

An exceptionally deserving recipient of this award, Tom Pusateri has been a leader in the Society for most of his professional career. Tom was the first person appointed to the newly established Executive Director (ED) position in 2000 and served in that role until the end of 2007. His work as ED defined the position, and his contributions complimented and facilitated the efforts of innumerable STP officers, directors, and committee chairs. As ED, Tom served on critically important committees and task forces that have shaped the organization.

Another example of Tom's service involved the Long Range Planning Committee, the source of many creative initiatives that have enhanced the level of service and support that the Society offers to teachers. As a member of two task forces on development of a Policy and Procedures Manual, Tom assured documentation of reliable procedures for STP operations. His contributions to the Restructuring Task Force helped to create a governance system that made STP operations more efficient and effective. After leaving the ED post, Tom was elected to serve as one of STP's delegates to APA's Council of Representatives. Currently, Tom is the STP Secretary and a member of the Executive Committee.

Typical of Tom's talent and energy, he is redefining the office of Secretary. Tom's outstanding contributions in his numerous STP roles warrant the STP Presidential Citation. In addition to Tom's hard work and exemplary work ethic, he is one of the kindest, most helpful colleagues in STP. Tom's good will, humor, and collegiality, coupled with his dedication to teaching and learning, make him an exceptionally deserving recipient. Congratulations to Tom on this citation, and a heartfelt thank you for all he has done to deserve it.