Dear Colleague,

Congratulations on your nomination.

The American Chemical Society bylaws state that to become a member of ACS, you must be nominated by two current members. Many chemical practitioners who wanted to join informed us that this was a real barrier. They had the credentials — the degree, academic training, and job title required — but they didn’t know any members or were reluctant to ask a colleague to make a nomination.

ACS has decided to create a window of opportunity for chemists working in academia, industry, government, and other venues. A short list of likely candidates for membership has been identified. Any individual who successfully passes the final review merits a nomination, and we have made the admissions process easier by agreeing to nominate these screened candidates.

Why should you accept our nomination? Well, the enclosed letter and brochure spell it out pretty well. Easy access to ACS resources, a weekly subscription to C&EN, the invaluable contacts — they really will make a difference in your daily professional life.

But here’s one more to add to that list: credentials. Think about any résumé or vita you’ve ever seen of a famous chemist. You will likely find “Member, American Chemical Society” at the top of their professional affiliations. If you’re serious about your work, and your place in the discipline, I think that may be the most compelling reason of all to accept your nomination.

Activate your membership today by completing an application online at www.acs.org/FallMember51 or use the one we have enclosed along with the return envelope.

All of us at the American Chemical Society look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

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