



Technical Communicators Receive Service Award

Society for Technical Communication and Lone Star Community Members Honored

Dallas, Texas—April 7, 2008— Louellen S. Coker and Kristy Nolan were awarded the Distinguished Chapter Service Award (DCSA) at a recent meeting of the Lone Star Community (LSC) of the Society for Technical Communication (STC).

Ms. Coker is the owner of Content Solutions in Denton, TX, a certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBE), and is a past president (2005-2006) of the Lone Star Community. She is also a member of the Contracting and Independent Consulting, Lone Writers, and Marketing Special Interest Groups of STC. Ms. Coker was cited for her "exceptional leadership as Lone Star Community president" and her encouragement and support as a mentor in the profession.

"It's been a privilege to serve the Lone Star Community and to lead the group as president," Ms. Coker said. "This award that recognizes your contributions is a great honor since it comes from the community."

Ms. Nolan is a training and publications developer for Southwest Airlines. Ms. Nolan served as an officer and volunteer for various programs in the LSC. She is a member of the Single Sourcing and Instructional Design Special Interest Groups (SIGs). She was cited for sustained contributions to the Lone Star Community and for her "experience, continuing dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm."

"I am so surprised and honored to receive this award," Ms. Nolan said. "Especially to share it with Louellen (Coker) who has been such a contributor to the Lone Star Community. The Lone Star Community is comprised of some of the most talented, gracious, and delightful technical communicators with which I have ever associated; I am excited to work with them and anticipate many more years with our community."

"I'm extremely pleased that we can award the Distinguished Chapter Service Award to these two women," said Mel Haughton, immediate past president of the LSC and chairman of the DCSA nominating committee. "Over the past few years, they have given a lot of their time to the LSC, and they have truly made a difference in the organization."

The Distinguished Chapter Service Award recognizes exemplary dedication to a chapter and its activities. The program was inaugurated in 1988 and the first awards were given in 1989.

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 STC communities in the U.S., received the Award of Distinction in the international STC Community Achievement competition for 2006-2007.

The Lone Star Community received the Distinguished Community Achievement Award in 2007, 2006, 2004, and 2003. Drawing over 275 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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