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Arthur Bosch, Secretary-Treasurer  
Midwestern Association of Chemistry Teachers  
in Liberal Arts Colleges

Dear Art:

I would like to nominate Laurence E. Strong for honorary membership in MACTLAC. Larry has been a leader in chemical education for many years. He devoted most of his professional career to teaching chemistry in liberal arts colleges, first at Kalamazoo College from 1946 until 1952 and then at Earlham College from 1952 to 1979. He has been active in MACTLAC from its earliest days, and he was the organizer for the third meeting of MACTLAC which was held at Earlham in 1955.

Larry is well-known for his efforts to restructure the undergraduate chemistry curriculum. The radically different curriculum at Earlham which was adopted in the late 1950's has had a significant influence on curricula in many other institutions. He is also known for his leadership in the development of the Chemical Bond Approach program for high school chemistry. In the late 1960's he devoted his attention to the design of flexible and efficient laboratory facilities and the design of Stanley Hall at Earlham is an outgrowth of these efforts. He has been a frequent consultant on science curricula and the design of science buildings.

Larry retired from teaching in 1979, but he continued to participate actively in the Earlham chemistry department. He is currently devoting most of his time to a very productive research program and he is thus an outstanding example of continued intellectual vigor after retirement.

For all of the reasons cited above, I believe Larry is eminently qualified for honorary membership in MACTLAC.

Sincerely,



Wilmer J. Stratton  
Professor of Chemistry

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