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Message from the President



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Set Your Sights on Knoxville

In November we will gather in Knoxville for the 2nd time in our history for our 2008 Annual Meeting, and I am pleased to inform you that the state of our association is strong. We are blessed with a multitude of members who serve with distinction and dedication and I am both honored and humbled to serve as your president. A hallmark of MSERA is our rich tradition of being an inviting, friendly association where we can connect with friends and colleagues, as well as welcome newcomers. I encourage each of you to make your plans to attend and to bring at least one new member with you. There is much we can experience together – your involvement is needed and desired.

The Spring Board Meeting in Knoxville was very productive. Thanks to our new Board members: Dana Thames - Vice President/President Elect, Linda Boswell - SDE/LEA Representative, Kevin Clark Walker - Graduate Student Representative, and four At-Large Representatives - Edward Shaw, Julie Holmes, Dianne Richardson and David Bell. Thanks also to the State Representatives and Committee Chairs along with Bill Spencer - Past President, Donna Herring - Secretary, and Cliff Hofwolt -Executive Director. I look forward to working with the Board as we continue to guide and improve MSERA.

This year's Program Chair is Linda Kondrick and her co-chair is Julie Holmes. With their capable leadership and commitment, I am most confident that we will have a stellar program when we get to Knoxville. But - We need your help. The online submission link is now open and we need proposals. Please be sure to submit and encourage your colleagues and graduate students to do so also. While I'm at it, I would also encourage you to submit your work for the Outstanding Research Paper Award and your doctoral students to submit for the Outstanding Dissertation



Randy Parker

Award. We also have space for Graduate Student Research in Progress Sessions. You can download membership forms, volunteer for committees, and find out a lot more about MSERA by viewing our website – www.msera.org. We want you to have every opportunity to participate in your organization. Your work has meaning and value and we want to include it in our 2008 Program.

Chris Skinner and Gary Skolits, our 2008 local arrangements co-chairs, have been hard at work preparing for our arrival in Knoxville. The Crowne-Plaza is an excellent venue for our meeting and I am sure you will be pleased with all that Knoxville has to offer. Make your plans to attend.

Our 2008 Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Paula Short, renowned educational researcher, writer, and educator who currently serves as Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents. I am sure you will not want to miss her informative and motivational session.

Paper and Poster Sessions, Symposia, Keynote and Mentor Sessions, Research in Progress, Collaboration, Seeing Old Friends and Making New Ones – All this and more awaits you in Knoxville. I'm Randy Parker and I approve this message. See you in November.

Randy Parker
MSERA 2008 President

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MSERA Website
www.msera.org

The Mid-South

Educational Researcher

Co-Editors: Mary Jane Bradley
and Lynn Howerton

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2008 MSERA Leadership

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2008 Committee Chairs and Other Appointments

Archives/Paper Repository:

David Morse, Mississippi State University

Budget Advisory:

William Spencer, Auburn University

Constitution and ByLaws:

Harry Bowman, Council on Occupational Studies

Development:

Charles Notar, Jacksonville State University

Distinguished Awards Selection:

Dana Thames, University of Southern Mississippi

Evaluation:

Eddie Shaw, University of South Alabama and Julie Holmes, Louisiana Tech University; co-chairs.

Future Site Selection:

Patrick Kariuki, Milligan College; co-chairs

Graduate Student Advisory:

Michelle Haj-Broussard, McNeese State University and Pam Broadston, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Growth and Expansion:

Larry Daniel, University of North Florida

Local Arrangements for 2008 (Knoxville)

Gary Skolits, Chris Skinner, and Judy Boser, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Local Arrangements for 2009 (Baton Rouge):

Jane Nell Luster, LSU-HS and Betty Porter, School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans

Local Arrangements for 2010 (Mobile): To be determined

Membership: Paige Baggett, University of South Alabama and Rebecca Robichaux, Mississippi State University, co-chairs

MSERA Mentors: Linda Morse, Mississippi State University

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John Slate, Sam Houston State University

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2008 Annual Meeting at Knoxville



Knoxville, founded in 1786, lies in the Tennessee Valley sandwiched between the Cumberland Plateau to the west and the Appalachian Mountains to the east. Surrounded by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the area has 900 miles of maintained trails including 70 miles of the Appalachian Trail.

Knoxville is home to a variety of museums, galleries, and attractions. Those include seven first frontier and Civil War homes to world-class art museums to nature centers and a zoological park. You may participate in walking tours and carriage rides, or visit museums, historical homes and sites, and the East Tennessee Center that houses the Southeast's largest resource for genealogical research.

The city has its own symphony, opera and ballet companies, as well as a host of theatres and other live music and performance venues. UT's famous Clarence Brown Theater and the historic Tennessee Theatre bring professional productions in both drama and music to the local stage. There are also a number of smaller theatres, such as the Black Box Theatre, Laurel Theater, Carpetbag Theatre and the Tennessee Stage Company.

With 13 courses in town, you may choose from country clubs to daily fee to par-three courses. Bring your clubs, enjoy a round and experience the beauty of the hills, lakes and rivers of East Tennessee. Knoxville's mild climate means you can play golf year-round. Knoxville has a rich competitive history having hosted golf tournaments like the Nationwide Tour's Knoxville Open, the Southern Amateur, and the Tennessee State Amateur.

