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Professor William D. Emerson
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Dear Professor Emerson:

We want to have pictures and brief citations in FOCUS for all those awarded a certificate of meritorious service by MAA sections. The material should be about the same length and nature as found on the attached sheet. I would like to run these in the October issue of FOCUS, which has a copy deadline of August 15.

Please let me know when you can arrange to have someone in your section send this material to me.

Sincerely,



Peter L. Renz
Editor, FOCUS

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Meritorious Service Awards Presented in Laramie

Five individuals who have given extraordinary service to their Sections were awarded Certificates for Meritorious Service at the MAA Business Meeting in Laramie, Wyoming, last August. Each year, five MAA Sections are invited to select a member to be honored nationally. The first awards were made in August 1984.

The names and affiliations of the individuals honored this year, and brief biographical sketches provided by the Sectional Governors follow:

Maryland-DC-Virginia Section

Dorothy L. Bernstein, Brown University (retired)



During her approximately 20 years as a faculty member at Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland, Bernstein held virtually every elected office in the Section. She also served on many national committees, including one which recommended the purchase of the Dolciani Mathematical Center and one which reviewed the various MAA rules and

bylaws and organized them into a coherent body.

Bernstein was elected President of the Association, serving as President-Elect during 1978, as President from 1979-80, and as Past-President during 1981.

Intermountain Section

C. Edmund Burgess, University of Utah



Burgess, an MAA member since 1956, served as Governor of the Intermountain Section from 1980 to 1983. During his 34 years as a member of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Utah, including 10 years as chairman, he wrote over 30 research papers and directed 10 doctoral students. He has lectured at universities across the United States,

Canada, and Europe.

Burgess served on a number of national MAA committees, including national meeting program committees. He has been an MAA Visiting Lecturer and an invited hour speaker at various Section meetings.

Oklahoma-Arkansas Section

John M. Jobe, Oklahoma State University



Jobe served as Governor of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section from 1975-1978. Since then he has provided dynamic leadership in the Section as Secretary-Treasurer.

Jobe has also rendered distinguished service to the MAA through the development and dissemination of resource materials on education and career

awareness in mathematics. As director of the MAWIS (Mathematics at Work in Society) and TEAM (Teaching Experiential Applied Mathematics) projects, Jobe has overseen the production of video tapes and other materials which are now in use in high school and college classrooms across the United States.

Allegheny Section

Earle F. Myers, University of Pittsburgh (Professor Emeritus)



Earle F. Myers, an MAA member for 35 years, served as Governor of the Allegheny Section from 1975 to 1978. He has been a member or chairman of many Section committees, including committees involved in preparations for the national meetings held in Pittsburgh in 1958 and 1981. For many years, he was in charge of the High School Lectureship

Program for the Section.

The Mathematics Council of Western Pennsylvania recently instituted the Earle F. Myers Award, to be presented annually to two mathematics student teachers, in recognition of Myers' extensive work with mathematics teachers. The award was presented for the first time in October 1984.

New Jersey Section

Emory P. Starke, Rutgers University (retired)



Starke joined the MAA in 1933 and took part in the activities of what was to become the New Jersey Section long before the sectional organizations were formed. Throughout his long career at Rutgers, which began in 1919 and ended with his retirement in 1961, he helped organize meetings, round up speakers, supervise arrangements, and do the various other jobs needed to keep the Section running.

Starke served as Editor of the problems section of the *American Mathematical Monthly* for nearly 30 years, from 1945 through 1973. He continues to be recognized in that section of the *Monthly* as "Editor Emeritus."

A. W. Tucker Prize Established

The Mathematical Programming Society has established the A. W. Tucker Prize in the amount of \$750 to be awarded for an outstanding paper in mathematical programming authored by a student, graduate or undergraduate.

An awards committee will choose up to three finalists for the first award of the Tucker Prize, to be made in 1988. The finalists will be invited to make oral presentations of their work at a special session of the Society's 1988 International Symposium.

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