

# Meritorious Service Awards

## Linda Sundbye

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Linda Sundbye has been an unassuming but tireless presence in the Rocky Mountain Section of the MAA for the last 26 years. Since 1996, Linda has been attending, and most years presiding over contributed paper sections at the annual MAA Rocky Mountain Section meetings.

In 2003, she became the editor of the Rocky Mountain Section newsletter. Between Fall 2003 and Spring 2019 (for 16 years) she produced, published and distributed this substantial (25-40 page) newsletter twice a year, without fail. She has also served the MAA Rocky Mountain Section as a member of the Teaching Award Committee in 2002-03, and as a member of the Certificate of Meritorious Service Committee in 2010-11. When the regional meeting was held in Denver in 2012, Linda of course shouldered a considerable amount of the organizational burden, producing the conference program and schedule, and the abstract booklet. She was again part of the organization committee in Spring 2020, when MSU Denver was supposed to host another sectional meeting (that meeting was canceled, we all know why).

Linda has devoted herself to encouraging student research and involvement in mathematics. Since 1998, she has supervised twenty-plus student presentations on many aspects and applications of chaos theory in music, finance, astronomy, biology, climate, and the social sciences. Her students have presented at the Rocky Mountain Section Meetings, MathFests, and the Joint Mathematical Meetings. And if her students are not presenting, then Linda will be serving as a judge, as she has done at numerous undergraduate poster sessions, both at sectional meetings and at the Joint Mathematical Meetings. She has been a member of SIGMAA WEB since 2004, and a SIGMAA RUME member between 2008 and 2010.

In 1998 Linda assumed the mantle of Department MAA Liaison for the then Metropolitan State College of Denver, now MSU Denver. This was way before our MAA Connect portal, when the liaison was the main, and sometimes only, link between a department and the MAA local section. In addition to the standard (but long) responsibilities of a departmental liaison, she also reminds faculty and students of upcoming regional and national meetings, with all the required travel and meeting information; this may sound small, but many of my colleagues attended the MAA meetings mainly due to her reminders.

Those of you who have met Linda know that she is never one to beat her own drum: she is the quiet contributor, who is always willing to pull more than her weight without complaint, even during times of personal adversity. I cannot think of anyone more deserving for this award after so many years of service to mathematics and the MAA Rocky Mountain Section.

## Response

It is a nice surprise and a great honor to receive the 2022 MAA Meritorious Service Award from the Rocky Mountain Section of the MAA. Although I have retired as newsletter editor after 16 years of service, it has been a pleasure to work with section members over the many years. I would like to thank my colleagues for nominating me for this award.

## Biographical Sketch

Linda Sundbye is a professor of mathematics at Metropolitan State University of Denver, where she has been on the faculty since 1995. She earned her BS in mathematics from Texas A&M University, and her MS in chemical engineering and PhD in applied mathematics from the University of Colorado at Boulder.