

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE*

Summary.—The membership of the Society is growing steadily at the net rate of 25 to 30 members a month, the present (April 30, 1937) membership being 1283, with 30 applications pending. The broadening of the membership to include all the important countries of the world, in addition to the domestic membership, is indicative of the widening activities of the Society in international motion picture affairs.

The growth of the membership, although not spectacular, this past year has nevertheless been steady and quite satisfactory. During 1936 the net increase was approximately 25 new members a month. Since January 1, 1936, 79 new members have been admitted, 18 old members reinstated, and 30 new applications are pending, making a total of 127, or approximately 32 a month.

The net figure, however, is less than that, because of the fact that, as every year, there are a few resignations, and this year so far there have been five deaths. The net, however, as stated, is very close to 25 a month.

The total membership at the present moment (April 30) consists of:

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| Honorary | 7 |
| Fellows | 140 |
| Active | 328 |
| Associate | 808 |
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| Total | 1283 |
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| Applications | |
| Pending | 30 |
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| Total | 1313 |

This figure may be reduced somewhat by the middle of the year, because at that time members who have not paid their dues for the current year will become delinquent. It is expected, however, in view of the general improvement in conditions, that the number of delinquents this year will not be as great as that of last year, so that by the end of 1937 it is anticipated that the net membership in good standing will be well over 1400.

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It is particularly interesting to note that the foreign membership of the Society is increasing as rapidly as the domestic membership. This is probably due in part to the broadening of the Society's activities through its relations with the foreign standardizing bodies and other motion picture engineering societies.

A similar increase may be noted also with respect to non-membership subscriptions. For several years the number of non-member subscriptions averaged very close to 200. During the past two years, however, the number has increased to 364, the net increase during the past four months alone being 66. Many of these non-membership subscriptions are held by the libraries of large research and industrial organizations, and as noted above in connection with membership, the increase in non-member subscriptions in foreign countries is particularly interesting.

Although the situation is very promising, and the membership and non-member subscriptions have reached new high peaks, it is the desire of the Membership Committee that there be no relaxation of effort to increase the membership further. The Society does not by any means cover the entire field adequately, and there are many persons actively engaged in the motion picture field, even in such a center as Hollywood, who could well become members of the Society, to the interests both of the Society and themselves. The Membership and Subscription Committee seeks the assistance of the entire membership of the Society in this work.

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