SAMPLE NOMINATION STATEMENT

It is a distinct pleasure to nominate Jane Smith ’75 for the Bronze Beaver Award. The depth and breadth of Jane’s service to MIT and the Association is extraordinary. Her outstanding leadership qualities, demonstrated through her contributions to the Annual Fund, the Class of 1975, the Club of Boston, the Educational Council, the Alan ’73 and Terri Spoon Community Catalyst Leadership Program, and Baker House, have distinguished her among alumni peers.

Jane has been a long-time advocate for the MIT Annual Fund and the Institute’s need for the generous philanthropic support of its alumni. This service goes back to only a few years after her graduation in 1975. As an MIT fundraiser, Jane has done it all–from working the phones, to class giving, to setting annual fund goals, and service as Fund Board chair. She was recognized for this fundraising excellence with the Kane Award in 2005. Since then, Jane has continued her leadership role in MIT fundraising as a member of the Corporation Development Committee.

Jane has served as a class leader since graduation, having been involved in all class reunion and reunion giving efforts. As cochair of her 35th Reunion Gift Committee, Jane displayed remarkable resolve to achieve goals and objectives. She led committee meetings with patience and organization, effectively motivating her classmates and thoughtfully acknowledging both their generosity and desire to support MIT. For many years she also served as co-secretary for her class, and continues to now serve as secretary, producing regular Technology Review class notes columns.

Jane’s work with the Club of Boston is equally deep. She’s been president, director, treasurer, and vice president of membership. Jane continues her involvement with the club by encouraging and advising younger volunteers who are the present and future leaders of this energetic, active organization. She has also been the nominations chair for the club since 2002. In this capacity she has very adeptly guided the clubs leadership succession process and has ensured that the club has engaged and guided the very best local alumni up through the volunteer pipeline.

Jane’s involvement with prospective students over the years has also been extraordinary. She has served MIT as a dedicated educational counselor for over twenty years, more than half of which was spent as regional chair. She has consistently submitted high-quality reports to the Admissions Office and, in 2000 received the Morgan Award in recognition of her outstanding service to the Educational Council.

Jane was one of the first volunteers to become engaged with the Alan ’73 and Terri Spoon Community Catalyst Leadership Program, truly helping make it a success. She has coached ten students and helped create a supportive community for all participants. Equally impressive is her work supporting Baker House and its alumni, notably during the 60th Anniversary weekend, which received the Great Dome Award in 2010. As an active and engaged member of the planning committee, she demonstrated a ready willingness to work to achieve committee goals, and she participated in every meeting and conference call. In addition, Jane’s great ideas about creating a special weekend to celebrate Baker House, MIT and the many lifelong friendships started at the Institute were valued highly by the other members of the planning committee.

Tireless, thoughtful, and wise, Jane is an unusually gifted MIT volunteer with a record of achievement that makes her an exceptional candidate for the Bronze Beaver Award.