2012 SERA OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD

Authors are encouraged to submit five (5) single-sided copies of the paper submitted for presentation at the 2012 annual meeting to the SERA Executive Director, Bruce Thompson, by NOON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012. The winner of the OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARD will be announced in the newsletter, present the paper at one of the sessions of Outstanding Papers from the State and Regional Research Associations at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, and be recognized at the luncheon during the 2013 SERA annual meeting. Because of the 2012 conference date, the paper might actually be presented at the 2013 AERA conference. A stipend of $750 to help defray the costs involved in attending the AERA meeting will be awarded to the winner.

Rules for Outstanding Paper Award Competition:

- **Five (5) single-sided hard copies** of the presented paper (i.e., NO electronic copies) must be submitted to the Executive Director for consideration. MEMBERS INTERESTED IN ENTERING THE COMPETITION ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR 5 SINGLE-SIDED COPIES AT THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING, OR MAIL THE PAPER COPIES PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.
- The Executive Director must receive completed papers on or before the deadline. Late papers are not eligible for consideration. At the discretion of the Executive Board, an award may not be made if fewer than 3 meritorious papers are submitted for competition. Should this occur, all participants will be advised that the award will not be made.
- An individual may submit only one paper on which the member is a co-author. Papers with any common co-authors will not be considered.
- Persons who authored the SERA Outstanding Paper in the immediate prior year are not eligible for award consideration in the following year.
- Active officers of the SERA Executive Council, including appointed officers, are not eligible for this competition.

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