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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to you in my role as Chair of the Audit and Budget Committee of the Mathematical Association of America. As you know, the Board of Governors of MAA, at its meeting in January 1987 at San Antonio, adopted a long-range plan for the association. The object of this letter is to ask you in your role as noted below* to examine the long-range plan, to think about it in relationship to your MAA responsibilities and to let the Audit and Budget Committee know prior to May 1 any changes in the funding for your group that might seem appropriate. For example, did you have a special meeting or activity last year which took funding that will not take place this year (or the converse). Further, what kind of activities do you feel will be taking place within the following year that should be incorporated into the proposed budget that the Board of Governors will consider at the summer meeting.

For additional information or to share your thoughts, you might wish to contact Jerry Porter or me, elected members of the Finance Committee, or Don Kreider, Treasurer of the association. We, three, make up the Audit and Budget Committee.

We are not looking for new ways to spend money just to spend money. We are looking for the choices we should consider for expansion or contraction of the budget. We would expect any such expansion or contraction to be compatible with the long-range plan as adopted in January. We plan to present a coherent package of suggestions to the Executive and Finance Committee for their consideration. The Finance Committee will then present a draft budget to the Board of Governors for its consideration at the summer meeting.

Sincerely,

Lida K. Barrett, Chair

MAA Audit and Budget Committee

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