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Dear Professor Brase,

As I am sure you know, The Mathematical Association of America is celebrating its 75th anniversary at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, August 8-11, 1990. These will be in some ways like the usual joint AMS-MAA summer meetings, but in many ways they will also be special. On the opening day of the meetings all events will be organized by the MAA and an excellent line-up of speakers has been arranged. There will be other events as well that day, with a dinner in the evening where the speaker will be President David P. Roselle of the University of Kentucky, at one time secretary of the Association.

The meeting will open with a ceremony at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 8, where greetings will be brought by representative of 10 sibling mathematical organizations. In order to emphasize the special structure of the MAA as a confederation of sections, we are planning to have the ceremony begin with a procession of section banners carried onto the stage by representatives of the sections. We are having a banner made up for each of the sections; it will include the name of the section, the date of founding and the MAA logo. Banners will be brought to the stage in order of the founding of the sections. (The banners will be sent to the sections after the meeting so that they might be used later at section meetings.)

I am writing you now to ask you to designate a member of your section to represent the section in this ceremony and carry your section banner to the stage. You could do it yourself, of course, or you could designate another officer, your present Section Governor, a past Governor, or someone else who, you think, best represents your section (and plans to be in Columbus!). The person you designate should plan to arrive on Tuesday afternoon, August 7, since there will be a short meeting of standard bearers right after the Section Officers' meeting that evening. You may designate anyone you wish, of course, but you may want to keep in mind that the staff and banner may weigh enough so that you would not wish to burden someone with it who is fragile and may have difficulty carrying it to the stage. You may suggest someone who is handicapped, of course, but I cannot guarantee that the stage is wheelchair accessible, so should you wish to choose such a person, it would be good to check with me first and I shall consult the local arrangements people in Columbus.

I would like to have the list of standard bearers by the beginning of the Louisville meeting in January, so I would appreciate your forwarding to me the name of your choice before that time. I am assuming that this would allow you to bring the matter before an executive committee meeting of your section sometime this fall.

We have planned what we hope will be a true celebration of the Association's 75 years. We have an outstanding series of talks planned as well as some events of a lighter nature. I hope you will

encourage the members of your section to attend these special meetings in Columbus, where the Association was founded in December of 1915.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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