Past President Bob Rasmussen, and the MSERA Board has gone on record in support of the by-laws. The purpose of the non-profit Foundation is to provide support for MSERA by raising funds to accomplish objectives that cannot be achieved through the regular budget. The Foundation will be governed by a Board consisting of 12 members, two from each MSERA member state. The MSERA president, vice president, and executive secretary will be ex officio Foundation Board members.

The University of Alabama was selected to produce the MSERA journal. Jim McLean and Alan Kaufman will serve as editors for the journal. The first issue of the journal is projected for spring of 1993. John Enger will chair the Publications/Communications Committee for the remainder of the year.
The Board voted to reduce graduate student dues from $6.00 to $5.00. This becomes effective with the dues for 1993 and will affect the 1992 Annual Meeting registration fee for graduate students since the fee includes membership for 1993.

At the suggestion of Ron Adams, the Board voted to establish an annual award to be given to a MSERA member for continued service and contributions to MSERA. The award will consist of a plaque and will be presented at the annual business meeting. Any MSERA member may submit a nomination for this award. Written letters of nomination must be received by September 15. Nominations will be considered by a committee composed of Rob Kennedy, Gypsy Clayton, Diana Lancaster, and Judy Boser. Send nominations to: Judy Boser, 212 Claxton, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-3400.

There is concern regarding the numbers of authors of papers at the 1991 Annual Meeting who were not MSERA members and primary authors who did not register for the meeting. The Call for Papers clearly states that "primary authors of papers selected for the program must present their papers in person" and that "presenters must register for the meeting prior to presenting their papers." The Board will continue its discussion of this issue at the November meeting of the Board of Directors.

MSERA is considered by many to be one of the best bargains among the professional organizations in our field. The dues are low, as is the annual meeting registration fee. The registration fee includes a copy of the Proceedings, overhead projectors in the meeting rooms, the keynote speaker, coffee each morning in the registration area, the President's reception on Wednesday evening, a reception for new members, and an activity for graduate students. There is also a Joint Universities Reception on Thursday evening, sponsored by some of the post-secondary institutions in the region, that is also open to everyone attending. And, as if that weren't enough, the registration fee includes complimentary MSERA membership for the following year. The Board and committee chairs make every effort to keep the costs low, and thus far they have succeeded.

Additional Notes on the 1992 Annual Meeting

Arrangements for the keynote speaker were completed after the Board meeting by Pattie Davis-Wiley. The speaker for the Annual Meeting will be Ms. Lynn Vogel, from Whittle Communications. Her topic will be the Edison Project, for which she is the manager. Whittle Communications is already known in the educational profession for the development of the Channel One classroom television news program.

For those who are looking for something different to do in the evening on Tuesday (or Friday if you are staying over), the Star of Knoxville river boat launches from the downtown area with dinner cruises at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

The Hyatt Regency is located in downtown Knoxville. If you are approaching on interstate 75, take interstate 40 East. Take the Business Loop exit (288A) from I-40. Take the third exit (Walnut Street), and turn right on Hill Avenue. The sign pointing to the Hyatt entrance will be on right after you cross the bridge.

Assignment for session chairs will be made as soon as scheduling of papers has been completed. Members who volunteered to serve as session chairs at the Annual Meeting, but who now find they will not be attending or will be there for only part of the meeting, are requested to contact or leave a message for Rosa Kennedy (615) 974-2272, who is assisting with the program. Your circumstances can be taken into consideration when assignments are made.
CANDIDATES FOR 1993 MSERA OFFICES

Vice President/President Elect

JEFF GORRELL

Jeff is professor and department head in the Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership, and Technology at Auburn University. He obtained his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Florida in 1975. He has been a member of MSERA for 13 years, contributing yearly to the program through presentation of papers and chairing sessions. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer, LERA Liaison to the Board of Directors, Chair of the Membership Committee, and as a member of the Outstanding Paper and Dissertation, Evaluation, Membership, and Program Committees, as well as being on the Review Board for the MSERA Researcher.

