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2024 NCTA Conference

Mark your calendars for August 5-8, 2024, and start thinking about your presentation proposal ideas! The 2024 NCTA Conference will be at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah, Georgia! Plan to arrive on Sunday, August 4, for a full day of programming on August 5.

Condolences for NCTA Founding Member



Diane Adelstein

Jan. 3, 1953 – July 21, 2023

It is with sadness that I bring news of the passing of Diane Adelstein. Diane worked as a Psychometrist at the University of Maryland from 1987-2007. During her time at the University of

Maryland, she managed one of the early institutional pilot computer based testing sites, a collaboration between the University and the Educational Testing Service. This experience led to an invitation from ETS to participate on an advisory group where she provided ETS with feedback on an array of issues related to the financial and operational needs of the nascent ETS Institutional CBT network.

Diane joined NCTA at its inception in 2000. She soon became involved with the organization in a leadership capacity. Diane served on the NCTA Governing Board 2004-2007, and as NCTA's Treasurer 2005-2007. Those who were her colleagues at the time remember her as committed to making NCTA into an organization that served the professional development needs of its members. It is important to acknowledge that NCTA as it is today owes a lot to members like Diane who shepherded the organization through its early growing stages.

Reflecting on Diane's contributions to NCTA, Lou Woodruff, NCTA President, 2008-2010, offered the following:

"During her years on the NCTA Board, Diane was a strong leader and a no-nonsense force. She eagerly took on the challenges of her NCTA roles with the same focus and determination she brought to all aspects of her professional and personal life. She was both pragmatic and wise, driven to do good for others over doing well for herself. Diane was the consummate testing professional, a wonderful human and a good friend. I am grateful for our time together and for all I learned from her."

Diane was honored and recognized for her many contributions to NCTA when she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2007 Salt Lake City conference. The NCTA Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an NCTA member who has consistently provided extensive service to the organization. In honoring Diane with this award, NCTA recognized her service on the Governing Board and acknowledged the success and importance of her commitment to the advancement of NCTA and the field of testing.

Diane was also known as an adventurer and world traveler. Despite some mobility issues, she managed to travel to many parts of the globe and live a full and active life. One of her passions was the ocean and she took a number of trips where she experienced the undersea world through her love of snorkeling and diving.

For those of us who had the privilege to know and work with Diane, her passing is a great sorrow. Diane did not leave any specific instructions for how friends could memorialize her life, but her family recommends donations be sent in her name to The Ocean Conservancy.

- David Espinoza, NCTA President, 2010-2012

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Initial Certification

University of North Georgia Gainesville

Chesapeake College

Inver Hills Community College

Purdue University Northwest - Hammond Campus

Recertified

Columbia Basin College

College of Central Florida – Levy Campus

Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington

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