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Mississippi, Tennessee**

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Take Out Your Crystal Ball...



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Scott Bauer, 2004 MSERA President

In my last column, I provided you with a report on the state of the association. Along the way, you learned about how many individual and institutional members we have, our financial well being, the location of our next three Annual Meetings, and how leaders of our many active committees are planning to support you through the development of some pretty innovative programming. (You might want to re-read this; there will be a quiz at the Business Meeting in November.) You were invited to become an active participant in MSERA's governance and committee structures. You also learned that the board started a strategic planning process designed to define the association's future.

You might be thinking, "Strategic planning? Oh, no. What a waste of time." It's true that strategic planning is so often misused that it has become a pejorative term. We've all fallen victim to the syndrome of spending countless hours working on planning committees that produce breathtaking documents that become door stops. But the fact remains that our association is at a turning point that necessitates that we answer the following questions: What do we want MSERA to become over the next decade? How do you want to grow professionally, and what can MSERA do to contribute to your success?

That's where you come in. Our strength is our membership. There exists in this association a well of creative and promising ideas that offer a blueprint of how MSERA can develop into the future, to meet the emergent needs of scholars and students in our region. Our goal over the next few months is to mine these ideas with the goal of identifying a number of significant priorities we can commit to as an association that define how we will create MSERA's future.



Scott Bauer

I invite you to take out your crystal balls, and envision what you'd like MSERA to look like a decade from now. Shortly, you will receive an e-mail request for your feedback on an online survey that asks for your thoughts and feelings on a number of questions dealing with topics like the following: What do you consider to be MSERA's strengths and shortcomings? What needs does MSERA meet for you, and what could we be doing to better meet those needs? What role would you like to play in the association, and how can we best involve our members?

Creating our future will not happen overnight; it is going to take time, the leadership of a great many people, and your willingness to participate in the process. The survey is a first step; we will be asking for your involvement a number of ways, and welcome your views. One thing is certain: Your input in this process is absolutely critical. Please take the time to respond to the survey, and feel free to offer any suggestions you have on what you would like MSERA to become, or on the process we are embarking on to try to define this.

— MSERA President
Scott Bauer

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MSERA Website
www.msera.org

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Proposed Changes in Constitution & Bylaws

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE OF THE MID-SOUTH EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Proposed Revisions for Consideration by the
MSERA Membership
Thursday, November 18, 2004
Proposed additions: bold/underlined
Proposed deletions:
[brackets/italics/underlined]

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV OFFICES AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1.a. The governing body of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President/President-Elect, ~~[Secretary-Treasurer]~~ **Secretary, Treasurer**, Immediate Past President, Directors, and Executive Secretary, who are members of the Association. These officials shall constitute the Board of Officers and Directors of the Association (hereafter called the Board of the Association). The term of office for each elected official shall begin on the first day of the calendar year following election to the Board of the Association.

Section 2.a. The Officers of the Association who serve as Vice President/President-Elect ~~and [Secretary-Treasurer]~~ **Secretary, and Treasurer** shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association to terms of one year for the Vice President/President-Elect and two years for the ~~[Secretary-Treasurer] Secretary and Treasurer .~~ **The Secretary shall be elected at the Annual Meeting during even-numbered years, and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Meeting during odd-numbered years.** The Vice President/President-Elect shall succeed automatically to the office of President for a term of one year upon completion of a term as a Vice President/President-Elect or upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of President. Each officer shall serve until a successor assumes office except for the Vice President/President-Elect who would succeed to the office of President due to a vacancy in the office.

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 are restricted to one term, and the Secretary ~~[-]~~ **and** Treasurer, who ~~[is]~~ **are** not restricted as to the number of terms served.

d. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of ~~[Secretary-Treasurer]~~ **Secretary, Treasurer**, or among the Directors, the successor to fill the vacancy shall be named by a majority vote of the Board of the Association. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice President/President-Elect, the office will be filled by election at the next Annual

Meeting of the Association. Any person who is named to fill an unexpired term shall be eligible for election to the office to which the appointment is made.

Section 5. The President, Vice President/President-Elect, ~~[Secretary-Treasurer]~~ **Secretary, Treasurer**, and Immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board. The Executive Secretary will serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE II

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 3. a. The Secretary ~~[-Treasurer]~~ shall conduct the correspondence for the Association, keep minutes and records for all regular and special meetings of the Association, keep minutes and records for all meetings of the Board, ~~[keep account of and report all monies received, write checks as authorized by the Board,]~~ and supervise registration at the Association's Annual Meeting.

b. The Secretary ~~[-Treasurer]~~ shall prepare and distribute minutes to the Board members for any regular and special meetings within six weeks after the conclusion of each meeting. Unless there is written notice from any Board member within four weeks after the distribution of the minutes concerning errors in the minutes, these shall become the official record of the proceedings of the meeting upon approval by the Executive Committee of the Board.

[c] **Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep account of and report all monies received on behalf of the Association and shall write checks as authorized by the Board. The** ~~[Secretary-]~~ **Treasurer** shall prepare and submit the books of the Association for an annual audit to be conducted after the close of the business year by an active member, other than the incoming or outgoing ~~[Secretary-]~~ Treasurer, appointed by the incoming President.

Re-number sections of Article II that follow from Sections 4-8 to Sections 5-9.

ARTICLE IV

REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The absence of a Board member from two meetings during a term of office shall constitute grounds for declaring the office vacant. In such case, the Board shall determine the rea-

sonableness of the absences. If the Board deems that the absences are without merit, it shall declare the office vacant. In the case of an elective office except for the office of Vice President/President-Elect, the successor to fill the vacancy shall be named by a majority vote of the Board of the Association.

Section 2. The Board of the Association may remove a member of the Board, for good cause, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board members present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board. One, but not the only, good cause is the failure to perform the duties of the office held by the member of the Board.

