

Fall Business Meeting
October 29, 2020
3:00 PM

- President Rachelle Miller called the business meeting to order at 3:06.
- Rachelle expressed gratitude for all of the leadership team for this conference. This meeting began being planned back in June 2020 when we decided to take a vote on going virtual.
- She spoke to the leadership team being so talented and she is grateful for them. Teresa Clark was the chair for the planning of this virtual conference. Michael Mills is the program chair and he was the technology backbone for this program website, Zoom rooms, and troubleshooting for the conference.
- Participants in the conference commented on how engaging and well-organized the socials and new member socials have been. Adam Elder was presenting without electricity in New Orleans. A link in the chat box was placed for feedback from the conference participants.

Past-President (Mindy Crain-Dorough)

- Explained with Landon Clark the nominations committee and presented the MSERA slate of nominees for officers. She listed these:
 - Vice president-Michael Mills
 - Secretary-Adam Elder
 - State directors
 - Alabama-Kelly Byrd
 - Arkansas-Stefanie Sorbet
 - Kentucky-Melissa Chapman
 - Louisiana-Amanda Mayeaux
 - Mississippi-Kasia Gallo
 - Tennessee-Eric Oslund
 - Florida-Melanie Dilorento and Sherry Shaw
 - Candidate for student representative
 - Lakesha Reese-Penn
- On a motion by Mindy Crain-Dorough and a second by Charlie Notar, the organization accepted this slate of nominees.
- Mindy asked for nominations from the floor for vice president. None were presented. On a motion by Larry Daniel and a second by moved Charles Notar, the organization moved to close the nominations for vice president.
- Mindy asked for nominations from the floor for secretary. None were presented. On a motion by Rebecca Robichaux-Davis and a second by Eric Oslund, the organization moved to close the nominations for secretary.

- Mindy asked for nominations from the floor for University Student director board member. Teresa Clark presented Raglena Salmans. On a motion by ? and a second by ?, the organization moved to close nominations for the University Student director board member.
- Mindy asked for nominations from the floor for Alabama director. None were presented. On a motion by Charles Notar and a second by ?, the organization moved to close nominations for the Alabama director.
- Mindy asked for nominations from the floor for the Arkansas director. None were presented. On a motion by Nykela Jackson and a second by ?, the organization moved to close nominations for the Arkansas director.
- Mindy asked for nominations from the floor for Florida director. None were presented. On a motion by Rebecca Robichaux-Davis and a second by Charles Notar, the organization moved to close nominations for Florida director.
- Mindy asked for nominations from the floor for Kentucky director. None were presented. On a motion by Teresa Clark and a second by Nykela Jackson, the organization moved to close nominations for Kentucky director.
- Mindy asked for nominations from the floor for Louisiana director. None were presented. On a motion by Minadene Waldrop and a second by Charles Notar, the organization moved to close nominations for Louisiana director.
- Mindy asked for nominations from the floor for Mississippi director. None were presented. On a motion by Minadene Waldrop and a second by Nykela Jackson, the organization moved to close nominations for Mississippi director.
- Mindy asked for nominations from the floor for Tennessee director. None were presented. On a motion by Teresa Clark and a second by Rebecca Robichaux-Davis, the organization moved to close nominations for Tennessee director.
- On a motion by Charles Notar and a second by Rebecca Robichaux-Davis, the organization moved to close the entire nomination process.
- Mindy encouraged the membership to run for office and to get in touch with Rachelle Miller if you are interested in running for office.
- Landon Clark sent out the ballot out at 3:22.
- At 3:27 the ballot was closed and Mindy asked other past presidents to enter the next room to tally the results.

Walt Matthews

- Congratulated award winners and board members elected.
- Talked about how we are saving money and he thought we may tuck some of that money away to bring a colleague in next year who may not have funding.

- Next year will be something special and add back the fun and warmth back to the conference next year.

President (Rachelle Miller)

- Drew names for gift cards - Shannon Williams, Suzanne Franco, Ty Campbell, Jessica Herring Watson, Leslie Sharp, Casey Warren, Amanda Mayeaux, Larry Daniel, and Bobby Franklin.
- Randy Parker showed William Bill Spencer of Auburn who was our 2007 president. He passed away at the age of 80 this January. Took a moment to acknowledge past Bill and kind words were shared by members.

