

Minnesota Online Quality Initiative Lead Coordinator Receives National Award

Elizabeth (Beth) McMahon, co-lead coordinator of Minnesota Online Quality Initiative (MOQI), received the Quality Matters Director Award at the 8th Annual Quality Matters (QM) Conference in Portland, Oregon. MOQI is a shared service sponsored by Minnesota State's office of Educational Innovations.

The Directors' Award for Exceptional Service is given to members of the QM community who have gone above and beyond common service to the organization. These people have made extraordinary contributions to QM's quality assurance efforts with online and/or blended education at institutions, and for learners.

"As a Lead Quality Matters Coordinator for the Colleges and Universities of the Minnesota State System, Beth has gone above and beyond her role as QMC to make numerous suggestions for improvement of QM processes and QM products," said Deb Adair, Executive Director of Quality Matters. "Challenged with a tough implementation across a large state with many institutions, she did so with a can-do attitude and spent time with every affiliate campus to ensure they understood what QM is, and what it is not."

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Beth is an online faculty at Northland Community and Technical College and has served as one of the System Lead Quality Matters Coordinators since 2012 when MOQI was formed. MOQI provides faculty and staff at Minnesota State institutions with professional development opportunities, information, and resources that promote quality course design and quality course instructional strategies.

"Beth has done an outstanding job providing faculty and staff in our system with support, resources and processes that are vital to designing quality online and blended courses," said Kim Lynch, Senior System Director for Educational Innovations. "We are grateful for her innovative and systematic approach that contributes to the success of our faculty, staff and students."



Here are some of Beth's accomplishments within the system:

- Facilitated 19 sessions of the Applying the Quality Matters (APPQMR) workshop
- Facilitated five Improving Your Online Course (IYOC) workshop
- Responsible for mentoring new QM facilitators and campus coordinators in the system
- Coordinated the work of more than 350 course review teams for official QM course reviews at 28 Minnesota State institutions

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Beth also holds many roles with QM and has shared her expertise at QM Conferences and external conferences about QM and how the Minnesota Online Quality Initiative uses QM in their state. She was appointed in 2015 to the Quality Matters Academic Advisory Council; she is also a Master Reviewer, Course Review Manager, online and face-to-face APPQMR and IYOC Facilitator. Three of her own courses are QM certified.

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