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS

Division of Office of Secretary-Treasurer

The scope and volume of work for the Secretary-Treasurer of the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) are highly demanding and require a tremendous amount of time during each twelve-month cycle. The intent in dividing the office into two offices (Secretary and Treasurer) is to distribute the work between two persons and make the demands of each position more manageable for the incumbent. The change will also provide the opportunity to involve another individual in a significant leadership position on the MSERA Board.

Removal of Member of the Board

The MSERA Board has become aware that it does not have the authority to remove a member of the Board from office for any justifiable reason – no matter how essential the performance of the duties of the office is to the operation of MSERA. The purpose for this addition to the Bylaws is to grant the Board the authority to remove a member of the Board in an extraordinary circumstance where the Board member is not fulfilling the critical duties of the office held. As a safeguard against frivolous use of this authority, the action would have to be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board members participating in the decision.

2004 MSERA Annual Meeting

Gatlinburg, Tennessee



Gatlinburg, a mountain getaway, is located on the edge of the Smoky Mountains and is ranked as the number one mountain destination by the magazine *Southern Living*. No where in the South will there be a richer heritage of arts and crafts. Gatlinburg preserves the craft heritage of the Great Smoky Mountains year-round, including pottery, woodcarving, candlemaking, quilting, weaving, broommaking, and painting.



Top attractions in Gatlinburg include Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort, Ripley's Aquarium, Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre, Christus Gardens, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, and the Smoky Mountain National Park. This mountain resort has more than 450 specialty shops, boutiques and galleries. Gatlinburg offers dozens of dining choices from national chains to family-owned restaurants, featuring menus from pancakes to prime rib. Scattered across the mountainsides and on the fringe roads in the hollows are cabins, condos, and chalets, known for their "home away from home" atmosphere.



Join us in Gatlinburg, a place small enough to cling to its mountain heritage and big enough to take care of all the people who come to visit. Visit for a few days and you will want to come back.



2004 MSERA Annual Meeting

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

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE
— October 17 —

Mention MSERA for rate!

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

Keynote Speaker for 2004 Annual Meeting



William Sanders

William L. Sanders is manager of Value-Added Assessment and Research for SAS in School in Cary, North Carolina, and has a research affiliation with the University of North Carolina system. Previously director of the University of Tennessee Value-Added Research and Assessment Center, Dr. Sanders developed a research model which demonstrated that value-added educational outcome assessment can be measured fairly, objectively and without bias

from student achievement data by using statistical mixed-model techniques. Dr. Sanders also led the University of Tennessee's Statistical and Computing Services Unit and was the adjunct professor in the Department of Statistics within the College of Business Administration. Over the past 30 years, he has served as a statistical consultant and an advisor to the agricultural, manufacturing, engineering and development industries. Dr. Sanders received a doctorate in biostatistics and qualitative genetics from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

More information at <http://www.sas.com/govedu/education/evaas/bio.html>

Thank You From The Foundation

Thank you for your support!

The Mid-South Educational Research (MSER) Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the functions and activities of the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA), as well as to serve as a financial safety net for MSERA. MSER Foundation Plans for this year include contributing \$1000 to support graduate students and new member activities at the 2004 annual meeting, continuing to supplement the outstanding paper award by \$250, and continuing to support the costs of the MSERA web site, currently in the amount of \$119.40. Thank you for the contributions that you have made in support of these activities!

If you would like to further support these activities, please consider making a donation when you renew or begin your membership, using the form provided in this issue of the *Researcher*. Donations to the MSER Foundation are fully tax deductible.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, feel free to contact Rob Kennedy (rlkennedy@ualr.edu), John Petry (jpetry@memphis.edu), or any other Foundation Board member. Thank you for your support!

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Graduate Student Corner

Hello Graduate Students!

We are looking forward to meeting with you in Gattlinburg. Be sure to get a copy of the Graduate Student Highlights Sheet at the registration table to make sure that you don't miss any of the special events that are planned for you.

We would like to reiterate our encouragement from the May issue of the Researcher and encourage you to get involved in the organization. You might want to begin by submitting for the 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 planning 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. The deadline has been extended to July 14th and you will be notified in August as to the status of your submission.

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 Annual Meeting Registration

Gatlinburg, TN • November 17-19, 2004 (Please print or type)

Note: If you are a current member of MSERA, use the pre-printed form you will receive as an email attachment or in the mail. If you are not a current member, use the form below. Your mailing label on this newsletter will show if you are a current 2004 member.

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: (Street or PO) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

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

2004 Meeting Registration and 2005 Membership (circle correct amount)

Current Member: Pre-registration (postmarked by Oct. 17)

On-site Registration

Non-member:

Pre-registration

On-site Registration

Amount Enclosed:

Registration (enter amount circled)

MSER Foundation Contribution

TOTAL

	Professional	Student
Current Member: Pre-registration (postmarked by Oct. 17)	\$60	\$35
On-site Registration	\$65	\$40
Non-member: Pre-registration	\$90	\$55
Non-member: On-site Registration	\$100	\$65
Amount Enclosed: Registration (enter amount circled)	\$ _____	\$ _____
MSER Foundation Contribution	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____

Send this form and check to:

Nola Christenberry
 MSERA Secretary/Treasurer
 P.O. Box 1560
 State University, AR 72467

Your participation in MSERA activities is greatly appreciated. Please 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
Park Vista Resort Hotel
Gatlinburg, TN

Mark Your Calendar!

2004 Deadlines:

- Sept. 15 Bowman Service Award Nominations
- Oct. 17 Pre-Registration due to MSERA Secretary/Treasurer
- Oct. 17 Hotel Reservations at \$99 rate

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

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

Gatlinburg Attractions



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