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MSERA MEMBER STATES:

Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MSERA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The MSERA Board of Directors will appoint a new executive secretary at the fall board meeting. Judy Boser, who has so ably served MSERA, has indicated that she will not be able to continue after this year. The executive secretary also serves as the secretary/treasurer of the MSER foundation.

Selection will be based on: (a) credentials of the nominee, with particular emphasis on record of service to MSERA; and (b) level of financial support by the candidate's institution, including commitment to released time (0.25 FTE) and budgetary support for items including travel, postage, clerical services, and supplies. The executive secretary must reside in one of the six member states. MSERA will also provide some budgetary support. Letters of nomination or application should provide details regarding the nominee's credentials and the institution's willingness to provide the necessary support, and should be postmarked by **September 16, 1996**. Please send nominations to **David Morse, P.O. Box 9727, Mississippi State, MS, 39762**.

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE HARRY L. BOWMAN SERVICE AWARD

The Executive Committee will consider nominations for the Harry L. Bowman Service Award. The annual award is given to an MSERA member for continued service and contributions to MSERA. The award consists of a plaque and is presented during the business meeting in November. Any MSERA member may submit a nomination for this award. Written letters of nomination must be postmarked by **September 16, 1996**. Nominations will be considered by John Enger, Glennelle Halpin, David Morse and Dot Reed. Please send nominations to **David Morse, P.O. Box 9727, Mississippi State, MS, 39762**.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

***Graduate students, bring your resumes!
Employers, bring (or send) your job announcements!***

The Graduate Student Advisory Committee will continue its Job Exchange service at the 1996 Annual Meeting in Tuscaloosa. Anyone seeking employment, especially those nearing graduation, may place a 3x5 card on a bulletin board, providing a quick scan of those who are seeking positions. Job-seekers are also encouraged to place several copies of their resume in the box near the board. Prospective employers can then take a copy of the resume, and may contact the job-seeker during the conference. This year, employers may post their job announcements on the bulletin board. Thus, the board will serve as a complete exchange of job information.

Two breakfasts for graduate students and new members!

All graduate students and new members are strongly encouraged to attend their breakfasts, one on Wednesday and one on Thursday. This is a "must do" event, now one of the most popular meeting places during the Annual Meeting. Both breakfasts will be followed by training sessions for graduate students.

Quals Unite!

Check the schedule for "How to Survive a Qualitative Dissertation", presented by two who did. This very timely and practical training session is primarily for graduate students and their advisors.

Get a Job!

In response to popular demand, the Graduate Student Advisory Committee will provide a training session especially tailored to those about to enter the job market. Have breakfast, then attend "Life After Graduation: Things You Need to Know About the Job Market". A panel of deans, search committee members, and others will reveal the inner workings of the whole process, from cover letter to contract. Be there! Ask questions!

Questions about any of the graduate student services or events should be directed to: **Dr. Jimmy C. Harris, SLU, 983, Hammond, LA 70402, Office telephone (504) 549-2264, e-mail: jharris@selu.edu (best way to contact me).**

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MSERA Membership/Renewal Form
(Please print or type)

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Telephone: () _____ FAX: () _____

E-Mail: _____

MSERA Membership: Renewal _____ New _____

Dues: Professional: \$15 _____ Student: \$10 _____ MSER Foundation Tax Deductible Contribution \$ _____

Check Total \$ _____ *Make check payable to MSERA*

Send form and check to: John Enger, P.O. Box 2535, State University, Ar 72401

IMPORTANT NOTE: Just a reminder that the conference registration fee includes membership dues for the following year. If you registered for the conference in Tuscaloosa, you renewed your membership. If you did not, please take a few minutes and renew your membership now. Start 1996 off in the professionally correct way by sending in your Membership Renewal Form and Invitation for Participation today.

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