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Dear Colleague:

In the interest of greater efficiency and fairness, the Association is introducing a new method of appointing MAA Representatives in academic institutions. The new system will bring MAA Governors into the appointment process and change the present indefinite terms of MAA Representatives to more manageable three-year terms. It will greatly aid the Association in keeping its list of Representatives "current", and it should also benefit the individual Representatives, who will no longer be asked to make open-ended commitments in accepting this assignment.


The new system will operate as follows: As you know, each year one third of our Sections elect Sectional Governors to serve three-year terms on the Board of Governors. The election takes place during the spring. Henceforth, one of the duties of each newly-elected Sectional Governor will be to nominate MAA Representatives in all of the academic institutions in his or her Section. This will be done during the spring of the Governor's first full year in office. The new terms for Representatives will begin the following September 1, that is, September 1 in the year following the Governor's election, and will run for three years. Each nominated Representative will receive an official appointment letter from the President of the Association shortly after being nominated by the Sectional Governor.

In many cases this will involve nominating an existing MAA Representative for an additional term. Indeed, this may be the rule rather than the exception, for as you know, the duties of an MAA Representative are not arduous. There will be no rules which preclude an MAA Representative from serving consecutive terms. However, each Representative will be given a chance, once each three years, either to agree to continue or ask to be relieved.

Since your Section elected a new Governor in 1974, your term as MAA Representative in your institution will therefore expire on August 30, 1975. During this spring the new Governor from your Section will be in touch with you regarding the next three years.

On behalf of the National Officers and the Section Officers let me thank you most sincerely for your past efforts for the Association. You and your fellow MAA Representatives have been extremely effective agents for spreading information about our organization and therefore multiplying our efforts to stimulate interest in mathematics at the college and university level.

Sincerely,


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