

## Nominations Sought for MRS Medal Award

Nominations are solicited for the MRS Medal award to be presented at the 1992 MRS Fall Meeting in Boston. The Materials Research Society established the MRS Medal, said John E.E. Baglin, chair of the MRS Medal Award Subcommittee, "with the purpose of honoring the most brilliant single events of discovery" which have a major impact on the progress of any materials-related field. "We are honoring the trail-blazers of the age of advanced materials, whose work stirs our imagination

and opens fresh vistas for us all," said Baglin.

MRS Medals were presented for the first time at the 1990 MRS Fall Meeting to Prof. Arthur J. Freeman and Prof. Duward F. Shriver. Freeman, of Northwestern University's Department of Physics, was recognized for pioneering achievements in laying the foundations of the newly developing field of monolayer magnetism and artificially layered magnetic materials. Shriver, from Northwestern University's

Materials Research Center and Department of Chemistry, was honored for seminal work in the synthesis, characterization, understanding, and application of polymer-based solid electrolyte materials.

To be considered for an MRS Medal for 1991, nominations must be submitted by July 1, 1991 to: John B. Ballance, Executive Director, Materials Research Society, 9800 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Details about eligibility and nomination procedures are published elsewhere in this issue.

## Woody Award Goes to Sue Kelso

Outgoing MRS President Russ Chianelli kept an interested audience and the award recipient in suspense before finally announcing that the 1990 Woody Award for extraordinary contributions to MRS would go to Sue Kelso. Kelso's face expressed complete surprise when her name was announced, leaving her "in a state of shock," as she said, recounting the event.

Kelso received the award for her "long and continuous contributions to MRS," said Chianelli. She was treasurer of MRS for four years, and has tirelessly served the organization since she first became involved. Chianelli described her as the most unselfish contributor to MRS in recent years.

"The things I did, I did because they needed to be done," Kelso said about her work with MRS, which involved negotiating a financial rollercoaster while MRS was growing exponentially. "The Society is financially solvent in large part because of her long-term commitment," said former treasurer Clif Draper.

Among many other things, Kelso also initiated the MRS constitution and bylaws and guided its re-incorporation.

She first became involved with MRS by co-chairing the 1985 Spring Meeting. "I hadn't heard of MRS until Elton [Kaufmann] called me to be a meeting chair," she said. A former Woody Award recipient, Kaufmann considers persuading Kelso to chair the meeting as his major contribution to MRS.

The Woody Award is given informally to



*Sue Kelso (right) accepts the Woody Award from 1990 MRS President Russ Chianelli.*

recognize outstanding volunteer service to MRS, above and beyond normal expectations, that has contributed to the success of the Materials Research Society. The name comes from the accomplishments

achieved by Woody White during his MRS presidency in 1984.

The award was presented to Kelso at the Council dinner at the 1990 MRS Fall Meeting in Boston. **MRS**