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Scott Bauer, 2004 MSERA President

It is typical for the current MSERA president to use this space to thank our many dedicated leaders for devoting their time and energy to the organization. But when I sat down to write, another notion came to mind: I'd like to offer you my assessment of the state of the association. In truth, this idea came to me last month, on an airplane, on my way home from MSERA's spring board meeting. I had just spent a little over 24 hours with MSERA's current board members and committee chairs, and I was elated with the state of the association. I thought it worthwhile to share this with members.

Members...hmm...that's a good place to start. Secretary-Treasurer Nola Christenberry reported that present, MSERA has just under 400 individual members, a number you can help grow. This month, the membership committee (lead by Linda Kondrick & Rebecca Giles) will be launching a drive to promote awareness of MSERA and to encourage submissions for the 2004 Annual Meeting. Talk up the association, and encourage participation in the annual meeting. Immediately!

We also have 32 institutional members who have joined MSERA to support the association. You can help here, too, by encouraging your institution's involvement. Check out the website for a full listing of institutional members and information on how to become one. Immediately!

Nola Christenberry also reported that we are a financially healthy association. We adopted a balanced budget for 2004, thanks in part to the continued analysis conducted by the budget, planning & managing committee chaired by Cliff Hofwolt. Our publications continue to be outstanding thanks to the leadership of Lynn Howerton & Mary Jane Bradley, editors of the *Researcher*; Larry Daniel & Tony Onwuegbuzie, editors of *Research in the Schools*; and John Petry, who edits the



Scott Bauer

Proceedings. The publications and communications committee, chaired by Rob Kennedy & Janice Hinson, and our webmaster, David Morse, presented a tentative schedule for migrating more of our print publications to the web.

Did I mention the Annual Meeting yet? Jim McLean & Judy Boser, local arrangements chairs, hosted the board meeting at The Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg, site of the 2004 Annual Meeting. Wow! What a great facility. Russ West, program chair, reminded us that the call for papers is online at www.msera.org, and we discussed several changes that we hope will make the meeting both productive and more enjoyable for you. For instance, based on member suggestions collected by the evaluation committee (lead by Bill Spencer & Russ West), we are planning to have our keynote address over lunch instead of Wednesday night. MSERA Mentor co-chairs Qaisar Sultana & Harry Bowman reviewed their plans for welcoming and supporting new members. The graduate student advisory committee (co-chaired by Gail Weems and Pamela Broadston) likewise plans some very special events. Start working on your proposals. Immediately!

The future site selection committee (lead by Gahan Bailey & Dennis Zuelke) also reported at the board meeting, and we

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"Caught in the Web"

- About MSERA
- 2002 Proceedings
- Deadlines
- Links to related sites and organizations
- Officers & Board Contacts
- 2003 Annual Meeting at Biloxi

MSERA Website
www.msera.org

2004 MSERA Leadership

2004 Board of Directors

Mary Jane Bradley *Shana Corvers* *Kathy Holland* *Lynn Howerton* *Beverly Klecker* *Jane Nell Luster*



Jane McHaney

William Spencer

Dana Thames

Gail Weems

Russ West

Dennis Zuelke



2004 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)
Larry Daniel (University of North Florida)
Distinguished Awards Selection Committee–
Jane Nell Luster (Louisiana Department of Education)
Development Committee–
Scott Bauer (University of New Orleans)
Evaluation Committee–
Bill Spencer (Auburn University)
Russ West (East Tennessee State University)
Future Site Selection Committee–
Gahan Bailey (University of South Alabama)
Dennis Zuelke (Jacksonville State University)
Graduate Student Advisory Committee–
Gail Weems (University of Memphis)
Pamela Broadston (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Local Arrangements Committee, Gatlinburg (2004)–
Jim McLean (East Tennessee State University)
Judy Boser (University of Tennessee)
Local Arrangements Committee, Baton Rouge (2005)–
Jane Nell Luster (Louisiana Department of Education)
Local Arrangements Committee, Birmingham (2006)–
Gypsy Abbott (University of Alabama at Birmingham)
Local Arrangements Committee, Hot Springs (2007)–
Linda Kondrick (Arkansas Tech University)

