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Re: Membership status of Joe Danforth

Dear Art:

Joe Danforth retired in 1978 after 31 years on the Grinnell College faculty. I am writing to request that he be granted an Emeritus Membership in MACTLAC and, further, to nominate him for Honorary Membership in accordance with Article II of the constitution.

Though Joe Danforth was not one of the group that convened for the first MACTLAC meeting in Monmouth, he was a faithful member of the organization from its very beginning. In that time he served the organization well in a variety of formal roles, including the presidency.

He was an enthusiastic teacher and was active in the Division of Chemical Education of the ACS. He served the latter group for 9 years as Treasurer. For several years he was a regular member of review panels, lectured as a visiting scientist, and served as a reviewer for the North Central Association.

He was also enthusiastic about research and understood the important role of research in the undergraduate program. And he did much more than talk about it. While teaching a full load and involved in many outside activities, he maintained an active and productive research program during his entire 31-year career at Grinnell. Characteristically, he is continuing to pursue his research in his retirement.

Finally, he was an enthusiastic and supportive colleague. He was interested in chemistry as a discipline, in his students and their welfare, and in the people who taught chemistry at Grinnell and throughout the MACTLAC colleges.

We at Grinnell continue to benefit from his presence and counsel. We feel strongly his enthusiasm played an important role in the development of the MACTLAC organization. We can think of few who are more deserving of the Honorary Membership title.

Sincerely yours,

Luther E. Erickson  
Chairman, Chemistry Department