

**North American Management Society
David Gustafson Award Presentation to Jann Freed
Remarks by Jeff Fahrenwald
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Jann Freed first came to MBAA in the Spring of 1982. Never shy, Jann connected with the leaders of the Midwest Management Society. She was invited to join the board a few years later and a few years after that was president. Jann was invited to join the leadership of MBAA International in 2009 and was President in 2011. Jann has served NAMS however she has been asked with enthusiasm, integrity and class.

A few things you may not know about Jann are that she is “selfless/egoless” in the best sense of the word. She has never thought of herself as better than anyone even though she is a highly accomplished teacher, researcher and author. She is a cheerleader and mentor for others. She recently, without my knowledge nominated me for the Citizen of the Year recognition from the Rockford Chamber of Commerce and I was given the award.

She has impacted the lives of 1000’s of students. I recently ran into a former student that both Jann and I had in classes. He is not the COO of a regional bank. He told me he was going to be a political science major until he took a class from Jann and he changed his major to business.

Jann is an author having recently published a book on Leadership and a few years prior published a book about Mayan Women. She is a photographer and her photographs appear in her one book. She makes her own Christmas cards each year. She is a great trainer and continual learner and a real friend to the NAMS organization. There is no one more deserving of the Gustafson award than Jann Freed.