

Meritorious Service Awards

David Skoug and Muriel Skoug

University of Nebraska in Lincoln and Nebraska Wesleyan University

The Nebraska Southeast South Dakota Section of the MAA honors Dave and Muriel Skoug with the MAA's Certificate for Meritorious Service.

Dave and Muriel Skoug have long been supporters of the MAA at the national and section level. With rare exception they attend the annual section conference and have given many presentations. Their continued stalwart presence in the section has provided invaluable mentoring for the current and next generation of leadership and perspective on the section's growth and future. They provided extensive information for our section's history which was compiled for the MAA Centennial celebration. In fact, Dave had a list of the section officers dating back to its inception in 1924. Dave has served as Governor, Chair and Vice-Chair of the section.

Though now retired, both Muriel and Dave have an enduring and genuine interest in math, in the mathematics community, in our section, and in its members. They are simultaneously emblematic of our section's past, present, and future.

The Nebraska Southeast South Dakota Section wishes to extend its heartfelt thanks to the Skougs for all that they have contributed to the section, the MAA, and its members.

Response

We are honored to receive this award. As much as the Nebraska Southeast South Dakota Section feels we have contributed to it, we feel we have benefited even more from our membership in the section and in the MAA.

Biographical Sketches

Dr. David Skoug grew up near Chetek, Wisconsin. He attended River Falls State College from 1956–1960 with majors in Mathematics and Physics. He was a graduate student in Mathematics at the University of Minnesota, receiving his PhD in the summer of 1966. He was a mathematics professor at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln until retiring in 2008, serving as Department Chair from 1980–88. Dave had three PhD students and a prolific research career. Dave remains very active writing research articles and refereeing about 20 research articles each year.

Dr. Muriel Skoug grew up on a dairy farm near Grantsburg Wisconsin. She attended River Falls State College from 1957–1961 graduating with a major in Mathematics. An excellent, female, mathematics instructor there strongly encouraged Muriel to consider doing graduate work in mathematics. After teaching high school mathematics for three years, Muriel took this advice and earned a Masters of Mathematics degree at the University of Minnesota. In the fall of 1966 she moved to Lincoln, Nebraska with her husband Dave and continued to study mathematics at UNL, then took a position at Nebraska Wesleyan University teaching mathematics until retiring a few years ago. In 2000, while at NWU, Muriel earned a doctorate from Idaho State University. Muriel first joined the MAA in 1984 and greatly benefited from being a part of the NE/Southeast South Dakota section, giving talks, organizing meetings, and keeping in touch with faculty from other colleges in the area.