Description and Guidelines MAA Certificates of Meritorious Service

The Certificates of Meritorious Service are presented, on the recommendation of Sections of the Association, for service at the national level or for service to a Section of the Association. The Committee that established the Certificates made the following observations: "Past and present governors of a section are of course eligible for the Certificate. However, the award should not be given to an individual simply because of service as a governor. After all, to be elected as governor of a section is itself an honor. It is important to give some recognition to persons who do a great deal of excellent work for a section and who are thereby known widely in that region but not nationally. Nevertheless, how these guidelines are interpreted is left to the discretion of the individual sections. No specific regulations are proposed along these lines."

The certificate is presented at the January Business Meeting of the Association with a citation usually read by the Governor of the Section. The citation should be approximately 300 words in length and should include a short biography and a statement about the recipient's contributions to the MAA.