

Society Announcements

New Society Officers

Society Officers, Governors, and Section Officers who were elected in 1947 and took office officially on January 1, 1948, were listed in the January issue of the JOURNAL. So that new members may know who and where they are and thus become better acquainted, I am introducing them here.

LOREN L. RYDER, *President*

ENGINEERING VICE-PRESIDENT

John A. Maurer was re-elected for another two-year term, having served as Engineering Vice-President since January 1, 1945. He was appointed to that office by the Board of Governors to fill the vacancy created when D. E. Hyndman was elevated to the Presidency. He was then formally elected in 1946 and has continued as one of the Society's most enthusiastic members, guiding our engineering activities with a calm, steady hand. The work for which he is primarily responsible expanded during the war and after to such an extent that the Board of Governors in January, 1946, employed a full-time, paid Engineering Secretary on recommendation of the President and Engineering Vice-President to handle engineering correspondence and help administer engineering committee projects. The continuity of thought and administration provided by Mr. Maurer's re-election will prove to be a valuable asset to the industry and Society membership. Mr. Maurer was awarded the 1947 Samuel L. Warner Memorial Award for his many valuable contributions to the professionalization of 16-mm motion pictures. He is President of J. A. Maurer, Inc., and can be reached at 37-01 31st Street, Long Island City, New York.

FINANCIAL VICE-PRESIDENT

James Frank, Jr., newly elected Financial Vice-President, has served on Society committees and the Board of Governors continuously since 1937, when he became Secretary of the Society. In 1947 he planned and supervised the Theater Engineering and Exhibit phases of the 62nd Semiannual Convention, which made it without question the most successful venture of its kind in Society history. Largely through his efforts the exhibitors, theater architects, and equipment manufacturers were informed of the Society's interest in the engineering aspects of theater design, construction, and maintenance. In turn, the Society will now be able to assess the things of this field more completely in the planning of future engineering work, as well as future convention programs. Until recently Mr. Frank was the New York Branch Manager of National Theater Supply, 356 West 44th Street, New York 18, New York.

TREASURER

Ralph B. Austrian joins the Board of Governors for the first time this year as Treasurer, but is by no means a newcomer to the Society. He joined in 1935 and has served on numerous committees during the intervening years. His major interest has been in the application of motion pictures to television, and we always

think of him as an enthusiastic pioneer in this field, both in his previous associations as President of RKO Television, Inc., and now as an executive with the Foote, Cone and Belding Advertising Agency, 270 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York.

GOVERNORS

Alan W. Cook is now beginning his second two-year term as Governor of the Society and has a record of ten years of active participation in Society work, particularly engineering committees. He can be reached at Ansco, Binghamton, New York.

Lloyd T. Goldsmith became a member of the Board of Governors for the first time this year after a career of distinguished service to the motion picture industry and the Military Photographic Services. During the war he served as Director of the Army's Photographic Engineering Laboratory and, in addition, was Chairman of Z52, the War Committee on Photography, which, more than any other single factor, was responsible for developing the industry's vigorous interest in wartime Standards and in programs of quality improvement that followed. His address is Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., Burbank, California.

Paul J. Larsen has been a member of the Board of Governors for many years and this year begins another two-year term in the office of Governor. As Chairman of the Society's Television Projection Practice Committee, Mr. Larsen's name has become synonymous with theater television because of his excellent work in the preparation and presentation in 1945 and 1946 of statements before the Federal Communications Commission requesting frequency allocations for theater television use. The purpose of his appearance before the FCC was to prevent the imminent reallocation of frequencies in the radio spectrum from excluding their use by the motion picture industry for theater television at some future date, if the industry felt at that time that such a development was desirable. Mr. Larsen has recently terminated his previous association with the Department of the Navy at Johns Hopkins University and is now Associate Director, Los Alamos Laboratory, University of California, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gordon E. Sawyer has been a member of the Pacific Coast Board of Managers and has been most active in the affairs of the Society for many years. He is also a member of the Motion Picture Research Council and has aided in the co-ordinated activity of the Research Council and the Society. Mr. Sawyer is Director of Recording at the Samuel Goldwyn Studios in Hollywood, California.

Atlantic Coast Section

William H. Rivers, Chairman, assumed that office and thus became an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Governors on January 1 of this year. Together with the Board of Managers, he has planned an interesting program of Section Meetings for the current year. Mr. Rivers served in the Army Signal Corps during the war and then rejoined the Motion Picture Film Department of the Eastman Kodak Company, Room 626, 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.

Edward Schmidt, Secretary-Treasurer, has been interested in the work of the SMPE for some time and this year holds his first Society office. He is with the Photo Products Department of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., Inc., 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York.

Midwest Section

R. T. Van Niman, Chairman and *ex-officio* member of the Board of Governors, is experienced in Midwest Section affairs. The major part of organizing the Papers Program for the Society's 61st Semiannual Convention in Chicago in May, 1947, was done very capably by Mr. Van Niman, and his enthusiastic interest in the SMPE will fit him well for his new job. He may be reached at Motiograph, 4431 W. Lake Street, Chicago 24, Illinois.

