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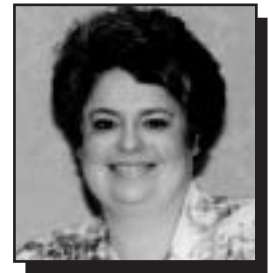
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Kathy Franklin, 2003 MSERA President

The year was 1994 and the occasion was my first research presentation. I was in the doctorate program at East Tennessee State University. With my feet rooted in a background of business administration and my head filled with dreams of becoming a professor in higher education administration, I struggled to find a path to connect past experiences to future career goals. To be honest, I felt like a fish out of water. In my first education class, I was shocked to listen to my education colleagues refer to the word 'pedagogy' from a positive perspective. Of course, in my befuddled business mind, my only connection to 'pedagogy' was 'pedophile'. My concern for the future of education was immense; my concern for my future in education was heartbreaking.

After sharing my confusion about 'pedagogy' and 'pedophile' with my amazed major professor, he mustered every last ounce of self-discipline to keep from laughing in my face and decided that I must immediately construct a bridge linking my business experiences with an understanding of educational theory. That bridge, he announced, would be constructed through research that would be shared with other scholars. My presentation at the MSERA annual meeting was scheduled for a Wednesday morning at ten. My morning began when I attended the new member/graduate student breakfast. As I walked into the room with knees shaking, I just knew that these experienced scholars could see my impostor soul right through my thin skin. Just as I was ready to flee for the door, and my car, Qaisar Sultana stepped into my line of flight and with a kind word and a gentle handshake helped me take one more step on the path to my future in research.

Nine years later, I am honored to serve as the president of this community of scholars/mentors. I knew after my first presentation that I was hooked on this association, an association of scholars will-



Kathy Franklin

ing to share their research expertise and nurturing counsel with a business infiltrator. The MSERA of today is no different than the MSERA of 1994. MSERA members welcome graduate students with open arms.

As in the past, this year we have an exemplary group of leaders working to ensure a viable and productive research association representing the mid-south. Qaisar Sultana, past-president, continues to take my hand by providing gentle counsel on the role of president. This year, she is responsible for identifying a slate of board members for election at the November meeting. Scott Bauer, president-elect, has already proven himself as a worthy candidate for president next year through his past work as chair of several committees, and, this year, as a supportive vice-president. His primary responsibility this year is to chair the Distinguished Awards Committee. Nola Christenberry, our newly elected secretary-treasurer, has recently completed the task of updating the MSERA financial records. She deserves resounding kudos from all MSERA members for her work on our behalf. I can report, as a result of her work, that MSERA is in sound financial health. My thanks is extended to Gahan Bailey, 2003 program chair, as she is readying her computer for the onslaught of proposals heading her way in June. Additionally, my thanks must be extended to John Petry, Cliff Hoftwolt, Harry Bowman, David

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www.msera.org

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2003 Board of Directors

Gahan Bailey



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Robert Calvery



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Dana Thames



Russ West



Dennis Zuelker



2003 Committee Chairs and Other Appointments

Archives/Paper Repository Committee–
David Morse (Mississippi State University)
Budget Planning and Analysis Committee–
Cliff Hofwolt (Vanderbilt University)
Constitution and Bylaws Committee–
Harry Bowman (Council on Occupational Education)
Distinguished Awards Selection Committee–
Scott Bauer (University of New Orleans)
Development Committee–
Larry Daniel (University of North Florida)
Evaluation Committee–
Bill Spencer (Auburn University)
Russ West (East Tennessee State University)
Future Site Selection Committee–
Bill Spencer (Auburn University)
Graduate Student Advisory Committee–
Gail Weems (University of Memphis)
Local Arrangements Committee, Biloxi (2003)–
Nancy Masztel (University of Southern Mississippi)
Shirley Bowles (University of Southern Mississippi)
Local Arrangements Committee, Gatlinburg (2004)–
Jim McLean (East Tennessee State University)
Local Arrangements Committee, Baton Rouge (2005)–
Jane Nell Luster (Louisiana Department of Education)
Membership Committee–
Rebecca Giles (University of South Alabama)
Linda Kondrick (Arkansas tech University)

Nominations Committee–
Qaisar Sultana (Eastern Kentucky University)
Program Committee (2003)–
Gahan Bailey (University South Alabama)
Program Committee (2004)–
Russ West (East Tennessee State University)
Publications and Communications Committee–
Robert Kennedy (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Jane Nell Luster (Louisiana State University)
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John Petry (University of Memphis)
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Jim McLean (East Tennessee State University)
and Alan Kaufman (Yale University School of
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The Researcher Editors–
Mary Jane Bradley and Lynn Howerton
(Arkansas State University)
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Mississippi)

