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Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee

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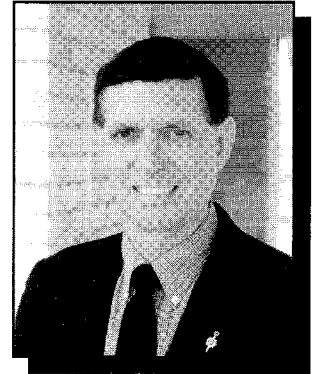
John Enger, 1998 MSERA President

It's a privilege to have the opportunity to serve as president of MSERA. Here's why:

In November we held our 1997 Annual Meeting at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Memphis. Dot Reed, then president of MSERA, had people in key positions who really could get the job done right. Ernie Rakow was chair of the local arrangements committee; he coordinated everything with the hotel. Cliff Hofwolt was program chair; his organization was outstanding. Cliff's innovations will become standards for MSERA. Gerald Halpin as secretary-treasurer was responsible for registration. The people Gerald had running the registration desk made it the focal point during the Annual Meeting.

MSERA has several major publications including a new web page, now up and running. *Research in the Schools*, our national, refereed journal is edited by Jim McLean and Alan Kaufman. This high-quality journal is published twice annually and contains mainly school-based studies. On arrival at the Annual Meeting each registrant is given the *Proceedings* which contains abstracts of all of the papers that will be presented. This is something MSERA does that is really special, and John Petry is the editor.

Starting with the previous issue, Nola Christenberry and Lynn Howerton took over as co-editors of the *MSERA Educational Researcher*, our newsletter which comes out at least four times a year. Nola and Lynn have done a wonderful job in its layout and content. These editors have two talented resources assisting them, Ron Looney as creative writer and Mark Reeves as graphic artist, both



John Enger

from ASU's Office of Public Relations.

A new publication, the *MSERA Web Page* has just come on-line spearheaded by David Morse, webmaster. At our website you can find MSERA information on membership, history and upcoming annual meetings. As this website is expanded, it will offer easy access to more and more MSERA business and information.

MSERA has a safety net, the **MSER Foundation**. Organized to support the functions of MSERA, the Foundation also offers an annual grant for school-based research. Ron Adams currently serves as president of the Foundation.

MSERA has an **active leadership**. On March 26th and 27th, the MSERA Board of Directors, Committee Chairs

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1998 Board of Directors

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and Editors met in Memphis. Over 20 people attended and discussion was lively and insightful. Several appointments to the Board were announced. Cliff Hofwolt was appointed secretary-treasurer to fill the vacancy created by Gerald Halpin's election as president-elect last November. Jan Downing who recently moved from Arkansas to Kentucky was appointed to fill the at-large position vacated by Cliff. Robert Calvery was appointed as the Arkansas Representative to fill the vacancy created by Jan's move to Kentucky. Dean Butler, a long-time very active member of MSERA, retired from the University of Memphis this past year and resigned his position on the Board. Ernie Rakow was appointed Tennessee Representative to replace Dean.

Committee chair appointments also were announced at the Board meeting (see page 4).

This November we will meet in the heart of historic New Orleans for the **1998 Annual Meeting!** The highlight of this meeting will be our keynote speaker, Jim Popham. (See page 5 for more annual meeting information.)

As you can see, MSERA has exciting things going on. Please participate fully and encourage others, too. If there is anything I can do to help you or your institution in your participation with MSERA, please contact me: **John Enger, Arkansas State University, P.O. Box 2535, State University, AR, 72467, 870-972-3062, enger@pawnee.astate.edu.**

