

# Meritorious Service Awards

## Lori McCune

*Missouri Western State University*

The Missouri Section is pleased to nominate Dr. Lori McCune for the 2023 MAA Meritorious Service Award. We think Lori would be an excellent candidate for this award. She has been a stalwart, hard-working member of the section for 10 years. Here is a list of some of her achievements:

- She regularly presents talks at Section Meetings.
- She was elected as Section Chair Elect in 2014, serving 2014–15. Then she served as Section Chair 2015–2016, then as Past Chair 2016–2017.
- She organized the 2016 Missouri Section Meeting at Missouri Western.
- She has served as Liaison Coordinator from 2019 to 2021, and was elected Section Chair in April 2021, a position she still holds.
- She has been active at the state level on the Corequisite at Scale Taskforce and on the Math Advisory Council as the MWSU representative.
- She served on the Missouri Section Nominating Committee several times.

We wholeheartedly support Dr. Lori McCune's nomination for the Meritorious Service Award; she is more than worthy of it.

## Response

I am honored to receive the MAA's Meritorious Service Award Nomination from the Missouri Section. My involvement with the section began early in my career when my department was on deck to host the section meeting and needed someone to step in as Section Chair Elect. I am thankful to my department colleagues who nominated me for that role and I am grateful for the amazing and dedicated members of the section who became my role models in those early years. I am also thankful for the leadership of the colleagues that I have had the pleasure to serve with on the Executive Committee, especially in these recent uncertain pandemic years. Being able to interact with my Missouri colleagues at the annual Spring section meeting is a highlight of each academic year. I am thankful for the opportunity to be involved in such a worthwhile organization and to my colleagues for this nomination.

## Biographical Sketch

Lori McCune is an associate professor of mathematics at Missouri Western State University, where she has been since 2012. She earned a BS in math-

ematics from the University of Akron and both an MS and PhD in mathematics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is currently Chair of the Missouri Section of the MAA and her current research interests include recreational mathematics and the mathematics of voting. She feels lucky to get to collaborate with her mathematician husband, David McCune, in research and in service to the MAA. Together, they have three children: Annalise, Kieran, and Claire, who can usually be found sitting (quietly) in the back of the MAA Missouri Section talks (or dashing through the hallways) at the Spring Meetings.