

2008 SUE EZELL LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM

***All nominations must be received by the MSEA office by MARCH 1st.**

Sue Ezell was president of MSEA from 1987 until her death in 1990. The Member of the Year Award, which was first awarded in 1989, was renamed in Sue's honor in 1991. Past award winners include:

1989: Mike Joyce, Perham	1994: Diana Vogt, Rochester	2001: Dorothy Stobaugh, Rochester
1990: Carol Kane, Minnetonka	1995: No nominations received	2002: Ronda Hunt, Willmar
1991: Sue Ezell, St. Cloud (posthumously)	1996: Sue Seifert, Minnetonka	2003: Deb Johnson, Sartell
Gayle Morehouse, Circle Pines	1997: Linda O'Meara, Mankato	2004: Penny Flansburg, Little Falls
1992: Patrick Wheeler, Little Falls	1998: Pat Gangl, St. Cloud	2005: Julie Koski, Minnetonka
1993: Joan Bregel, Windom	1999: Barb Soderstrom, Perham	2006: Nannette Peters, Rochester
Mary Schaufenbuel, Windom	2000: Gloria Crosby, Moorhead	2007: Clinton Talley, Moorhead

Nominee LINDA PEDERSON School District/Bargaining Unit MOORHEAD
has been a member in good standing for 15 years.

I (we) nominate this individual because: (Note leadership qualities, positions held, activities and/or notable strengths in the performance of his/her job with your district or any other pertinent information. An additional sheet can be added.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Steward	<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negotiation Team
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice Steward	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Steward	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Representative
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delegate/Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/> MSEA Board of Directors

It is the consensus of the members of the Moorhead MSEA Board, that Linda Pederson, Chief Steward and Paraprofessional Representative, be nominated for the Sue Ezell Leadership Award. Linda has been involved with negotiations, writes the newsletter, has attended the Delegate Assembly, been involved with a financial committee and has attended conferences on negotiating as well as other activities and meetings.

This past year, 2007, has proven to be one of her most difficult. We have had sensitive issues arise at our local level that required the attention of our Executive Board. Although a new and uncomfortable experience for everyone, Linda never once gave up her integrity throughout the process. She followed guidelines established by MSEA and reiterated those rules to other Board members making sure we also followed them. She refused to allow any gossip to be spread and only spoke to Board members of the problem until the issue was addressed at our General Assembly meeting. At the meeting, although undoubtedly nervous, Linda spoke clearly and concisely about the issue and the action required. Even though some members were unaware of the situation and therefore confused, Linda took the time necessary to respond to every question. She never spoke disrespectfully about the individuals but continued on without wavering. Since that meeting, she has also made it clear that she will not discuss the matter with other units to maintain respect for everyone involved.

Linda has been a wonderful mentor for the Moorhead unit and is well deserving of this fine award. Thank you.

Dated February 25, 2008 Signed Cheri L. Pearson