Shirley Bowles



Harry Bowman



Jean Clark



Larry Daniel



Jim Flaitz



Cliff Hofwolt



Rob Kennedy



Linda Kondrick



Nancy Masztel



Jim McLean



David Morse



*Carolyn
Reeves-Kazelskis*



Bill Spencer



Gail Weems



2003 MSERA Constitution and Bylaws

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE MID-SOUTH EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Proposed Revisions for Consideration
by the MSERA Board on Saturday,
March 1, 2003

Submitted by the 2003 MSERA
Constitution and Bylaws Committee:
Harry Bowman, Chair;
Larry Daniel, Member;
Carolyn Reeves-Kazelskis, Member
Deletions: [contained within brackets]
Additions: **bold inserts**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV

OFFICES AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section I .b. The Directors shall consist of four members at large; one from among the representatives of *[elementary/secondary schools; one from among the representatives of the State Departments of Education]* **local education agencies or state education agencies; one from among the representatives who are graduate students at the time of election;** and one from each of the constituent states.

Section 2.b. The Directors of the Association shall be elected for a term of two years. The Directors elected at large, the Director representing *[the elementary/secondary schools, and the Director representing the State Departments of Education]* **local education agencies/state education agencies, and the Director representing graduate students** shall be elected at the Annual Meeting during odd-numbered years, and the Directors representing the states shall be elected at the Annual Meeting during even numbered years. Each Director shall serve until a successor assumes office.

Section 2.c. All elective Officers and Directors will be eligible for reelection to the offices that they hold for one additional term except the Vice President/President-Elect **and the graduate student, who [is] are** restricted to one term, and the

Secretary-Treasurer, who is not restricted as to the number of terms served.

Section 6. The Officers, Directors, and Executive Secretary of the Association shall be residents of the constituent states during their terms of service on the Board, except that the Directors elected at large may be residents from within or outside the constituent states. Any vacancy on the Board that occurs as a result of a failure to comply with this requirement shall be filled in the manner prescribed herein for the respective office. **The Officers, Directors, and Executive Secretary must be members of the Association in good standing during the time that they serve in their respective positions.**

BYLAWS

ARTICLE II

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1.c. The President shall appoint committees of the Association as necessary to perform specific responsibilities with the chair of each committee serving as a nonvoting representative to the Board. **The Chair and members of each committee must be members of the Association in good standing during the time that they serve in their respective positions.**

Section 1.d. The President shall appoint editors for the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting and any periodic publications of the Association with each editor serving as a nonvoting representative to the Board. **The Editors must be members of the Association in good standing during the time that they serve in their respective positions.**

Section 5. The Directors who represent *[the elementary-secondary schools and the State Departments of Education]* **local education agencies/state education agencies and**

graduate students shall attend all regular and special meetings of the Board, coordinate activities within these groups, actively solicit memberships in the Association from their respective groups, and perform such responsibilities as are designated by the President.

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS

In recent years, it has become increasingly difficult to recruit members from both state and local education agencies to serve on the MSERA Board. At the present time, the Board does not have a Director from a state education agency. The first proposed change would designate one position on the Board to be filled by a representative from either a local education agency or a state education agency and would also create a Director's position to be filled by a graduate student who could serve one two-year term. (The graduate student Director would serve a full two-year term even if graduation occurred before the end of the term.) This change would hopefully address the problem encountered in recent years of filling two positions with representatives from a local education agency and a state education agency. It would also enable the Association to recognize its long-term historical commitment to professional development of graduate students and provide a voice for graduate students in the deliberations and decisions of the Board.

In a review of appointments to positions as committee chair during recent years, the discovery has been made that on occasion a person who is not a member of MSERA has been appointed and served as committee chair. The second proposed change would make explicit the expectation held historically that all persons elected or appointed to official positions representing MSERA must be members of the Association in good standing during their periods of service.

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Morse, Jim McLean and Alan Kaufman for their on-going contribution to MSERA. My thanks to the newly elected state representatives for their continued work on behalf of MSERA. And, of course, many thanks to the At-Large Representatives who have aptly served MSERA for the past two years. The Executive Board simply could not function without these individuals. On the committee side of the leadership team, I wish to thank everyone who willingly volunteered to chair a committee. Because of the dedication of this group of individuals, my job as president is much easier.

Finally, I wish to thank the MSER Foundation for their continued support of all MSERA activities. I encourage each of you to consider donating money this year to the foundation. Through your support the foundation can continue to operate on our behalf.

To the senior members of MSERA, perhaps my story serves as a reminder that neophyte researchers come to MSERA with their own set of research and theoretical baggage struggling to find that worn path connecting past experiences with future opportunities. We exist on the threshold of that path. It is our responsibility to provide these scholars with much needed nurturing support to help them begin their research journey.

-Kathy Franklin
MSERA President

MSERA 2003 Spring Board Meeting Scrapbook

Your leaders at work!!!