• George W. Colburn, Secretary-Treasurer, is well known to many members of the Society in the Chicago area and beyond. This year he holds his first Society office. He is President of George Colburn Laboratory, Inc., 164 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois.

Pacific Coast Section

Sidney P. Solow, Chairman, has been active in West Coast Section activities for years, having been on the Board of Managers previously and a member of several committees. He is now an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Governors, and in addition, is Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 63rd Semiannual Convention to be held in Santa Monica, California, May 17-21, 1948. He is with Consolidated Film Industries, Inc., 959 Seward Street, Hollywood, California.

G. R. Crane, Secretary-Treasurer, is one of the younger, more active participants in Pacific Coast Society affairs, having served on several committees and gained recognition from his associates. He is with the Hollywood Office of Electrical Research Products Division of Western Electric Company, 6601 Romaine Street, Hollywood 38, California.

Student Chapter

(University of Southern California)

Thomas Gavey, Chairman, is a graduate student at the University of Southern California in the Cinema Department. He not only has been active in the formation of the Student Chapter at the University but also for some time has been an active student member of the Society. Mr. Gavey's address is 1046 North Ridgewood Place, Los Angeles.

John Barnwell, Secretary-Treasurer, is a graduate student in the Cinema Department at the University of Southern California and along with Mr. Gavey was instrumental in the solicitation of student memberships for the establishment of a chapter at the University. Mr. Barnwell's address is Cinema Department, University of Southern California, University Park, Los Angeles, California.

1948 Nominations

The 1948 Nominating Committee, as appointed by the President of the Society, was confirmed by the Board of Governors at its January meeting. The members are:

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All voting members of the Society who wish to submit recommendations for candidates to be considered by the Committee as possible nominees, are requested to correspond directly with the Chairman or any of the members of the Nominating Committee. Active, Fellow, or Honorary Members are authorized to make these suggestions which must be in the hands of the Committee prior to May 1, 1948.

There will be ten vacancies on the Board of Governors as of January 1, 1949, which must be filled. Those members of the Board whose terms of office expire are:

President..... LOREN L. RYDER	Governor..... JOHN W. BOYLE
Executive Vice- President.... EARL I. SPONABLE	Governor..... ROBERT M. CORBIN
Editorial Vice- President.... CLYDE R. KEITH	Governor..... CHARLES R. DAILY
Convention Vice- President.... WILLIAM C. KUNZMANN	Governor..... DAVID B. JOY
Secretary..... G. TOEL LORANCE	Governor..... HOLLIS W. MOYSE

The recommendations of the Nominating Committee will be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval at the July meeting. The ballots will then be prepared and mailed to the voting members of the Society forty days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Society which is always the opening business session of the Fall Convention. This year it falls on Monday, October 25, and the Convention will be held at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C.

E. ALLAN WILLIFORD, *Chairman*, Nominating Committee

Atlantic Coast Section

The engineering data on the new RCA 16-mm recording channel were presented to the Atlantic Coast Section at its January 21 meeting by Everett Miller, RCA's technical supervisor in New York. The recording system, as a whole, was described in general, and a paper was read, dealing with the film recorder in particular. A 16-mm print of the Academy test reel was run to permit listeners to hear something standard and of known quality on the RCA reproducing system. Thereafter, various samples of films recorded on the new 16-mm recorder were presented. These samples were used to show the relationships between prints made from a negative, and direct positives processed for optimum image. There were also comparisons made between prints made from negatives, and Kodachrome prints made from direct positives. There was exhibited at the meeting the new RCA 16-mm film phonograph. Mr. Miller presented some engineering data and discussed the performance of this device. Thereafter, the meeting was opened for general discussion.

ASA Appoints Vice-Admiral Hussey as Administrative Head

Vice-Admiral George F. Hussey, Jr., United States Navy (retired), wartime Chief of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance, recently joined the staff of the American Standards Association, and on January 1 assumed the duties of administrative head of that organization. Mr. Cyril Ainsworth, who for a number of years has been in charge of the technical activities of the ASA, will serve with Vice-Admiral Hussey as director of operations of the ASA staff.

In accepting the appointment, Admiral Hussey will take over the administrative responsibilities from Dr. P. G. Agnew, one of the world's foremost authorities on standardization. Dr. Agnew has served the ASA as secretary and head of the staff for the past 28 years, and will continue his service to the organization as Consultant.

As head of the Bureau of Ordnance, Admiral Hussey was responsible for its co-operation with industry and with other government departments on standards of mutual concern. In his new capacity, he will assist in co-ordinating the joint efforts of the interested bodies in many phases of standardization.

At present, almost four hundred projects are being carried on under ASA procedures, and the Association expects to increase its activities, under Admiral Hussey and Mr. Ainsworth, to approximately three times the volume of the largest prewar year.