Executive Director (Randy Parker)

- Shared financial report.
- Took in \$20,375.44. Expenditures were \$9,111.81. The balance showed to be \$11,263.63. Our additional expenses should be \$1300.00. Our expected balance as of December 30, 2020 should be \$9,963.63.
- Did have an advance from the MSER foundation or loan of \$2000 to help us get through the year.
- Had an anonymous individual to donate \$1000 to help us get through the year with COVID.
- Did not have expenses for this meeting other than the keynote speaker and awards. Registration was planned to spend \$500 but we did not have this to spend. Eventbrite had a service fee of \$1387.95 for this conference.
- Reminded membership of his \$1500 stipend to serve as the executive director of MSERA.
- Said that we are solvent and can move forward and he moved to have the financial record be accepted.
- On a motion by Charles Notar and a second by Rebecca Robichaux-Davis, the membership approved the financial record presented by Randy Parker.

President-Elect (Teresa Clark)

- Solicited interest from membership about serving on committees.

Foundation Report – President MSER Foundation (Ava Pugh)

- Gave background on MSERA foundation and how it was developed and created.
- Read the foundation members aloud to the board.
- Explained that she asked the membership to pledge to pay \$100 each year to help support the foundation. Ava directed the board to go to the MSERA website and make a donation.

- Presented the RIP award. She described it as the award presented from the foundation.
- Randy presented the awards.
- Award recipients are:
 - Constant Mucika (LSU)
 - Jessica Herring Watson (UCA)
 - Samantha Gilbert (U of Mississippi)
 - Margaret Westmoreland (SELU)
 - Anita Dubroc (LSU)
 - Joy Anogwih (U of Alabama)

Presentation of 2020 Herbert M. Handley Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation Award (MSERA President-Elect, Teresa Clark)

- Shannon D. Williams (UCA)

Presentation of 2020 James E. McLean Distinguished Paper Award (MSERA President-Elect, Teresa Clark)

- Michele Wilson, Margaret Rice and Steven Yates.

Presentation of 2020 Harry L. Bowman Service Award (MSERA President, Rachelle Miller)

- Dustin Hebert

Presentation of 2020 Walter M. Mathews Historical Contribution Award

- Charles Notar

President (Rachelle Miller)

- Thanked the committee chairs, committees, and entire leadership team.

President-Elect (Teresa Clark)

- Shared that our 50th annual meeting will be on November 9-12, 2021 in New Orleans.
- Said that the committee is working on milestone moments, gifts, and plan to meet in some fashion.
- Rebecca Robichaux-Davis shared some highlights and ideas. She would like to have at least 2 members of the committee to represent each of the decades of the MSERA organization. Walt Mathews and Bob have volunteered to represent decade 1.

President (Rachelle Miller)

- Called more door prize winners: Sam Gilbert, Sherry Shaw, Kelly Byrd, Minadene Waldrop, Ashley Wicker, Amanda Ijames, Steven Yates, and Kenneth Anthony.

Election Results (Mindy Crain-Dorough)

- Vice President/President Elect: Michael Mills
- Secretary: Adam Elder
- State directors
 - Alabama: Kelly Byrd
 - Arkansas: Stefanie Sorbet
 - Kentucky: Melissa Chapman
 - Louisiana: Amanda Mayeaux
 - Mississippi: Kasia Gallo
 - Tennessee: Eric Oslund
 - Florida: Sherry Shaw
- Candidate for student representative:
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Installation of New Officers (Rachelle Miller, President)

Passing of the Gavel from Rachelle Miller to Teresa Clark

Acceptance Speech and Adjournment (Teresa Clark)

- Teresa thanked Rachelle and welcomed the future roles they would hold together to further the MSERA organization.
- Teresa thanked Mindy and Randy and others for working together on the virtual conference.
- Teresa thanked the board and committee members for encouraging her to get involved in this organization.
- She invited all of the members to stay invested and get involved in this conference. She invited us all to bring our students and other new members to the next conference.

On a motion by Teresa Clark and a second by Charles Notar, the membership moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 PM.