-John

Gerald Halpin



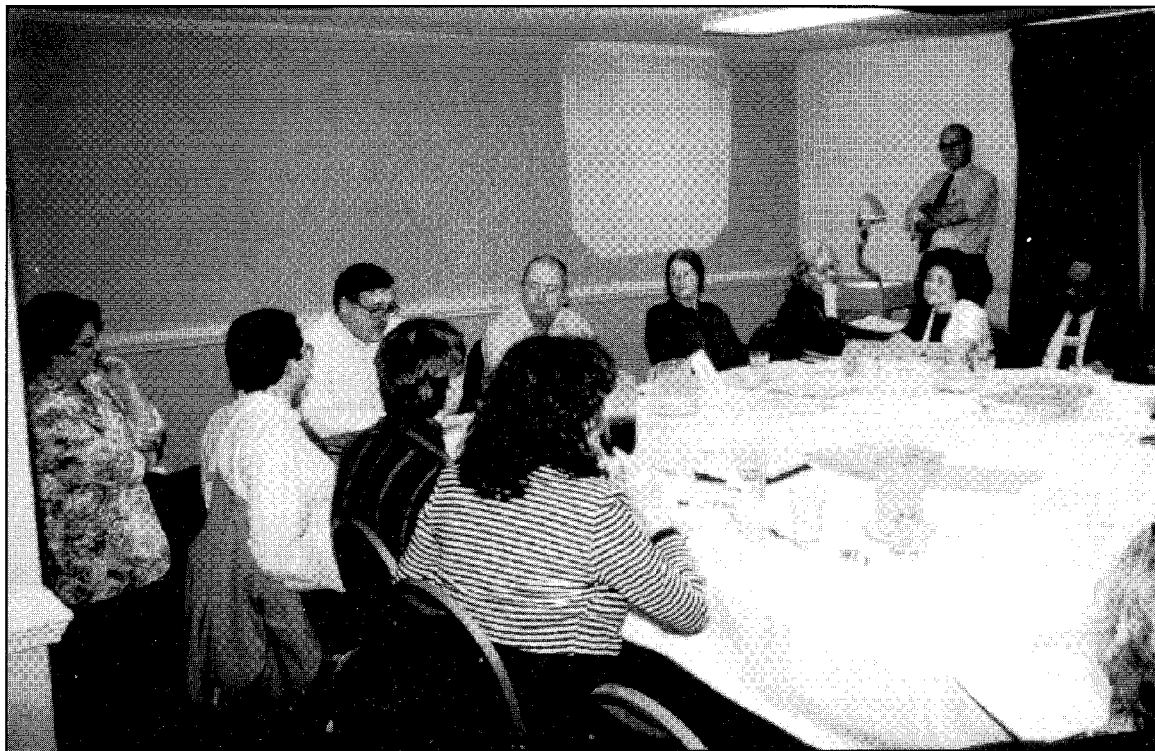
Robert Calvery



Dot Reed

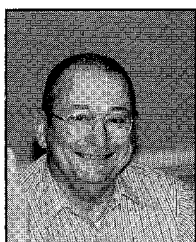


Linda Morse



1998 Spring Board Meeting in Memphis

Jimmy Harris



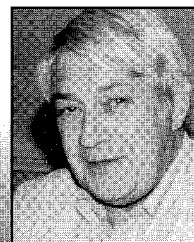
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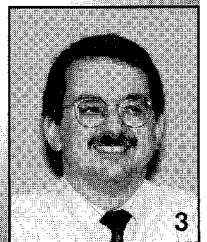
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Cliff Hofwolt

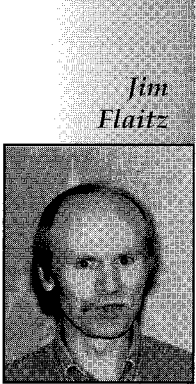
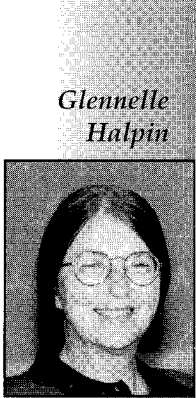
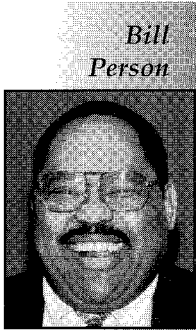


Larry Daniel



1998 Committee Chair Appointments

- Ad Hoc Budget Advisory Committee – *Glennelle Halpin (Auburn University)*
- Ad Hoc Web Page Committee – *David Morse (Mississippi State University)*
- Archives/Paper Repository Committee – *David Morse (Mississippi State University)*
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee – *Harry Bowman (Council on Occupational Education)*
- Distinguished Awards Selection Committee – *Gerald Halpin (Auburn University)*
- Evaluation Committee – *Qaisar Sultana (Eastern Kentucky University)*
- Future Site Selection Committee – *Robert Calvery (Batesville, AR, Southside School District)*
- Graduate Student Advisory Committee – *Kathy Franklin (University of Arkansas, Little Rock)*
- Local Arrangements Committee, New Orleans – *Peggy Kersh (University of Southern Mississippi)*
- Local Arrangements Committee, Point Clear, AL – *Barbara Lewis (University of Alabama, Birmingham)*
- Membership Committee – *Ava Pugh (Northeast Louisiana University)*
- Nominations Committee – *Dot Reed (Air University Headquarters)*
- Program Committee – *Jim Flaitz (Southwestern Louisiana University)*



MSERA Web Page Up and Running!
www.msstate.edu/org/msera/msera.htm

MSERA now has a web page. The web site has much information, and is growing fast. So far, we have incorporated the following: Annual Meeting Information, Archives, Awards, Board of Directors, Call for Papers, Membership Information, MSER Foundation, and MSERA Publications. We also have a "What's New" section which links to other sites of interest to MSERA members. Send any comments or suggestions to **David Morse, Webmaster, dmorse@ra.msstate.edu**.

-D.M.

