Preface

This volume consists of articles in honor of William E. Strawderman by some of his many friends and colleagues on the occasion of his 70th birthday. For over forty years, Bill has demonstrated great leadership and contributed in deep and original ways to the discipline of statistics, to the cause of the profession and to the IMS. His work includes significant, original, inspiring and groundbreaking findings in statistical decision theory and Bayesian analysis, as well in statistical applications and consulting.

Bill's many colleagues, collaborators and friends from Rutgers and elsewhere, have been privileged to interact with Bill, have learned very much and benefited from his great imagination, sharp intuition, extensive knowledge, clear exposition, and constant generosity. With this collection of papers, we celebrate Bill Strawderman's many achievements and we seek to honor his exceptional contributions to statistics.

We conclude by voicing our deep gratitude to the distinguished authors of this volume, to the Editors of the IMS Collections Series, to Elyse Gustafson, to the referees of the papers, and to Geri Mattson and the team at Mattson Publishing Services.

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