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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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

Dear Arthur Bosch:

I wish to nominate Laurence E. Strong for honorary membership in MACTLAC. Larry has exemplified for me an ideal of teaching which is central to the vision behind MACTLAC since the days of Harry Lewis. Larry is a teacher who cares deeply about his students; he comes to know them well during their undergraduate years and follows their scientific careers with interest. Larry is also a dedicated and thoughtful chemist. His love of chemistry has carried him into an outstanding research program where Larry has published a number of research papers with students as co-authors. An emeritus professor, Larry is carrying forward as if he were working for tenure. But anyone who knows Larry also respects his calm, gentle demeanor. Larry is a hard worker who gets things done, yet I have never heard him raise his voice or speak in anger. Larry has shown me much about working with students, such things as the importance of being fair, the value of patience, the power of careful listening, the need for toughness tempered with compassion.

Larry brings together excellence as a teacher, success as a research chemist working with students, and a deep commitment to chemistry within a liberal arts context. Making Larry an honorary member of MACTLAC will give honor to a fine chemist who loves to teach and do research. I urge the MACTLAC Executive Council to grant this honor.

Sincerely,



Gerald R. Bakker, Convener
Department of Chemistry

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