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Prominent Local STC Members Honored

Associate Fellow Status, Distinguished Community Service Achievement Awarded

Dallas, Texas — March 17, 2006 — During the Society for Technical Communications' 53rd Annual Conference in Las Vegas, the Lone Star community's past president, Dr. Jackie Damrau, will be the honored recipient of the rank of Associate Fellow.

The rank of associate fellow is conferred only upon a senior member who has attained distinction in the field of technical communication. Senior members must be nominated by a committee composed of Fellows and Associate Fellows.

Dr. Jackie Damrau has been a member of the Society for Technical Communication (STC) since 1993. She has served in the Lone Star Community, her local chapter, as a Council officer since 2002. Dr. Damrau also serves on the leadership teams for two STC special interest groups (SIGs): Management SIG and Instructional Design & Learning SIG. She has written over 100 articles for the local chapter monthly newsletter and presented sessions at STC annual and regional conferences.

"It's exciting to see such a devoted member receive this honor," commented LSC President, Louellen S. Coker. "Dr. Damrau is deeply committed to the field of technical communication, as well as the Society for Technical Communication and the Lone Star Community. We are very proud that she received this distinction."

Dr. Damrau works at T-Mobile WiFi, a division of T-Mobile USA, as a technical communicator on the Release Management team in the IT Software Engineering department.

Three additional members of the Lone Star community of STC were given the Distinguished Chapter Service Achievement (DCSA) award. Rob Brown, Elisa K. Miller, and Lauren Womack were announced as this year's recipients at the March 9 Community meeting.

"Announcing the DCSA winners is one of the highlights of our year," stated Ms. Coker. "We enjoy recognizing our tireless volunteers for the efforts they put forth. Each one of these individuals has provided invaluable service to the community and our members. This year

Mr. Brown, Ms. Miller, and Ms. Womack were recognized by the Society for Technical Communication President, Suzanna Laurent who spoke at the meeting."

The DCSA recognizes the importance of the hard work and commitment of those who repeatedly provide exemplary service to STC through their community activities. Recipients are selected based on the following criteria:

- Length of community membership
- Consistency of service over the time of community membership
- Variety of service to STC

Mr. Brown, Principal of RDB Consulting, a training and communications company, served as the Competitions Manager for the STC Lone Star Community (LSC) for the past two years. As project manager for the Competitions he ensured a smooth and successful event, communicating effectively with the candidates, judges, and committee. The citation for his award reads, *"For outstanding contributions to the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 Competitions of the STC Lone Star Community and for your inspiration, enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication throughout the year."*

Ms. Miller evolved as a technical communicator from a journalist and journalism instructor to her most recent position as an information architect, interaction designer, and usability specialist at Perot Systems and has been involved with the STC LSC over the last three years in various roles. She has served as Public Relations Manager, Membership Manager, and as manager of several special interest groups (SIGs). She is also a speaker at the community and regional level. She revived the Newcomer's SIG, renaming it the SIN (Shy, Inactive, and New) SIG and presenting informative, fun 15-20 minute sessions before the monthly meetings. The citation for her award reads, *"For your sustained contributions to the STC Lone Star Community and your exemplary efforts in revitalizing the membership activities within our Community."*

Ms. Womack is currently the Senior Technical Writer at True Automation, a tax and appraisal software company. However, she is about to leave for Mongolia to help bring a gold-mining company into Sarbanes-Oxley compliance. She has served as the Public Relations Manager for the past two years and will continue in the 2006-2007 year. She is a vigorous advocate for LSC, maintaining a significant presence with area recruiters, and benefiting numerous Community programs with her creativity and efforts. The citation for her award reads, *"For your unfailing willingness to initiate and wholeheartedly support new endeavors; for your success as our Public Relations manager; and for your inspiration, enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication."*

About STC and the Lone Star Community

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is an individual membership organization dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of technical communication. It is the largest organization of its type in the world. Its 18,000 members include technical writers and editors, content developers, documentation specialists, technical illustrators, instructional designers, academics, information architects, usability and human factors professionals, visual designers, Web designers and developers, and translators—anyone whose work makes technical information available to those who need it.

The Lone Star Community (LSC), one of the largest and most active STC communities in the U.S., received the Award of Merit in the international STC Chapter Achievement competition for 2004-2005. The LSC has been awarded three consecutive years in this competition. Drawing over 250 members from all over the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the LSC promotes professional growth through meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences, mentoring, and networking. For more information about the STC Lone Star Community, visit their website at www.stc-dfw.org.

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