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**Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky,
Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee**

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Bill Spencer, 2007 MSERA President

Each year we look forward to our annual conference and the pleasure of seeing old friends and colleagues once again. And there's always the experience of meeting new members and welcoming them to the organization. We all remember our first conference and how we welcomed a friendly face amid all those new people. I think it's really important to continue our tradition of being a "friendly" organization which eases the entrance of new members into the profession.

A great meeting in Birmingham has helped us begin to recover our momentum after Katrina, and to look forward to our November meeting in Hot Springs, a location we've not visited before as an organization. Linda Kondrick, our Local Arrangements Chair, has been extremely enthusiastic about the sights and environment there so I hope all of you have already made plans to attend.

As always, we have some new faces on the Board. Randy Parker is the Vice-President/President Elect and Donna Herring is the new Secretary. We also have six new State Representatives this year: Linda Kondrick (Arkansas), JoAnna Dickey (Kentucky), Betty Porter (Louisiana), Rebecca Giles (Alabama), Dana Thames (Mississippi), and Patrick Kariuki (Tennessee) were elected to the Board to represent their respective states. The at large members of the Board continue through the second year of their terms. I look forward to working with all of them to make MSERA even better! A special thanks to Jane Nell Luster for her hard work as chair of the nominations committee.

Cliff Hofwolt's appointment as Executive Director has also gotten off to



Bill Spencer

a flying start with the consolidation of the financial records and accounts formerly managed by the Treasurer as well as the duties which John Petry carried out for so many years as Executive Secretary. Cliff's duties have also expanded to include a multitude of other responsibilities as well.

This year's Program Chair is Gail Hughes (formerly Weems) and her cochair is Linda Kondrick who will also serve as Program Chair for 2008. Cliff will work with past program chairs as well as Gail and Linda as we develop a software package that we hope will avoid all the problems we had last summer and which also will be the same year after year. We know they will develop a great program but they do need our help. Be sure and submit and encourage others to submit proposals.

Finally, please be sure your membership is current. If you need the form, it can be downloaded from www.msera.org. You can also use it to volunteer for committees as well. We are always looking to broaden the participation of as many members as possible.

-William Spencer
MSERA 2007 President

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MSERA Website
www.msera.org

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2007 MSERA Leadership

2007 Board of Directors

Betty Porter



Jack Klotz



Dianne Swain



Julie Holmes



Linda Kondrick



Edward Shaw



JoAnna Dickey



Dana Thames



Laura Boudreaux Pitre



Patrick Kariuki



Rebecca Giles



2007 Committee Chairs and Other Appointments

Archives/Paper Repository:

David Morse, Mississippi State University

Budget Advisory:

Gahan Bailey, University of South Alabama

Constitution and Bylaws:

Harry Bowman, Council on Occupational Studies

Development:

Laurie Leonard, Louisiana Tech University

Distinguished Awards Selection:

Randy Parker, Louisiana Tech University

Evaluation:

Eddie Shaw, University of South Alabama and Julie Holmes, Louisiana Tech University cochairs

Future Site Selection:

Patrick Kariuki, Milligan College and Susan Santoli, University of South Alabama cochairs

Graduate Student Advisory:

Sherry Shaw, University of Arkansas-Little Rock and Michelle Georgette Haj-Broussard, McNeese State University cochairs

Growth and Expansion Ad-Hoc:

Larry Daniel, University of North Florida

Local Arrangements for 2007:

Linda Kondrick, Arkansas Tech University

Local Arrangements for 2008:

To Be Determined (Knoxville)

Membership:

Paige Baggett, University of South Alabama and James Kirylo, Southeast Louisiana University cochairs

MSERA Mentors:

Linda Morse, Mississippi State University

Nominations:

Gahan Bailey, University of South Alabama

Program:

Gail Hughes, University of Arkansas-Little Rock and Linda Kondrick, Arkansas Tech University cochairs

Publications and Communications:

Rob Kennedy, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

LERA Liaison:

Randy Parker, Louisiana Tech University

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Sherry Shaw



Gahan Bailey



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Larry Daniel



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Mary Jane Bradley



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David Morse



Anthony Onwuegbuzie



2007 Annual Meeting at Hot Springs



Hot Springs, Arkansas, is America's First Resort and one of the South's most popular family vacation and convention destination spots. Hot Springs carries on some very important hospitality traditions and that's why people keep coming back to visit. Hot Springs National Park, the first federally protected area in the national park system, features amazing 147° thermal water, rich history and beautiful architecture. Also, Hot Springs Historic Downtown District includes classic hotels, Victorian architecture, world-class art studios, restaurants, night-clubs and the famed Bathhouse Row.



One of Hot Springs' scenic features is the beautiful Diamond Lakes region. Crystal hunting, fishing, water sports, hiking, golf, camping, site seeing and horseback riding provide year-round opportunity for outdoor recreation. Tucked inside a mystical valley in these gentle mountains, Hot Springs offers our visitors many exciting outdoor sports activities.



2007 Annual Meeting at Hot Springs



Foundation Support for Research in Progress Available

The Mid-South Educational Research Foundation will provide partial funding for students who have applied to and been accepted for presentations for the Research in Progress session, and who are subsequently selected by the Foundation to receive this support. The total amount available is \$1000, so the amount per student will vary according to the number of papers selected for funding by the Foundation. We are asking faculty members to encourage students to submit applications for the Research in Progress session via the link that will be available on the MSERA home page. Research in Progress is an opportunity for students to present their research at virtually any stage in a supportive environment. This is another way that the Foundation uses contributions to support the activities of the Mid-South Educational Research Association. Thank you!

