

## 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 **SUE RUSK** School District/Bargaining Unit **MINNETONKA**  
has been a member in good standing for 12 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negotiation Team
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Steward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Membership Steward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delegate/Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/> MSEA Board of Directors

Sue Rusk is the kind of union member every unit dreams of having. She is active, involved, calm, deliberate and very generous with her time. Over the years Sue has been exemplary while serving as unit Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Steward, Chief Steward, Delegate, Building Representative and Negotiator. While holding these positions, she also monitored and promoted membership! (If we let her step down from being so active in our local unit, perhaps she'd be willing to consider being on the MSEA Board of Directors.....)

Her involvement with our union began when she saw the need for ECFE paras to be a part of our bargaining unit. The District disagreed and we took the issue to mediation. Through the process, Sue was steadfast in her ability to bring the ECFE paras to agreement, meet with unit leadership and clearly articulate the need. The Bureau of Mediation Services agreed with Sue and the ECFE paras have been members of our unit for 12 years.

She has affectively served on the Meet and Confer/Negotiation team for 10 years. Her work there is steady and clear thinking. She looks at the issues with thoughtfulness and originality. She has made a bigger difference in the working lives of Minnetonka paras than most of us are aware of.

With all her experience, Sue shares her knowledge and organization skills by training in the new officers and providing them with an organized filing system and documents so they're immediately ready to work effectively!

Sue was the recipient of one of the Minnetonka Employee Awards for Child Centered Excellence. Co-workers and parents nominated Sue because of her genuine love for children which shines through in her soft, gentle approach and bright smile. Sue carries the professional image of our para union with her while server on the District Finance Committee and her building's Staff Development Committee over the years.

We feel that Sue exemplifies the qualities of leadership that make her a worthy nominee for the Sue Ezell Leadership Award.

Dated February 21, 2008

Signed Julie Koski & Carol Nemitz