

SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

At a meeting held at the Hotel Pennsylvania on October 28, the day preceding the opening of the Fall Convention, plans were laid for holding the Spring, 1935, Convention at Hollywood, Calif., May 20-24, inclusive. The status report presented by Mr. O. M. Glunt, Financial Vice-President, indicated that the fiscal operations of the Society during the current year were progressing very satisfactorily; in view of which the Board voted to increase the number of pages published in the JOURNAL, beginning with the January issue. Various designs for the Progress medal were submitted by Mr. J. I. Crabtree, and work has been begun on a design of the Journal Award Certificate which this year is to be conferred, posthumously, upon Dr. Peter A. Snell.

A Code of Administrative Practices, prepared by a committee of board members and presented by Mr. O. M. Glunt, was adopted by the Board. This code formulates the current administrative procedure of the Society, as directed by enactments of the Board extracted from the minutes of the meetings, that are now in effect. The Code is to be brought up to date periodically, so that each new Board, as it is elected, will be aware immediately of what enactments still remain in force.

Among the actions taken by the Board was the abrogation of the charge for exhibiting apparatus at conventions of the Society. No charge will therefore be levied at the Hollywood Convention, and it is hoped that a large number of exhibitors will take advantage of this enactment and assist in making the Hollywood exhibit a notable one.

In order to clarify a point that has been discussed in the past, the Board ruled that all Committees of the Society shall be appointed annually, their terms corresponding approximately with that of the President of the Society. In other words, the term of office of all members of the various Committees of the Society will coincide with the calendar year, since, according to the recently revised Constitution and By-Laws, the President's term also coincides with the calendar year.

A committee of Board members was appointed to confer with Mr. J. W. McNair, of the American Standards Association, regarding the selection of the organizations to be represented upon the recently authorized Sectional Committee on Standardization. This Committee will prepare and render its specific recommendations to the Board at the next meeting which is to be held on Friday, December 14.

ATLANTIC COAST SECTION

At a meeting held at the studio of RCA Photophone, Inc., New York, N. Y., on November 14, a paper entitled "An Improved System for Noiseless Recording" was presented by Mr. G. L. Dimmick of the RCA Victor Company, Inc. The paper, which was followed by an interesting demonstration of noiseless recording,

enlarged upon the information contained in previous papers upon the subject, and the demonstration indicated that means have been found of increasing the volume range of reproduction considerably without introducing distortion or ground noises.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAW I, SEC. 3 (D)

In accordance with By-Law XI, outlining the method of amending the By-Laws of the Society, the following proposed amendment was introduced at the Fall, 1934, Meeting at New York, N. Y., over the signatures of ten members of Active or higher grade:

"Applicants for Associate membership shall give as reference at least one member of higher grade in good standing. Applicants shall be elected to membership by the approval of at least three-fourths of the Board of Governors, *or, at the discretion of the Board, this authority may be delegated to a Committee on Admissions appointed by the Board.*"

The amendment consists in adding to the end of the second sentence the clause printed in italics.

JOURNAL AWARD

An award of fifty dollars, to be accompanied by an appropriate certificate, was provided for by the Board of Governors some time ago, to be granted to the author or authors of the most outstanding paper originally published in the JOURNAL of the Society during the preceding calendar year (1933). The Journal Award Committee, appointed to study the contributions to the JOURNAL and make their recommendations for the Award to the Board, reported as follows:

AWARD

P. A. Snell, "An Introduction to the Experimental Study of Visual Fatigue;" May, p. 367.

HONORABLE MENTION

H. E. Ives, "An Experimental Apparatus for the Projection of Motion Pictures in Relief;" Aug., p. 106.

J. Crabtree, "Sound Film Printing;" Oct., p. 294.

W. Garity, "Production of Animated Cartoons;" April, p. 309.

W. N. Goodwin, "A Photronic Photographic Exposure Meter;" Feb., p. 95.

O. Sandvik, V. C. Hall, and J. G. Streiffert, "Wave Form Analysis of Variable Width Sound Records;" Oct., p. 323.

In view of the untimely death of Dr. Snell some months ago, the Award will be granted posthumously to his widow. Announcement of the Award was made at the Semi-Annual Banquet of the Society on October 31.

PROJECTION SCREENS COMMITTEE

At a meeting held on October 9 plans were suggested for forming a Committee representative of the various phases of screen illumination, in order to initiate a comprehensive study of that subject. Such a Committee would include representatives of the Projection Practice, Screens, and Theory Committees, Committee on Laboratory Practice, and Sound Committee, so that the problem could be studied from the standpoints of screen design, projection, film density, and sound reproduction.