DIANA LANCASTER

Diana is an Associate Professor of Instructional Services at Louisiana State University School of Dentistry. She received her Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Alabama. A member of MSERA for fourteen years, she is currently Secretary-Treasurer. She has served as an At-Large Member on the Board of Directors, Chair of the Program Committee in 1989, and a member of the Outstanding Paper Selection Committee.
JOAN BUTLER

Joan is a principal in the Starkville School District, Mississippi. She earned a doctorate in education from Mississippi State University. She has been an active member of MSERA for six years, presenting papers, serving on the Outstanding Paper Selection Committee, serving as LEA representative on the Board of Directors, and chairing the Future Site Selection and Membership Committees.

DOROTHY REED

Dot is Chief of Institutional Research for Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. She earned her doctorate from the University of Alabama. Dot has been a member of MSERA for 8 years. She has served on the Membership Committee and the Program Committee. Dot has served as Chair of the Membership Committee and initiated the New Member Reception as part of the Annual Meeting.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALABAMA

Edward Shaw has been a member of MSERA since 1985, and has attended each conference since then. He has served on the program committee, nomination committee, and membership committee. Edward is on the faculty at the University of South Alabama.

Landa Trentham is a Professor in the Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership, and Technology at Auburn University and teaches in the area of measurement and evaluation. She earned her doctorate in Educational Psychology from Indiana University. Landa has been a member of MSERA for over 10 years.

ARKANSAS

David Bell is a Professor of Education at Arkansas Tech University. He has been active in MSERA since 1980. David has presented a number of papers and served on a variety of committees. He is currently serving as program co-chair. He has served on the program committee, as co-chair of the membership committee, and as a member of the Outstanding Paper and Distinguished Dissertation/Theses Selection Committee. He has also served as a member of the Board of Directors.

John Enger has been active in MSERA for 14 years, missing only two meetings during that period while on Fulbright appointments in the Bahamas and Trinidad. Currently he serves as professor of education at Arkansas State University. John has been an at-large member on the board of directors of MSERA, has chaired the evaluation committee, and currently chairs the publications committee. He is an active member of AERA and currently serves as president of the AERA/SIG: The Consortium of State and Regional Educational Research Associations.
Bette Burruss has been involved in education as an elementary teacher, assistant principal, principal, and administrator for pupil personnel services and special education. She is currently an Associate Professor at Western Kentucky University and holds the position of Coordinator of Program Development for the Center for Excellence for School Reform. Bette is the Kentucky Representative to the Board of Directors of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Kenneth Clawson is a Professor of Education at Eastern Kentucky University. He received his PhD from Florida State University in Higher Education. He teaches educational research along with human development and learning. He has been a member of MSERA for 17 years, having served as a Board member, program, evaluation, and outstanding papers committees. He has been a regular presenter and chair of sessions at the annual meetings.

Susan Kappelman has been a member of MSERA for more than twelve years. She received her doctorate from the University of New Orleans and is presently a Licensed Counselor in the Jefferson Parish School System. She has served on the MSERA Board of Directors for two terms. Susan has been the Local Arrangements Chairperson in New Orleans for MSERA's 1982, 1984, and 1990 annual meetings. She has also served on MSERA's Editorial Review Board from 1986-1990 and has been a member of the Nominating Committee.

Ava Pugh, Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at Northeast Louisiana University, has been a member of MSERA since 1979. Ava has served on the evaluation committee, future site committee, and outstanding paper committee. She is currently serving as Louisiana Representative on the Board of Directors. Ava received her doctorate from Mississippi State University.
MISSISSIPPI

Vernon Gifford is Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at Mississippi State University. He has been an active participant in the Mid-South Educational Research Association for many years and has served as chair of the Annual Meeting, Evaluation, and the Archives Committees. He has also served on the Membership Committee, the Nominations Committee, the Outstanding Paper Selection Committee, and the Policy/Procedure Review Committee.

