

*Judith Hertz has continually made major contributions to the Society for the Advancement of Modeling and Role-Modeling. Judi has been a consistent presenter at the biennial conferences of the society and together with Linda Baas completed the first meta-analysis of research pertaining to MRM. Judi has served as President of the Society and stepped up when there was a need for someone to take on the job of Secretary in 2004. She has agreed to run for a second term in 2006. Judi started the listserv for the Society in 1994 and moderated it until 1997 when Bryan Weber took over as moderator. Judi was instrumental in starting the MRM web page in 1995 and took over as webmaster in 2000 – A job she continues to hold today.*

*In a recent email from Judi, she was explaining the history of the listserv and web page when she wrote, “[I] Can't believe we've been doing this electronic "stuff" for over 10 years!! We are definitely a cutting edge group!” Although it is amazing (and even humorous at times) to review our history with electronic*



*communications, there is no question that the person “wielding the knife” in this “cutting edge” situation is Judi Hertz. While the rest of us were trying to figure out how to get on the internet, Judi had the nationally-based membership of SAMRM connected electronically. In an organization such as SAMRM, the strength and effectiveness of the infrastructure depends 100% on volunteer effort. Another quote from Judi, when she was explaining the history*

*of our electronic communications is the most telling of her efforts, care and concern for SAMRM. She was trying to identify how it was that she became the webmaster and she wrote: “Again, I think I just implicitly volunteered to take on this responsibility for ensuring that we have a web page.” The important words in that quote are “again” and “implicitly volunteered.” The definition of “implicit” includes “unquestioning or unreserved”. There is no question that the fact that the membership of SAMRM stays connected is due in large part to the “unquestioning and unreserved” volunteerism of Judi Hertz for the good and the purposes of the Society.*