

Northwest Scientific Association's Honorary Lifetime Member Award Presented to Andrea Pipp, March 28, 2019



Andrea Pipp joined the Northwest Scientific Association in 1995, and began her service on the Board of Directors in 2009. She chaired the Membership Committee for several years, where she initiated a membership survey in 2011 in collaboration with social scientists to gather information on association members. Andrea compiled an extensive report for the NWSA Board documenting the survey results and providing data to help inform decisions. Andrea also worked to increase outreach to academic institutions, scientific professionals and potential members, and to encourage participation and collaboration with the association. Andrea Pipp has displayed a continuing commitment of service to the association since 2009.

Andrea served as Chair of the 85th Annual Meeting held in 2014 at the University of Montana in Missoula. It had been 30 years since NWSA had met in Montana, when the 57th Annual Meeting was held in Missoula in 1984. After a successful meeting, Andrea continued to provide input and support to local program committees, especially through her efforts managing the website for meeting announcements and registration, and providing planning materials to subsequent meeting organizers. Andrea helped facilitate joint annual meetings with the Northwest Lichenologists, which has been a successful partnership since the early 1990s.

As an outcome of organizing the 2014 Annual Meeting, Andrea became familiar with managing the NWSA website. She took on more and more responsibility until she was officially appointed NWSA Webmaster at the Spring 2015 Board Meeting. Once the Board determined that NWSA needed a designated webmaster, Andrea was instrumental in defining the position by detailing the annual cycle of website needs and participating on the Website and Social Media committee. A well-functioning website with timely updates is key to informing the membership and public as well as effectively fostering and facilitating meeting participation.