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Dear Professor Alexanderson:

This is in response to your letter about the Certificate of Meritorius Service. It is rather embarrassing, but our Section Committee nominated me. I tried to dissuade them, but to no avail. In all genuine honesty, I have done some good things for the section, but nothing very extraordinary. Having said that, I do confess to being flattered, pleased, and honored by the action of our committee.

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Sincerely, Bill Ramaley, Secretary/Treasurer, Rocky Mountain Section

Citation

William C. Ramaley, Rocky Mountain Section

William C. Ramaley has been vitally interested in collegiate mathematics and its teaching over the thirty-five years from his first joining of the MAA in 1961. In the Rocky Mountain Section he was Chair of the Section in 1981 and has been Secretary/Treasurer from 1990 to present, being re-elected in 1996 to another three-year term of office. He has served in various capacities in the Section and been on the secondary school speakers list since 1971. Nationally, he served on the Subcommittee of the CUPM on Service Courses.

Ramaley has been an Associate Editor of *The Journal of Undergraduate Mathematics* from 1973 to present. He has had published several brief articles in the *Monthly*. In 1995 he had two textbooks published: *Applied Calculus* and *Functional Calculus*, both for students studying the "brief" calculus. He is currently working on what the undergraduate curriculum should be for non-math-majors and how that material can be best presented.

Following his B. Sc. from Ohio State University in 1961, Dr. Ramaley attended the University of Colorado, there to earn an M.A. and then his Ph. D. in Number Theory under Dr. Burton W. Jones. While still working on his dissertation, he began teaching at Carleton College in Minnesota. Returning to the Rocky Mountains, he went to Colorado College, where he could continue his devotion to undergraduate instruction. Finally, in 1973, he began to teach at Fort Lewis College, Colorado's state-supported liberal arts college, where he remains today, having served two terms as Department Chair.

The Rocky Mountain Section of the MAA wishes to recognize Professor Ramaley for his life-long dedication to undergraduate education by awarding him the Section's Certificate of Meritorius Service.