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January 16, 2004

John R. Nixon

Dear Mr. Nixon,

I am pleased to inform you that I received notification from our Membership Secretary, Ray Cooper, that he has begun processing your Provisional application for membership in AFTE. We appreciate your interest in our Association, and to that end, I hope this letter will help you understand what will occur from this point.

Each member of the Board of Admissions will review your application. Board members vote independently and provide me with one of two recommendations.

These recommendations are:

- Acceptance as Provisional member
- Denial of membership

(If you were denied membership, you would be eligible to become a subscriber to the AFTE Journal, should you wish to do so. Your application fee is non-refundable, however.)

Once the Board of Admissions is forwarded your application, the review process should take each board member no more than a month. Once they have made their decision, they will notify me. I tabulate the results, and provide them to the Membership Secretary. If you are deemed to meet the qualifications of provisional membership, the protocol requires that AFTE's general membership be notified of your pending application by publishing your name in the AFTE Journal/Newsletter.

Our journal is published quarterly in Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall issues. Our Membership Secretary has submitted your name for publication in the Membership Report in the next AFTE Journal/Newsletter. Forty-five days after your name appears in print, and assuming no adverse information is received, you will be awarded Provisional membership status. The Membership Secretary will notify the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President when the 45 day time period has been met, who, in turn, will notify the Association President and Association Secretary of your acceptance. The President

will notify you of your acceptance and the Secretary will issue your membership card and certificate. As a provisional member, your membership will be valid for 5 years. According to the bylaws of the association, you are eligible to apply to upgrade your membership status once you have been a Provisional member for 3 years, and must do so before the 5-year time period or your membership will expire. If you fail to apply for Regular status within the required time frame, you would have no alternative but to apply again for Provisional membership if you wanted to stay active as a member.

Please understand that the length of time required to completely process your application is directly influenced by the publication dates of the AFTE Journal/Newsletter, as well as the time required to allow for responses from the membership, and finally preparation of your membership certificate and card. It may take up to six months to completely process your application. Your patience is requested as the steps of the process are completed.

If, for some reason you are to be denied membership, you will be notified in writing of the Board's decision by our President. In the meantime, I will be your point of contact should you have any questions. Please feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely,

Ronald N. Marrs  
AFTE 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
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cc: File, Ray Cooper, Membership Secretary  
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