

## **Distinguished Sonographer Award**

Established in 1997, the Distinguished Sonographer Award is a means of recognizing and honoring current or retired AIUM members who have significantly contributed to the growth and development of medical ultrasound. This annual presentation honors an individual whose outstanding contributions to the development of medical ultrasound warrant special merit.

### **Katherine K. Minton, MA, RDMS, RDCS, FAIUM**



Katherine K. Minton, MA, RDMS, RDCS, FAIUM, began her career as a sonographer after receiving her associate of arts. Then she earned her bachelor of science and ultimately earned her master of arts in English: technical writing, all assisting her as she transitioned to developing education for others.

In 2006, Ms Minton began creating curricula and, from 2003 to 2010, she was an online facilitator for a bachelor of science in radiologic sciences. During that time, she also became the quality initiatives coordinator for the AIUM until 2019. In that role, Ms Minton was a continuing medical education test writer, an image reviewer for accreditation, a contributor to the newsletter, and the staff liaison on multiple committees and subcommittees, including the Clinical Standards Committee.

Ms Minton has also been a prolific author of articles, blog posts, and book chapters. She has also shared her knowledge via presentations at individual courses, conventions, and symposia. One such presentation was “The Basics of Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation” at the American College of Nurse Midwives Annual Conferences in 2010 and 2011; another was “The Knobs: When and How to Use Them” at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Annual Clinical Meeting; and the list goes on.

Throughout this all, Ms Minton has also remained active in professional memberships. In the late 1990s, she served as treasurer for 2 years and then president for 2 years for the Sonography Society of South Florida. In the Central Florida Ultrasound Society, she served in leadership, beginning as secretary in 2000 and moving up to president in 2004, followed by serving on the Advisement Board for a year. In 2010, Ms Minton earned the prestigious designation of AIUM fellow and, in 2011, she was a Neurosonography Registry Examination item writer for the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Ms Minton’s contributions to sonography and education have thoroughly demonstrated that she is worthy of the Distinguished Sonographer Award.