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Knoxville's music scene has everything from blues to jazz, reggae to rock, and classical to country. There's live music on tap every night at the many nightclubs in the historic Old City and Market Square areas, and live music every weekday at One Vision Plaza, Knoxville's downtown visitor center. Knoxville's free outdoor concerts and movies keep Market Square hopping in spring, summer and fall, with an eclectic mix of national and regional acts and classic family films. One notable world-class live entertainment is at the beautifully restored Tennessee Theatre.

Knoxville has the flavors of classic Southern cooking or world cuisines at the more than 600 restaurants. When you are ready to relax with friends, you may visit one of Knoxville's downtown pubs and coffee shops. Wherever you wander, there's something tasty for everyone in every corner of Knoxville!

Research in Progress

Supported by MSERA and MSERF

Research in Progress, a new initiative of the ***Mid-South Educational Research Association***, serves as a graduate student research forum, held during the MSERA annual meeting, and offers an opportunity for students to present research projects at virtually any stage of development. These presentations take place in a supportive environment where constructive suggestions and ideas for the continuation and completion of the project are discussed. Last year's conference, hosted two sessions of ***Research in Progress***, both of which were well attended. Faculty members are encouraged to suggest this avenue of research presentation to students participating in on-going research or research near completion.

The ***Mid-South Educational Research Foundation (MSERF)*** provides partial funding for students who have applied to and been accepted for presentations for the ***Research in Progress*** sessions, and who are subsequently selected by the ***Foundation*** to receive this support. The ***Foundation*** uses contributions to support this as well as other activities of the Mid-South Educational Research Association. The ***Foundation*** itself is a nonprofit organization designed to support and promote the activities of the Mid-South Educational Research Association. MSERA members are encouraged to support MSERF with their tax deductible donations.

Robert L. Kennedy, Chair, MSERF



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MSERA 2008 Spring Board Meeting Scrapbook



Call for Nominees for Harry L. Bowman Service Award

Nominations for the Bowman Service Award, honoring Harry Bowman, who has served MSERA as president, executive secretary, chair of constitution and bylaws committee, and in other ways too numerous to mention must be **postmarked by September 15, 2008**.

This award honors persons who are notable for their significant and continuing contributions to MSERA. The recipient is presented a plaque at the Thursday evening business meeting. Any MSERA member may submit a nomination for this award.

Forward Nominations to:
Randy Parker, President, MSERA
P.O. Box 3161- College of Education
Louisiana Tech University
Ruston, LA 71272
(318) 257-2960 (fax)
doctorp@latech.edu

Nominations Sought for MSERA Offices (**CORRECTION**)

At the business meeting in Knoxville in November, eight offices will be up for election: VicePresident/President-Elect, Secretary (two year term), and a director from each of the six member states. Nominations for these offices are hereby solicited from the membership. All nominees must be members of MSERA. Further, all nominations must have the consent of the individual nominated and must contain contact information for that individual as well as the nominator. Nominations should be directed to William Spencer, nominations committee chair, 4036 Haley Center, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849, (334) 844-4460, spencwa@auburn.edu. A nominations committee will then consider all nominations received and arrive at a final slate of candidates. **Deadline for receipt of all nominations is June 1, 2008.**

Graduate Student Corner



Co-Chairs Michelle Haj-Broussard and Pam Broadston

Dear Graduate students,

Now is the time to begin preparations for attending our MSERA annual meeting in Knoxville. If you are working on a research project and have hit a snag or if you would like some constructive feedback on your research, please consider submitting your

work for our "Research in Progress" sessions. These sessions are specifically conceived to offer graduate students additional support to strengthen not only their research but also their skills in presenting and discussing that research. Last year in our RIP sessions we had graduate students that asked for feedback on their literature reviews, pilot studies, studies in progress, and completed dissertation studies. Search for "Research in Progress" on last year's program to take a look at those submissions.

http://www.msера.org/download/2007_program.pdf

To submit your work you need to go to the following site.

<http://www.msера.org/call.htm>

The submission software should be on-line by the time this column is published. You will also need to have an MSERA member send a letter of support of your project to me (via fax or e-mail).

I look forward to seeing you all in Knoxville and if you have any questions about the RIP submissions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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2008 MSERA Membership Form *(Please print or type)*

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: Work () _____ Home () _____
FAX () _____ E-mail _____

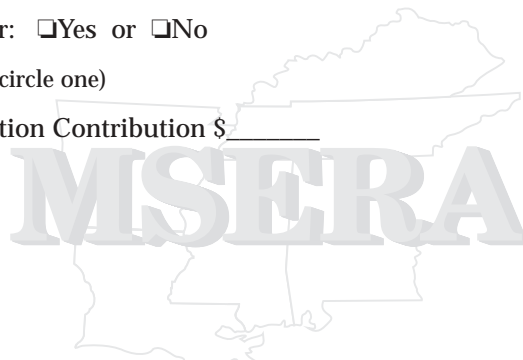
MSERA Membership: Renewal or New AERA Member: Yes or No

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



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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



2008 Annual Meeting
Knoxville, Tennessee

Mark Your Calendar!

2008 Deadlines:

June 1	Board of Director & Officer Nominations
June 27	Paper Proposal Submission (online only)
June 27	Outstanding Paper Submission
June 27	Distinguished Thesis/Dissertation Submission
Sept 15	Bowman Service Award Nominations

2008 Annual Meeting
November 5-7
Crowne Plaza
Knoxville, Tennessee

2009 Annual Meeting
November 4-6
Hilton
Baton Rouge, LA

2008 MSERA Executives



Past-President
Bill Spencer



President
Randy Parker



President-Elect
Dana Thames



Secretary
Donna Herring



Executive Director
Cliff Hofwolt

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