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Subject: Call for Nominations for the MAA Distinguished Teacher Award

It is time for the sections of the MAA to begin their annual process of identifying outstanding teachers of college mathematics and recognizing their achievements. We are asking that this year's nominations be transmitted to me at the address above or electronically at the given e-mail address.

2008 Deadline is November 16 for Initial Nominations

In past years the work of preparing nomination documents (letters of recommendation, teaching evaluations, etc.) has inhibited some potential nominators. To ease that burden, we introduced a simpler two-stage approach and were rewarded with a dramatic increase in the number of nominees. Thus we will continue with the two-stage process this year and ask that the initial nomination consist only of a simple form and a statement by the nominator. These initial nominations will be due by **November 16, 2008**. At that point, the Award Committee will review these preliminary nominations. From those that are clearly competitive, the nominator will be asked to complete the documentation for the final review. The additional documentation is needed to help the Award Committee come to a final decision about the Section Award and to provide the format required for consideration for a National Award. Enclosed is the formal Call For Nominations and the short and long Nomination Form. They describe the award, eligibility requirements and the timeline for review. It is our hope that these pages will be copied, circulated and posted to encourage numerous nominations.

Additional copies of these materials and information about past winners is also available at the section website <http://wolfweb.unr.edu/homepage/keppelma/maanc.html> under the **Distinguished Teaching of College or University Mathematics** tab.

Thank you for your assistance in this important effort.