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Dear Officer:

I am enclosing a document explaining Certificates of Meritorious Service at the sectional level. You will note that your section is entitled and encouraged to nominate a recipient for the award in 1987.

In the normal course of events your section would make a nomination this fall so that the Board of Governors could approve it in January; then the award would be presented at the August meeting. Alas, because we had no summer meeting this year and had to move the 1986 awards up to January 1987, I simply forgot to notify you earlier about this. Here is how I propose that we handle this situation.

Your section should make a nomination and communicate your choice to me when you know it, but no later than May 20, 1987. On May 20 I will circulate your nomination to the Board of Governors for its approval by mail ballot. With the Board's approval, the Governor of your section will assist us in making the public presentation of the certificate at the August 1987 meeting.

I am looking forward to hearing who your nominee will be.

Sincerely yours,

*Ken Ross*

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Enclosure (from the August 1983 Board of Governors agenda)

From the Agenda of the MAA Board of Governors, August 7, 1983

The Certificate of Meritorious Service is to be presented for service at the national level or for service to a Section of the Association. The first such awards are scheduled for the meeting in August 1984.

With respect to the awarding of the Certificate for Service essentially at the Sectional level, each Section is entitled, and encouraged, to nominate one person for the award every five years. For this purpose, the Sections of the Association are separated into five groups, with one group of 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 selection committees should have not fewer than three members, previous winners of the Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics are not eligible, and the Board of Governors must confirm the nominations. See below.

The Sections have been divided (by lottery) as follows:

<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
Indiana	Allegheny Mountain	Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware
Louisiana-Mississippi	Intermountain	Iowa
Nebraska	MD-DC-VA	Metro NY
Ohio	New Jersey	North Central
Southeastern	Oklahoma-Arkansas	Pacific Northwest
	Southern California	Southwestern
<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	
Florida	Illinois	
Kansas	Kentucky	
Michigan	Missouri	
Northeastern	Northern California	
Rocky Mountain	Seaway	
Texas	Wisconsin	

Board members are asked to notify their Section officers of the year designated for their Section.

On August 13, 1985, the Committee on Sections added the following statement:

"In each Section a committee of at least three members should be appointed to nominate a single candidate for the award to the Section Governor; the Section Governor should present this nominee to the Board of Governors at the appropriate meeting for their approval. After the Board's approval, the name of the Awardee is public knowledge and will be presented to the Section and the public at large."