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The Florida Association of Educational Data Systems (FAEDS) presented awards to two NERDC employees. Associate Director Marie Dence received the Raymond Parker Aid to FAEDS Award and Director Ron Schoenau received a Board Membership plaque. The awards are for their work in the educational computing group.

Dence was recognized for developing a history of the 44-year-old FAEDS and putting it online.

"First, we didn't have a written history. Second, putting it on the Web makes it available to everybody. And it's easily updateable," Dence said. "It was a big project to get it started, two years in the making." Dence adds that former NERDC student assistant, Chris Rogers, helped her with this project.

You can view the history at:

http://www.firn.edu/~faeds/history/history.html

"I thought it was important to have a record of accomplishments of the group. The group sponsors scholarships; they were the fiscal sponsors of FETC (Florida Educational Technology Conference) for years; when there were fewer computers FAEDS did an annual computer installation survey in public school districts. FAEDS also helps sponsor miscellaneous programs for FIRN and has co-sponsored the Florida Technology Teacher of the Year award at FETC," Dence said.

Schoenau was honored for his work on Membership Services, where he serves as chairperson. During his time as chair, he has organized the membership information and developed the FAEDS Membership Brochure with the help of Patricia Durant, NERDC executive secretary.

"Membership services are important because one of the primary benefits of FAEDS membership is the ability to network with other educational data processing professionals. The accurate maintenance and distribution of membership information helps members get in touch with each other to discuss common issues and data processing related interests. Ron also added e-mail and numbers to the database; thus bringing it up to the '90s," Dence said.

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