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Professor David O. Oakland
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Dear Professor Oakland:

As you know the Certificate of Meritorious Service is presented to members of the Association for service at the national level or for service to a section. The first such awards were given in August 1984. Each section of the Association is entitled, and encouraged, to nominate one person for this award for service every five years. For this purpose the sections of the Association are separated into five groups with sections making their nominations to the Board each year on a rotating basis. The sections are charged with arrangements for the selection of their nominees. The only restrictions are that the selection committees should have not fewer than three members and previous winners of the Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics are not eligible for this award. The Board of Governors of the Association must confirm all nominations. In the appropriate year for a given section the committee of the section designated to select a single nominee should forward through the section secretary the name of the nominee to me by June 20 of the year preceding the awarding of the certificate. The Board would then review these nominations at the August meeting of the Board and if the award is approved the name of the awardee is at that time public knowledge and can be presented to the section and to the public at large.

Your section was last invited to nominate an awardee in 1986 so you are now entitled to nominate another recipient for the award in 1991. At the August 1987 meeting in Salt Lake City, the Board of Governors decided that such awards should be made at winter meetings in the future. Thus the award for 1991 will be made at the January 1991 meeting in San Francisco, California.

I would appreciate your arranging to have a committee appointed within your section so that a nomination can be made and communicated to me no later than June 20, 1990. I would need not only the name of your nominee but also a copy of the citation that will be read at the business meeting in San Francisco. Normally we would expect the Governor of your section to read the citation and assist in making the presentation of the certificate at the business meeting. Enclosed is a short set of guidelines on the format for the citation.

I look forward to hearing from you the name of your nominee.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. Alexanderson

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