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Room rates:

Single/Double \$62 + tax

Mention MSERA for rate!

Call for Reviewers

Serving as a Reviewer is an excellent way for any member to participate in the Annual Meeting. Each Reviewer is assigned a few abstracts to review and determine if they should be included in the Annual Program. Any member interested in serving as a Reviewer should log onto the online submission site (when it becomes available) or provide their name and email address to the Program Chair, Dr. Gail D. Hughes at gdhughes@ualr.edu. Thank you for your participation.

For more information, visit the web at <http://www.hotsprings.org>

MSERA 2007 Spring Board Meeting Scrapbook



Call for Nominees for Harry L. Bowman Service Award

The Bowman Service Award was created in 1992 to honor Harry Bowman, who has served MSERA as president, executive secretary, chair of constitution and bylaws committee, and in other ways too numerous to mention. The Bowman Service Award is made at the annual meeting of MSERA, in November. The recipient is honored with a plaque at the business meeting (Thursday evening). The award has been used to honor persons who are notable for their significant and continuing contributions to the organization. Nominations for the 2007 award must be postmarked by September 14, 2007. Any MSERA member may submit a nomination for this award. Nominations for the Bowman Service Award should be forwarded to the MSERA president, at the following address: William Spencer, President, MSERA, 4036 Haley Center, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849, Fax: (334) 844-3072

Call for 2009 and 2010 Site Proposals

Our 2008 meeting will be held in Knoxville, TN. The location of our annual meetings is supposed to follow a pattern: for odd years a particular state has priority, based on an established order, while in even years bids are open to any of the six states or locations outside the MSERA states. AT its spring meeting, the board voted to entertain proposals from Louisiana for 2009 and any location for 2010. Invitations to host need to follow the guidelines available from the MSERA website. The deadline for proposals to be submitted to one of the cochairs of the Future Site Selection Committee is August 1, 2007.

Graduate Student Corner



Co-Chairs Michelle Haj-Broussard and Sherry Shaw

Hello Graduate Students!

We strongly encourage you to get involved in MSERA at this year's meeting in Hot Springs, AR. In addition to the Student Social Hour and Student/New

Member Breakfast, we will be holding a **Research in Progress (RIP)** session that will allow you to present your research interests, plans, and progress and receive feedback and suggestions. To participate, go to the 'Call for Papers' section of the MSERA website. There will be an option for "students" to submit an abstract (300 word max) of your research proposal. Be sure to include detailed information about what you have accomplished, including the "why" of your research, your research design, methodology, etc. Additionally, you will need to ask a sponsoring faculty member to send a memo of support to (mbroussard@mcneese.edu) by June 29th. You will be notified in July as to the status

of your submission.

More good news...thanks to the generosity of the MSER Foundation, reimbursement stipends will be available to defray some of your costs for attending the Annual Meeting and presenting your research. We hope to see you all in Hot Springs!

Your Graduate Student Advisory Committee Co-Chairs

Michelle Haj-Broussard
(mbroussard@mcneese.edu)
McNeese State University

Sherry Shaw (slshaw@ualr.edu)
University of Arkansas at Little Rock

2007 MSERA Membership Form *(Please print or type)*

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: Work () _____ Home () _____

FAX () _____ E-mail _____

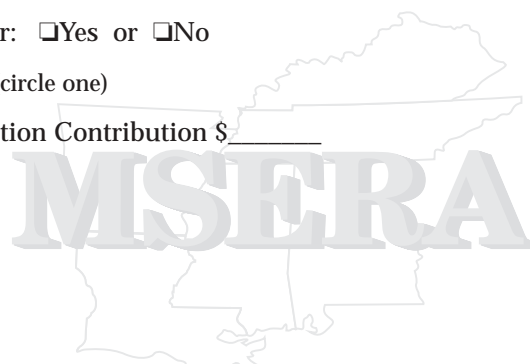
MSERA Membership: Renewal or New AERA Member: Yes or No

Have you been a member of MSERA for at least 15 years? Yes No (circle one)

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

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

Send this form and check to: **Cliff Hofwolt**
Executive Director
Box 330, Peabody College
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, TN 37203



IMPORTANT NOTE: If your mailing label has a 2007 at the top, you are a current member. If your mailing label has a 2006, you will need to complete the membership form to keep your membership current, otherwise, this is the last publication you will receive. The registration fee for the Annual Meeting in Birmingham, AL, November 8-10, 2006 included your dues for 2007.

Your participation in MSERA activities is greatly appreciated. Please indicate any activities you would like to do 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



2007 Annual Meeting
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Mark Your Calendar!

2007 Deadlines:

- June 29 Paper Proposal Submission (online only)
- June 29 Outstanding Paper Submission
- June 29 Distinguished Thesis/Dissertation Submission
- July 1 Board of Director & Officer Nominations
- August 1 2009 and 2010 Site Proposals
- Sept 14 Bowman Service Award Nominations

2007 Annual Meeting
November 7-9
Austin Hotel
Hot Springs, Arkansas

2008 Annual Meeting
November 5-7
Knoxville, Tennessee

2007 MSERA Executives



Past-President
Gahan Bailey



President
Bill Spencer



President-Elect
Randy Parker



Secretary
Donna Herring



Executive Director
Cliff Hofwolt

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