

Maintenance Officer Association (MOA)

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Bob

Congratulations. Your MOA membership card is enclosed. For your information, we are also enclosing a list of all members to date.

As mentioned in your notification letter, we are in the process of formulating a charter and by-laws. However, since the charter has not been finalized, an overview of the membership selection process is provided:

A. MOA members submit candidate's name to MOA. Include candidate's assignment/duty station for identification purposes, i.e., is that the John Doe at Nellis?

B. On the 15th of each month the names are forwarded to the ten members of the membership committee. The membership committee approves the list by the last duty day of the month. (Note: One "nay" vote scratches the candidate.)

C. Notification letters (similar to the one you received) for each approved nominee are then forwarded to the sponsor for his dissemination to each individual. This allows for a more personal form of initial notification.

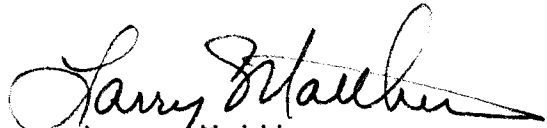
D. When the nominee responds to MOA (with \$20), his name is added to our membership list, and we forward to him a membership card, a current membership list, a copy of the charter, and a copy of the latest newsletter.

The number one criterion for membership is the requirement to be a professional (40XX) maintenance officer. If a nominee wears wings, that fact must be identified. Include data to support the contention that the individual is a maintenance professional versus an Ops toad who is marking time until a cockpit seat opens. Time in maintenance, maintenance duty history, and career intent are the kinds of things we need to know. We also look hard at ranks below O-3, the rationale being that time in the career field is a factor in earning a

"professional" badge. Prior service as an enlisted technician is not quite the same, either. One other restriction: you cannot nominate your boss. That could get sticky.

We plan on publishing the first MOA newsletter by the end of this month. We welcome your ideas and inputs for the initial newsletter as well as for each succeeding issue.

Let us hear from you. Where MOA goes from here will be determined by the members.



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