Lee Napier has been a faculty member in the School of Education at Jackson State University for 22 years. He was appointed to the faculty in May of 1970, immediately after graduation from the University of Arkansas. He holds an Ed.D. from the Department of Secondary Education with special emphasis in mathematics, research methodology, and statistical analysis. Lee has been an active member in MSERA since its inception. He has served for years as a member of the Program Committee, Outstanding Paper Committee and the Outstanding Dissertation Committee.

TENNESSEE

M. Nan Lintz, Ed.D, graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1987 in Educational Administration and Supervision with a collateral in Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Lintz won both the MSERA Outstanding Dissertation Award. She is now a member of the MSERA Membership Committee with a special interest in new members. Dr. Lintz has been a member of MSERA for over 10 years and is serving as Program Chair for the 1992 conference being held in Knoxville in November.

Ernest Rakow is a Professor in the Department of Foundations of Education (Research Methodology & Statistics specialty) in the college of Education at Memphis State University. He teaches courses about the application of statistical methodology to educational problems. He has been active in MSERA since 1975 by presenting papers and serving on several committees, including Program Committee, Outstanding Paper and Dissertation Committee, and Constitution Committee.
OTHER CONFERENCE NOTES OF INTEREST

Reduced Air Fare on Delta

Persons attending MSERA can obtain a 40% discount on the full coach fare or 5% off the lowest applicable rate for flights to the conference during the period November 8-16. To obtain the discounted fare, call Delta at 1-800-251-9047. The caller will be presented with a menu of choices and should direct the call to #1, the downtown office. You will need to use reference number J 30124, which has been assigned for MSERA use.

NOTICE TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

You are cordially invited to a breakfast in your honor Thursday, November 12, 1992, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. at the Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Educational Research Association in Knoxville, Tennessee. Location to be announced. Look for the announcement in the Conference Program and at the registration desk.

MSERA Members

Please bring this notice to the attention of graduate students at your institution and encourage them to attend. These are our future officers and members of the board of directors.

On-site Registration

For those who register on site, the registration fees will be increased by $5.00. The professional fee will be $50.00 and the student fee $30.00. Please note that the registration fees must be paid in cash or by check. We can not take credit cards.

OTHER NEWS OF NOTE

Use of MSERA Archives

Xerox copies of papers placed in the MSERA Archives may be obtained by writing or calling the Special Collections Room of Mitchell Memorial Library, Mississippi State, MS 39762, telephone number (601) 325-7680. Papers are cross-referenced by all authors and to expedite service to association members, xeroxed copies will be mailed and charges "billed." Mississippi State University is currently housing the only set of archives for MSERA. These papers are currently being placed on computer access, and service should be even better and quicker in the future.

Award Winner

Gypsy Abbot Clayton, University of Alabama-Birmingham, was named winner of the AERA Division H Outstanding Evaluation Award for Institutional Research. Gypsy's research was titled "Longitudinal Assessment of Mathematics and Science Teaching: Grades K - 3." The research project was funded by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.
Letter from Wilmer Cody
National Education Goals Panel

I am pleased to announce the release of two publications from the National Education Goals Panel.

The first is entitled Public Response to the 1991 Goals Report (Publication Number 92-04). This document summarizes the media’s reaction to the release of the 1991 National Education Goals Report: Building a Nation of Learners, and the public response to the Panel’s call for specific feedback on its work.

The second document is A Handbook for Local Goal Reports: Building a Community of Learners (Publication Number 92-05). Its production is in response to increasing interest all over the country about accurate measurement on where local communities stand in relation to achieving the six National Education Goals.

The Goals Panel’s charge is to decide on indicators, both on the national and state level, used in measuring progress toward these Goals. Using the first Goals Report as a model, the Panel has produced this handbook giving communities information on data that the Goals Panel is using and suggestions on what local communities can do to acquire similar quality data on a local level.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of either publication, please contact:
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AWARD WINNER

Alan Stevens of Hewitt-Trussville High School in Trussville, received the Alabama Assistant Principal of the Year award from Stan Stein (left), senior vice president of personnel for McDonald’s Corporation, and Bob Blatne (right), president of the board of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), at McDonald’s/NASSP sponsored "Leadership Forum for the 21st Century" held at Hamburger University at the end of April.
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