Membership Committee–
Rebecca Giles (University of South Alabama)
Linda Kondrick (Arkansas Tech University)
Nominations Committee–
Kathy Franklin (University of Alabama)
Program Committee -
Russ West (East Tennessee State University)
Kathy Franklin (University of Alabama)
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Harry Bowman (Council on Occupational Education)

Gypsy Abbott *Judy Boser* *Gahan Bailey* *Harry Bowman* *Larry Daniel* *Jim Flaitz* *Kathy Franklin* *Rebecca Giles*



Cliff Hofwolt

Rob Kennedy

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Jim McLean

David Morse

Anthony Onwuegbuzie

Qaisar Sultana



2004 Annual Meeting at Gatlinburg, Tennessee

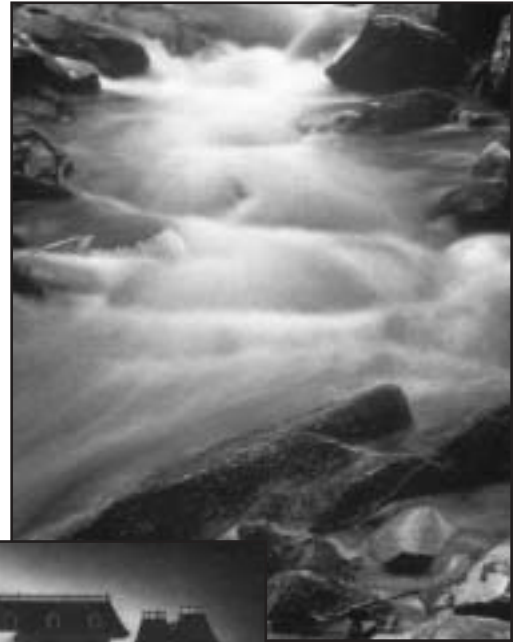


Gatlinburg sits at the edge of the Smoky Mountains along with its neighbors, Pigeon Forge and Sevierville. They form the busiest tourism hub in eastern Tennessee. In part, the towns owe their existence to the steady flow of visitors heading to Great Smoky Mountains National Park. While the park puts the focus on nature, the gateway towns are much more about manmade attractions such as water parks, music theaters and miniature golf courses. These towns are the type of high-volume travel destinations people either love or hate. This area is with vacationing families and its many wedding chapels also draw about-to-be married couples.

In Gatlinburg, the top attraction is the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort and Amusement Park. It sits high on Mt. Harrison and the preferred transportation is aboard the aerial tram that runs from downtown Gatlinburg. There are amusement park rides and a bear habitat in the warm months, skiing in winter, and shopping year round. In the town, there is a large collection of attractions owned by Ripley's, including a Believe It or Not! Museum, a "Moving Theater", and the Aquarium of the Smokies (sharks). If that is not enough, consider a visit to the Mysterious Mansion, a haunted house with moving floors, secret panels, and the like. Christus Gardens mixes sightseeing with religion, which offers dioramas depicting biblical scenes, the Old Testament presented as a mural, and much more. Golfers will love the scenic and challenging golf courses in the area. There is plenty of opportunity to shop for arts and crafts items, which are especially prominent during the Craftsmen's Fairs in July and October.



2004 Annual Meeting at Gatlinburg, Tennessee



Park Vista Resort Hotel

705 Cherokee Orchard Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
1-800-421-7275
www.parkvista.com

Room rates:

Single/Double \$99;
Triple/Quad \$109
Suites available \$199-319

Mention MSERA for rate!