Call for Nominees for Harry L. Bowman Service Award

The Executive Committee will consider nominations for the Harry L. Bowman Service Award. This 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 post-marked by **September 15, 2003**. Nominations will be considered by Qaisar Sultana, Jim Flaitz, Kathy Franklin and Ernie Rakow. Please send nominations to **Qaisar Sultana, President MSERA, Department of Special Ed., Wallace #245, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY 40475-3102**

Graduate Student Corner



Gail Weems

the 2003 Annual Meeting in Biloxi, MS. It is sure to be a grand meeting on the

W e l c o m e graduate students! We are excited that you have decided to invest your time and become part of our organization. Be sure to mark June 30th on your calendars as the deadline for submitting proposals for

coast at the Grand Casino Resort and Hotel. If you have never presented a paper at a conference before, this is an excellent place to start.

The members of the committee plan to continue the events that you have come to expect from recent MSERA meetings and wish to respond to your suggests from the 2002 annual meeting. Thanks to the generosity of the MSERA Foundation, we will be able to continue providing breakfast and lunch where you can network with other graduate students and veteran MSERA members. There will also be a space designated for graduate student networking through-

out the meeting where the job postings notebook will be located. As per your request, we hope to offer more training sessions targeted at the needs of graduate students and new faculty. Finally, we will have a special list prepared for you that highlights sessions of particular interest to graduate students to help you plan your conference itinerary.

If you have any suggestions or if I can be of any assistance to you please contact me. I look forward to working with you this year and seeing you in Biloxi!

-Gail Weems
ghweems@memphis.edu

2003 MSERA Membership Form *(Please print or type)*

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Check the label on the back cover. It should say 2003 if you are current.

Telephone: Work () _____ Home () _____

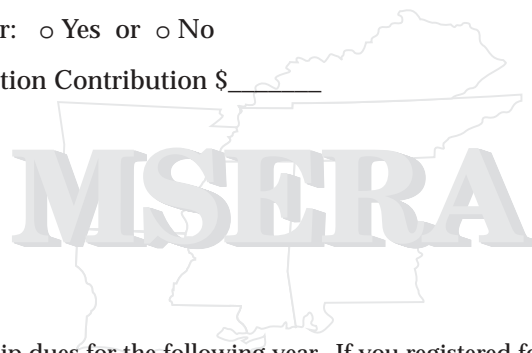
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MSERA Membership: Renewal or New AERA Member: Yes or No

Dues: Professional (\$25) or Student (\$15) MSER Foundation Contribution \$ _____

Check Total \$ _____ *(Make check payable to MSERA.)*

Send this form and check to: **Nola Christenberry**
MSERA Secretary/Treasurer
Arkansas State University
Box 1560
State University, AR 72467-1560



IMPORTANT NOTE: The Annual Meeting registration fee includes membership dues for the following year. If you registered for the Annual Meeting in Chattanooga, you paid your dues for 2003. If you did not register for that meeting, please remit your 2003 dues using this form. The registration fee for the Annual meeting in Biloxi, MS, November 5-7, 2003 will include your dues for 2004.

Your participation in MSERA activities is greatly appreciated. Kindly indicate any activities you would be interested in during the year.

- Annual Meeting Registration Desk. *Serves in information center and registers participants at the annual meeting.*
- Annual Meeting Session Chair. *Presides for a session with 3-4 presentations by opening the session, keeping time, moderating discussion and closing the session.*
- Budget Planning, and Analysis Committee. *Analyzes past budgets.*
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee. *Considers and proposes needed changes in the MSERA constitution and bylaws.*
- Development Committee. *Identifies and solicits sources of financial support.*
- Distinguished Awards Selection Committee. *Reviews papers submitted for the outstanding paper award and the distinguished dissertation/thesis award.*
- Evaluation Committee. *Evaluates the annual meeting.*
- Future Site Selection Committee. *Recommends future annual meeting sites.*
- Graduate Students Advisory Committee. *Recommends and conducts activities to encourage graduate student membership and participation.*
- Local Arrangements Committee. *Serves as liaison for annual meeting and coordinates with local resource people.*
- Membership Committee. *Recommends and conducts activities to promote MSERA membership.*
- Nominations Committee. *Selects candidates for the next MSERA election.*
- Program Committee. *Reviews abstracts submitted for the annual meeting program.*
- Publications and Communications Committee. *Recommends policy for MSERA publications and communication.*

Schedule of Events



2003 Annual Meeting
Biloxi, MS

Mark Your Calendar!

2003 Deadlines:

- June 15 Board of Director and Officer Nominations
- June 30 Foundation Grant Application
- June 30 Paper Proposal Submission
- June 30 Outstanding Paper Submission
- June 30 Distinguished Thesis/Dissertation Submission
- Sept. 15 Bowman Service Award Nominations

2003 Annual Meeting
November 5-7
Grand Casino Resort and Spa
Biloxi, Mississippi

2004 Annual Meeting
November 17-19
Park Vista Resort Hotel
Gatlinburg, TN

2003 MSERA Executives



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Qaisar Sultana



President
Kathy Franklin



Executive Secretary
John Petry



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