

SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL, 1935, CONVENTION

The next Convention of the Society will be held at Washington, D. C., October 21-24th, inclusive, headquarters at the Wardman Park Hotel. Members are urged to keep the dates in mind and to plan ahead, so as to assure a good attendance. W. C. Kunzmann, *Convention Vice-President*, is already engaged in arranging the details of the Convention; and the Papers Committee, under the direction of J. I. Crabtree, *Editorial Vice-President*, and J. O. Baker, *Chairman* of the Committee, will soon begin to prepare the technical program of papers and presentations.

SECTIONAL COMMITTEE ON MOTION PICTURES UNDER THE ASA

Following the last meeting of the Committee, letter-ballots were mailed to all the members for voting upon the 16-mm. film and equipment standards contained in the SMPE Standards Booklet and published in the Nov., 1934, issue of the JOURNAL. The approval of the standards as thus published was unanimous; whereupon the project was referred to the SMPE Board of Governors for validation as sponsor and for subsequent transmittal to the ASA for adoption as American national standards.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors at Hollywood on May 19th, the Board ratified the previous action of the SMPE Standards Committee, and adopted all the specifications contained in the Standards Booklet as SMPE Standards. It ratified also the action of the Sectional Committee in respect to the 16-mm. standards, and drafted a letter of transmittal in that regard to the American Standards Association, together with a list of the personnel approved by the Board as sponsor. The list is identical to the list published in the April, 1935, issue of the JOURNAL, p. 378, excepting that D. B. Joy now represents the National Carbon Company; the American Society of Cinematographers is represented by G. A. Mitchell; and the SMPE by A. N. Goldsmith, E. K. Carver, and H. G. Tasker. A. N. Goldsmith is the chairman of the Sectional Committee.

SIXTEEN-MM. SOUND-FILM STANDARDIZATION

At the National Film Congress (Reichsfilmkammer) held at Berlin on April 25th, G. Friedl represented the SMPE and the Sectional Committee in connection with the discussion of 16-mm. sound-film standardization. Unfortunately, the final action of the Congress was to ratify the findings of the previous conference at Stresa, which included, among other things, placing the sound-track at the opposite edge of the film from that specified in the SMPE standards. This means, then, that unless the DIN standards are changed at the forthcoming conference at Paris on July 7th under the auspices of the International Congress of Scientific and Applied Photography and the International Standards Association,

there will be two different 16-mm. sound-film standards in Europe, the SMPE and the one proposed by the International Institute of Educational Cinematography (ICE) and ratified at Berlin by the Reichsfilmkammer (DIN = Deutschen Industrie Normen).

A presentation for the Paris conference is now being prepared, which will be published shortly in the JOURNAL. Mr. Friedl will again represent the American interests.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS FOR 1936

Ballots for nominating officers and governors of the Society for 1936, to take the places of those whose terms expire at the end of this year, were recently mailed to the voting membership of the Society. The ballots, when returned, will form the basis of the nominations made by the Board of Governors at its next meeting at New York on July 19th.

Voting ballots will subsequently be mailed to the Fellow and Active members of the Society, they will be counted at the Fall Convention at Washington, Oct. 21st, and the successful candidates will assume their offices on Jan. 1st. The officers and governors whose terms expire Dec. 31, 1935, are as follows:

H. G. TASKER, <i>President</i>	T. E. SHEA, <i>Treasurer</i>
E. HUSE, <i>Executive V-P.</i>	J. H. KURLANDER, <i>Secretary</i>
L. A. JONES, <i>Engineering V-P.</i>	A. S. DICKINSON, <i>Governor</i>
O. M. GLUNT, <i>Financial V-P.</i>	H. GRIFFIN, <i>Governor</i>
W. B. RAYTON, <i>Governor</i>	

Nominations and voting for officers and Boards of Managers of the three Local Sections are likewise being conducted concurrently, the results of which will be announced later.

PROGRESS MEDAL AWARD

Action is being taken by the Committee on the Progress Medal Award to select the recipient of the medal for the year 1934. The recommendation of the Committee will be presented to the Board of Governors on July 19th, and the presentation will be made at the Fall Convention at Washington. Names of persons deemed worthy of the award may be proposed and seconded in writing by any two Fellows or Active members of the Society. A written statement of the accomplishments of the nominee should accompany each proposal.

The Progress Medal was designed by Mr. Alexander Murray of Rochester. In recognition of the excellence of his work, the Board of Governors at its last meeting awarded to Mr. Murray a bronze replica of the medal.

ERRATUM

The following change should be made in the paper entitled "My Part in the Development of the Motion Picture Projector" by Thomas Armat, in the March, 1935, issue of the JOURNAL:

In the second paragraph on p. 243, the patent number 536,539 should read 536,569.

The Society regrets to announce the death of
Eugene Augustin Lauste
Honorary Member of the Society
June 27, 1935

SOCIETY SUPPLIES

Reprints of *Standards of the SMPE and Recommended Practice* may be obtained from the General Office of the Society at the price of twenty-five cents each.

Copies of *Aims and Accomplishments*, an index of the *Transactions* from October, 1916, to June, 1930, containing summaries of all the articles, and author and classified indexes, may be obtained from the General Office at the price of one dollar each. Only a limited number of copies remains.

Certificates of Membership may be obtained from the General Office by all members for the price of one dollar. Lapel buttons of the Society's insignia are also available at the same price.

Black fabrikoid binders, lettered in gold, designed to hold a year's supply of the JOURNAL, may be obtained from the General office for two dollars each. The purchaser's name and the volume number may be lettered in gold upon the back-bone of the binder at an additional charge of fifty cents each.

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