For more information, visit the web at <http://gatlinburg-tennessee.com/>

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have some very exciting venues planned for our upcoming meetings. After Gatlinburg, the sites and respective local arrangements chairs for the next three meetings are: Baton Rouge, 2005 (Jane Nell Luster); Birmingham, 2006 (Gypsy Abbott); and Hot Springs, 2007 (Linda Kondrick). (We even have a tentative site for 2008, but we're keeping that a secret.) If you are nearby to any of these sites and can help make these meetings spectacular, please contact the local arrangements chairs. Immediately! (Actually, you have some time on this.)

Finally, at the board meeting we started a strategic planning process to begin to define the association's future. We will be using the listserv to ask for your input into this process, both to give you a voice and to encourage your active involvement. Please give us the benefit of your ideas and feedback about the association. Immediately!

At the beginning of this column, I said I wasn't going to spend a lot of time thanking our leaders. I lied. We have a great many leaders in this organization who devote their time and energy to making the association work, and they deserve our thanks. I'd like to challenge you to become one of MSERA's them by getting actively involved as an officer, a committee chair, or as a committee member. I've tried to suggest some ways to start. Immediately!

-Scott Bauer
MSERA President

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 postmarked by **September 15, 2004**. Please send nominations to **Scott Bauer, President MSERA, Department of Educational Leadership, Counseling and Foundations, University of New Orleans, 348 Education Building, New Orleans, LA 70148**.

MSERA 2004 Spring Board Meeting Scrapbook

Your leaders at work!!!



Graduate Student Corner



Gail Weems

Hello Graduate Students!

We strongly encourage you to get involved in the organization and the meeting in Gattlinburg is a great place to start.

In addition to the traditional submissions, there will be a special graduate student session for "Research in Progress." The purpose of this session is to provide the participants with feedback on research projects that are in various stages of plan-

ning and short of completion. The format of the session will follow that of a discussion session with additional time for feedback. If you would like to present your research project in this session, do NOT use the MSERA submission website. Instead, please email an abstract (300 word max) of your research proposal to ghweems@ualr.edu by June 30th and you will be notified in July as to the status of your submission.

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.

In addition, Scott Bauer and Jane Nell Luster have graciously agreed to entertain and enlighten us with suggestions for giving presentations following the graduate student lunch. Finally, be sure to stop by the welcome table for a list of session highlights, especially training sessions, of particular interest to graduate students. We look forward to working with you this year and seeing you in Gattlinburg!

Your Graduate Student Advisory Committee Co-Chairs, Gail Weems (ghweems@ualr.edu), Pamela Broadston (pmbroadston@ualr.edu), and Sherry Shaw (slshaw@ualr.edu)

2004 MSERA Membership Form *(Please print or type)*

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: Work () _____ Home () _____

FAX () _____ E-mail _____

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

Have you been a member of MSERA for 15 years or more? Yes or No

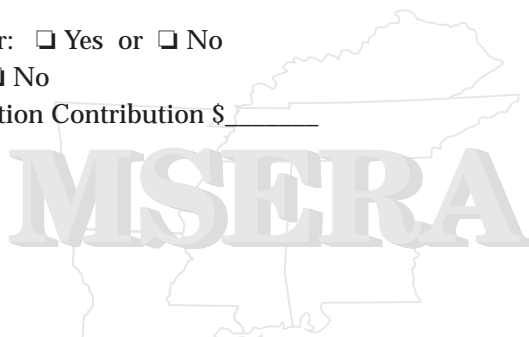
Dues: Professional (\$25) or Student (\$15) MSER Foundation Contribution \$ _____

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

MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Check the label on the back cover. It should say 2004 if you are current.



IMPORTANT NOTE: The Annual Meeting registration fee includes membership dues for the following year. If you registered for the Annual Meeting in Biloxi, you paid your dues for 2004. If you did not register for that meeting, please remit your 2004 dues using this form. The registration fee for the Annual meeting in Gatlinburg, TN, November 17-19, 2004 will include your dues for 2005.

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



2004 Annual Meeting
Gatlinburg, TN

Mark Your Calendar!

2004 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

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

2005 Annual Meeting
November 9-11
Radisson Hotel
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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