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Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected officers:

Co-Chair

Catherine A Brown
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Miriam Gamoran Sherin
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We appreciate their willingness to serve the organization for the next two years. We extend our thanks to outgoing officers Judit Moschkovich, Rose Mary Zbiek, and Eric Knuth for their leadership and service to SIG/RME the past two years.

Important SIG/RME Changes to Note!

Newsletter Changes: Members no longer receive a hard copy of the newsletter through U. S. mail unless they specifically request the hard copy. The newsletter is available through the SIG/RME website. Each time a newsletter is posted, members will receive an email informing them of the newsletter's availability. Members can read the newsletter on-line or download it to have a hard copy.

Membership Directory Changes: Beginning with the 2006 SIG/RME Annual Membership Directory, members will no longer receive a hard copy of the directory unless a specific request is made for the hard copy. As with the newsletter, members will be notified through email when the Annual Directory is available on the SIG/RME website.

Requests for Hardcopies: Any member who would like to receive the SIG/RME newsletter and/or Annual Membership Directory in hard copy form rather than electronically should contact Rose Mary Zbiek at rmz101@psu.edu.

NCTM Research Pre-Session Information

The NCTM Research Pre-Session will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 24-26, 2006. The opening session invited speaker will be Barry Sloane. His talk is titled *Unifying mathematics education research by quantifying qualitative insight*. A plenary session is also planned to address the conference theme of research to practice. The invited speakers, Ruth Heaton and Matt Larson, will discuss *Challenges of Researchers and Schools Working Together*.

The NCTM *Research Presession Program* can be viewed or downloaded through NCTM's website at the following url: <http://nctm.org/meetings/stlouis/research.htm>.

Pre-registration for the Research Pre-Session ends March 21, 2006. There is no extra cost for on-site registration. The registration cost is \$76.00 for the entire pre-session, \$38.00 for the Monday opening session and Tuesday

sessions only, and \$38.00 for student registration.

AERA Information

The Annual Meeting of AERA will be held at the Moscone Center in San Francisco April 7-11, 2006. The SIG/RME invited speaker is John Bruer. His talk, titled *Education and the Brain: Spanning Disciplines*, will address educational insights in light of current research in cognitive neuroscience. The session will be held Monday, April 10, at 4:05 p.m. at the Moscone Center North, Exhibit Level, Rm 114.

In addition to the invited speaker session, the SIG/RME 2006 program will consist of 6 symposia sessions, 4 paper sessions, 4 roundtable sessions, a poster session, and our annual Business Meeting.

The Business Meeting will be held Monday April 10 at 6:15 p.m. at the Moscone Center North, Exhibit Level, Rm 114 immediately following the invited speaker address. Because of the large attendance at the AERA Conference, the Business Meeting provides an excellent opportunity for colleagues in mathematics education to meet and interact. There will be food and a cash bar available. Please join us for this important meeting.

SIG/RME is co-sponsoring a session with Division C-3 to honor the memory of our colleague, Dr. Jim Kaput. The symposium, titled **Jim Kaput's Legacy and Impact on Mathematics Education, Learning Technology and Educational Reform** includes presentations by many researchers who collaborated with Jim. The session will be held Saturday, April 8, 10:35am - 12:05pm at the Moscone Center West, 2nd Floor, Rm 2006.

For other program details as well as information regarding registration for the Annual Meeting and travel and lodging, please consult the AERA website at <http://aera.net/>. Pre-registration for the Annual Meeting ends

March 3, 2006. On-site registration will be available at the Moscone Center West. Information related to all AERA sessions is available in the Annual Meeting Program, which can be viewed on-line through AERA's website at <http://www.aera.net>.

Details about SIG/RME sponsored sessions (titles, of presentations, names of presenters, dates and times, etc.) can be viewed on-line at <http://www.sigrme.org/aera/aera06.htm>.

Important Changes in AERA SIG Session Allocations for 2007

In the past, SIG sessions were allocated on the basis of how many members a SIG had. However, during the Winter Meeting, AERA's Council session voted to have allocations for the 2007 Annual Meeting be based mainly on submissions, not membership.

Senior Scholar Award Update

The SIG/RME invited nominations for the newly created *Senior Scholar Award*, and a number of nominations were received prior to the February 6th deadline this year. At AERA in 2005, the SIG/RME members present at the business meeting approved changes to simplify the nomination process for this award. The Award committee will meet during AERA in San Francisco to begin discussion of the nominations. The recipient of the Senior Scholar Award will be formally announced in the SIG/RME Newsletter and be presented with the award during next year's Annual Business Meeting in Chicago, in April 2007. The recipient of the award will be invited as a guest speaker to AERA 2007.

To read a description of this award, please see the Summer and Fall 2005 newsletters or the website description at <http://www.sigrme.org/announce/SeniorSa.htm>.

Membership Dues & Contact Information

A few years ago, a change occurred in our membership policy as dictated by AERA. You now renew your SIG/RME membership when you renew your AERA membership. (Download the membership form at <http://aera.net/membershipinfo/?id=48>.) This way, all funds are processed by AERA, and your membership dates are always the same. Therefore, membership expiration dates no longer appear on the mailing labels of SIG/RME publications.

If you wish to be only a member of SIG/RME and not AERA, download the membership form from the SIG/RME web site, and send it to Rose Mary Zbiek with your dues. If you are currently a member of SIG/RME but not AERA and are unsure of your membership expiration date, please contact Rose Mary Zbiek.

It is important to note that slots on the AERA Annual Meeting program are allocated to our SIG based, IN PART, on the number of people who are members of both SIG/RME and AERA. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to be a member of both organizations.

If your mailing address or other contact information is incorrect, please use the form at the end of this newsletter to send corrections to Rose Mary Zbiek.

SIG/RME Website

Please check our website at <http://www.sigrme.org> for information related to SIG/RME announcements, positions available, upcoming conferences, and much more. The Annual Membership Directory can also be accessed through the website. (The user ID is **math**, and the password is **sigrme**.)

If you have any information you think should be posted on the SIG/RME website, please contact Karen Hollebrands at karen_hollebrands@ncsu.edu.

Address Correction Requested!

If your address has changed, please e-mail Rose Mary Zbiek (rmz101@psu.edu) with updated information, or mail the form below to her. If any of your contact information has changed since the last SIG/RME directory (e-mail address, phone number, etc.), please provide corrected information.

Please update my information!

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- Please mail me a hard copy of the newsletter.
- Please mail me a hard copy of the directory.

(This information will assist us with keeping our membership records accurate and up-to-date with AERA.)

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