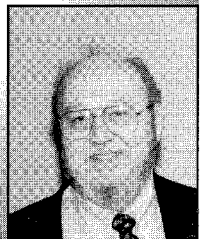
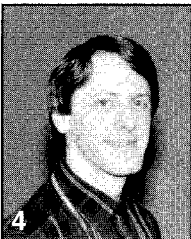
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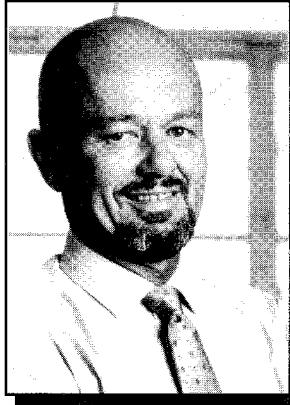
1998 Annual Meeting Highlights

Hotel Monteleone • New Orleans

Proposals Requested
2001 and 2002
Host Cities

How exciting it is just to step into the French Quarter in New Orleans! And that's where we'll be for our Annual Meeting this coming November 4th to 6th. For any who don't know, New Orleans is certainly one of the great cities of the world – like no other with its creative mix of Afro-American, Spanish and French cultures. The entertainment is superb; the food is fantastic! We will be meeting at the Hotel Monteleone in the French Quarter. This historic hotel has been recently renovated, the lobby is breath-taking, the conference facilities should accommodate MSERA with flair.

As last November, eight concurrent sessions will feature three paper presentations instead of four, allowing more time for presentations and discussion. The keynoter will be **Jim Popham**, a past-president of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), the director of Instructional Objectives Exchange. Now professor-emeritus at UCLA, Jim is a renowned speaker - his humor is classic. In John Enger's words, "My greatest compliment of Jim Popham is this, 'He makes you proud you are in



Jim Popham

education.'" Large receptions are planned on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, offering members an opportunity to get-together to talk over the day's events and meet before walking out in the French Quarter for dinner.

Much is being planned by the Membership and Graduate Student Advisory Committees. For example, new members and graduate students can gather for MSERA-sponsored breakfasts and meet the keynote speaker in a special session. Watch for more activities. See you in New Orleans!

MSERA's system for selecting a host city for the Annual Meeting requires the Future Site Selection Committee to review proposals submitted and recommend to the Board of Directors host cities for the 2001 and 2002 meetings. Odd-numbered years are state rotation years, and 2001 will be Arkansas' year to host MSERA. If no acceptable proposals are submitted from Arkansas, then proposals from any city in the six-state MSERA region can be considered. Even-numbered years are Board choice years, and proposals from any city in the six-state region can be considered for 2002. The Future Site Selection Committee will present its recommendations for 2001 and 2002 meeting sites to the Board of Directors at the 1998 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

MSERA'S Annual Meeting usually takes place the second week in November with 350-450 members attending. Proposals from the host city should include the following information:

- Letter of invitation
- Name of MSERA member who will serve as chair of local arrangements
- Hotel information (number of rooms, rates, in-house equipment, meeting space, restaurants, parking, transportation, additional services, and amenities)
- Airport and airlines information
- Local activities and attractions

Proposals must be submitted to the Future Site Selection Committee by **September 15, 1998**. For more information about submitting a proposal, contact **Robert Calvery** by e-mail at rcalvery@southside.ncsc.k12.ar.us, by snail mail at **Southside School District, 70 Scott Drive, Batesville, AR 72501**, or by phone at (870) 251-2341.

GRADUATE STUDENT CORNER

As your editors, we would like to establish a regular column for news and information of interest to the graduate student members of MSERA. This could include announcements of job openings, relevant meetings and other learning opportunities, scholarship and fellowship opportunities, highlights of special accomplishments of our graduate students, and/or other relevant pieces you would like to submit.

We will be working with **Kathy Franklin**, chair of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee, to develop this column. Please submit your suggestions to her by email at kkfranklin@ualr.edu or by snail mail at **16 West Oak Drive, Cabot, AR 72023**.

–Nola and Lynn

Schedule of Events

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Your
Calendar!*

1998 Deadlines:

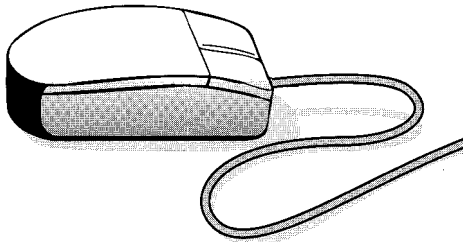
- June 1 Foundation Grant Application
- June 15 Paper Proposal Submission
- June 15 Outstanding Paper Submission
- June 15 Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation Submission
- September 15 Proposals for 2000 annual meeting site
- September 15 Proposals for 2001 annual meeting site

1998 Annual Meeting:
November 4-6
New Orleans, Louisiana

1999 Annual Meeting:
November 17-19
Point Clear, Alabama

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