

Minutes
MSERA Annual Business Meeting
November 3, 2016
Mobile Alabama

President Dustin Hebert called the 2016 Annual Business Meeting of the MSERA membership to order at 4:29 pm.

In his opening comments Dustin stated that in preparing for this meeting, everyone felt the absence of Cliff Hofwolt. He informed the membership that the MSERA Board of Directors voted to name Cliff Hofwolt the first Executive Director Emeritus.

Elections: Past President Gayle Hughes explained the voting process. At large members or members of non-member states may take any ballot but do not vote for the state directors

Gayle Hughes called for nominations from the floor for all positions:

The following were nominated from the floor for the position of Graduate Student Representative:

Kasia Gallo
Shannon Williams
Joshua Reed

Randy Parker moved to close nominations second by Julie Holmes. Motion passed unanimously.

Jane Nell Luster and Walter Matthews presented the poll reports on the Cartoon Display “What’s Funny in Education”.

There were four Categories:

Making Sense - #5 Peanuts Linus is a Saint
Academia – Ureek of resent tenure
Fund Me - #6 I think I can make you happy if I can get funded
The Graduate - #2 Panhandler “paid kids college tuition” “unemployed grad”

They reminded us to look for “What’s funny in Education Part II” at the 2017 conference in Starkville, Mississippi.

Financial Report – as of Tuesday November 1, 2016 (GET NUMBERS FROM DUSTIN)

MSERA Foundation – Ava Pugh, President of Foundation, explained the role of the MSERA Foundation. Ava introduced Foundation members present.

The following Research in Progress Awards were announced by Larry Daniels:

Mississippi	Audrey Brown (not present to receive the award)
Alabama	Katie Johnson
	Sara Davis
	Katie ???

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Louisiana	Carie ??? Maria Wallace (not present to receive the award)
Arkansas	Shannon Williams Amy Thompson
Tennessee	Erick Cosman Joshua Reed Stacey Fields Lucy Watson Garet Smith Joshua Tipton Audrey Brown

Gayle Hughes announced the election Results:

Rebecca Robichaux-Davis, President Elect
Rachelle Miller, Secretary
Amy Thompson, Arkansas Director
Natasha Gerstenschlager, Tennessee Director
Jerry Johnson, Florida Director

Dustin thanked the committee members and chairpersons for their contribution to the organization. The following were recognized for their service to MSERA:

Franz Reneau
Jane Nell Luster – Historian
Shannon Chiasson – Secretary
Tina Allen – Program Chair
State Directors:
Alabama Nancy Galliard
Arkansas Rachell Miller
Kentucky Yuejin Xu
Louisiana Suzanna Craig
Mississippi Rebecca Robichaux-Davis
Tennessee Jwa Kim
Graduate Student – Kasia Gallo
At large directors Abraham Andero
Lindsey Jaikel Diulus
Deborah King
Deborah McCarthy

The MSERA Service Awards were presented.

The Harry Bowman Service Award for significant and continuing contributions to MSERA was presented to Gail Hughes of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

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Walt Matthews Historical Award, for contributions to long lasting advances to MSERA was presented to Julie Holmes of Louisiana Tech University.

The MSERA Board voted to table the revisions to the Constitutions and Bylaws until the 2017 Annual Business Meeting.

Past President Gayle Hughes thanked Dustin Hebert for agreeing to serve as Interim Executive Director until a permanent director is engaged.

Rebecca Robichaux-Davis, Kenneth Anthony and Linda Morse presented information on the 2017 conference to be held in Starkville, Mississippi near the campus of Mississippi State.

Future conferences are:

November 8,9,10, 2017 - Starkville MS

November 7, 8 9, 2018 - Pensacola FL

Dustin Hebert installed the new officers.

Door Prizes presented by Franz Reneau

Dustin Hebert passed the gavel to Franz Reneau, 2017 MSERA President.

Franz recognized Dustin Hebert for his service to MSERA as president of 2016 and presented him with an award.

On a motion by David Morse and second by Cathy Campbell, the membership unanimously approve adjourn the 2016 MSERA Business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.