

## Ed Harvey



The Distinguished Service Award is presented to **Ed Harvey** in recognition of his exceptional service to the Hydrogeology Division. The award specifically acknowledges his transformation of the Division's newsletter and website.

Ed single-handedly re-invigorated our Division's communications with its members. In the late 1990's, Ed began attending Management Board meetings and offering helpful comments as various issues were discussed. Following budget reports that consistently led to a discussion of the mailing of the newsletter, Ed quietly and persistently offered a solution. Ultimately, he transformed a drab and ineffectual paper newsletter occasionally mailed to members at tremendous expense into a vibrant and engaging communication of exciting ideas and events in the broad field of hydrogeology. (And, the cartoons didn't hurt, either!) He also led the way in making our web site the definitive source of the news, information, history, and activities of the Division, engaging our far-flung members as well as reaching the wider community of hydrogeologists.

Ed has made our public face the envy of the other Divisions in GSA. After 7 years of official service as newsletter editor and 6 years as webmaster, Ed is advancing into the position of Technical Program Chair for the 2009 meeting and is now 2nd Vice-Chair of the Division. Ed is unlikely to abandon his support of the web site, however; remember to smile while he takes photographs of our annual meeting activities.

Professionally, the puzzle of surface water-groundwater interaction stimulates Ed's exploration of hydrogeological systems. He brings the tools and concepts of physical and chemical hydrogeology to bear on studying water-supply systems and critically important ecosystems. Ed succeeds in research and teaching while also administrating the Water Center at UNL.

A curious aspect of Ed's service is his use of the "stealth" factor. Most of what he does is accomplished so subtly that most of us don't even realize what happened. I'll give just one example. Do you know how these award brochures come to be on your luncheon table every year? How many Full Professors, Associate Directors, Newsletter Editors, Webmasters, Technical Program Chairs, and 2nd Vice Chairs do you know who set the table for 500 for lunch?



Ed Harvey (center) was awarded the 2008 Distinguished Service Award at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas. His citationist was Janet Herman (left). Division Chair Ed Sudicky (right) presented the award.