



## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

*Curt Stofferahn, University of North Dakota*

Curtis Stofferahn is Professor of Sociology at the University of North Dakota. He did his graduate work in rural sociology at Iowa State University and has a distinguished career as a scholar, instructor, and engaged rural sociologist. Curt is an active and valued member of the Rural Sociological Society. He has served on RSS Council, chaired the Professional Communication Committee, and co-chaired the 75th Anniversary Committee. From 2010-2013, he served as RSS Secretary and Member of the Executive Committee. His performance as RSS Secretary was invaluable during this period.

There were many complex issues that the RSS Executive Committee and the RSS Council had to consider, including budget, meeting locations, the boycott of Hyatt Hotel properties, and the renewal of our contract with Wiley-Blackwell. Discussions in meetings were long with many interchanges and exchanges of ideas. Curt performed the duty of Secretary flawlessly. Not only did he keep accurate records of discussions and decisions, and prepare minutes of meetings in a timely fashion while our memories were still fresh, he also actively contributed to the overall process.

Organizations need collective memory and Curt was our collective memory for three years, helping the Executive Committee, RSS Council, and all the members of RSS perform our roles and functions. Curt did all this with grace, good humor, and dedication to serving our Society.

- Submitted by Michael Schulman