

Proposed New Constitution and Bylaws

A RECENT ACTION taken by the Society's Board of Governors requires that certain matters be submitted to the Society members for their consideration and decision. A special committee, which the then incumbent President Loren Ryder appointed on October 24, 1948, considered the advisability of acknowledging in some formal way the growing interest of the Society and its members in the relatively new field of television. On April 3, 1949, the Committee reported to the Board of Governors that agreement had been reached—only one member dissenting—on a proposal to change the name of the association from "Society of Motion Picture Engineers" to "Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers." This change of name requires a change in the Constitution.

Another special committee was also appointed by the then President Loren Ryder, on January 23, 1947, to study the Society's fundamental purposes and its methods of operation.

This Committee was also asked to reconcile certain inconsistencies that exist between the Constitution and Bylaws, and in addition to reword certain paragraphs, or articles, which were obscure or redundant.

The Board has endorsed these proposals and now, as required by Article VII of the Constitution, the proposed name change, with the other recommended changes, will be submitted for discussion by the members at the Annual Meeting of the Society (which is a part of the Fall Convention); and then, immediately following the meeting, the proposals, with a letter ballot and a transcript of the meeting discussion, will go to all voting members for their formal action.

The new Constitution, which has been proposed, is published here in advance of its distribution to the voting membership, since it is of interest to all the Society members. Comparison between the old and the new Constitutions may be readily made by referring to page 463 of the JOURNAL for April, 1949. The change-of-name question will be included with the Constitution letter ballot, which will be mailed shortly after the Fall Convention.

The important proposed changes in the Constitution can be summarized briefly as follows:

Article I provides for the change of name.

Article II covers the addition of the television art to the scope of the Society.

Article III now covers "Meetings," formerly covered by Article VI, and is reworded to be more explicit.

Article IV has been reworded for clarity.

Article V assigns the executive duties of the President in his absence to the Executive Vice-President, instead of to the Past-President, as is now the case, and has been further reworded for clarity.

Article VI is new and defines "Sections."

Article VII provides for twelve elected Governors, allowing the Atlantic Coast, Central, and Pacific Coast Sections each to be represented by four elected Governors. Previously, representation of the Central Section was not assured.

Article VIII clarifies former Article VII and deals with amendment procedures.

The work of the Committee on the revision of the Bylaws is not as yet complete; substantial progress has been made, however, and it is expected that the proposed revision will be printed as amendments to the Bylaws in the issue of the JOURNAL immediately preceding the 67th Semiannual Convention to be held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, April 24-28, 1950, at which meeting formal action may then be taken on their proposals.

It is suggested that all voting members who find it possible to attend the 66th Convention in Hollywood from October 10 to October 14 should do so and should be on hand for the Business Meeting at which these changes will be discussed.

Proposed New Constitution of the Society of Motion Picture Engineers

CONSTITUTION

Article I

NAME

The name of this association shall be **SOCIETY OF MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION ENGINEERS.**

Article II

OBJECTS

Its objects shall be: Advancement in the theory and practice of engineering in motion pictures, television, and the allied arts and sciences; the standardization of equipment and practices employed therein; the maintenance of a high professional standing among its members; and the dissemination of scientific knowledge by publication.

Article III

MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting and such other regular and special meetings as provided in the Bylaws.

Article IV

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any person of good character is eligible to become a member in any grade for which he is qualified in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article V

OFFICERS

The officers of the Society shall be a President, an Executive Vice-President,

a Past-President, an Engineering Vice-President, an Editorial Vice-President, a Financial Vice-President, a Convention Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

The term of office of all elected officers shall be for a period of two years.

The President shall not be eligible to succeed himself in office.

At the conclusion of his term of office the President automatically becomes Past-President.

Under conditions as set forth in the Bylaws, the office of Executive Vice-President may be vacated before the expiration of his term.

A vacancy in any office shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article VI

SECTIONS

Sections may be established in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article VII

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors shall consist of the President, the Past-President, the five Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Section Chairmen, and twelve elected Governors. An equal number of these elected Governors shall reside within the areas included in the Eastern time zone; the Central time zone; and the Pacific and Mountain time zones. The term of office of all elected Governors shall be for a period of two years.

Article VIII

AMENDMENTS

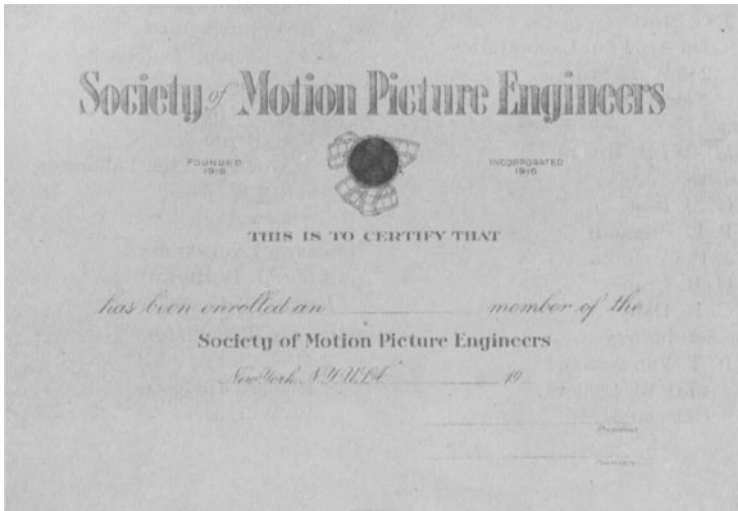
This Constitution may be amended as follows: Amendments may originate as recommendations within the Board of Governors, or as a proposal to the Board of Governors, by any ten members of voting grade; when approved by the Board of Governors as set forth in the Bylaws, the proposed amendment shall then be submitted for discussion at the annual meeting or at a regular or special meeting called as provided in the Bylaws. The proposed amendment, together

with the discussion thereon, shall then be promptly submitted by mail to all members qualified to vote, as set forth in the Bylaws. Voting shall be by letter ballot mailed with the proposed amendment and discussion to the voting membership. In order to be counted, returned ballots must be received within sixty (60) days of the mailing-out date. An affirmative vote of two thirds of the valid ballots returned subject to the above time limitations, shall be required to carry the amendment, provided one fifteenth of the duly qualified members shall have voted within the time limit specified herein.



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Society Announcements

Committee Changes

On pages 481-495 of the April, 1949, issue of the JOURNAL, the names of the members of the Society's Committees were published. Since that date, several changes have been made as listed below. Where there is no mention of a Committee, it is because there have been no changes.

Committee	Committee
COLOR <i>Add</i> —F. T. Bowditch	PRESERVATION OF FILM <i>Add</i> —J. B. McCullough
HIGH-SPEED PHOTOGRAPHY <i>Add</i> —C. W. Wyckoff	PROCESS PHOTOGRAPHY <i>Add</i> —A. C. Robertson
HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM <i>Add</i> — W. H. Offenhauser, Jr., <i>Vice-Chairman</i> G. J. Badgley J. A. Ball L. W. Bonn H. T. Cowling W. A. Jamison Beaumont Newhall Terry Ramsaye E. I. Sponable Randall Terraneau	PROGRESS <i>Add</i> —R. T. Van Niman <i>Correct Address</i> — C. R. Sawyer Western Electric Co. 175 Chambers St. New York 7, N. Y.
LABORATORY PRACTICE <i>Change Address</i> — J. G. Stott Du Art Film Laboratories 245 W. 55 St., New York 19, N. Y.	16-MM AND 8-MM MOTION PICTURES <i>Add</i> —J. L. Forrest
PAPERS <i>Add</i> —W. H. Rivers <i>Delete</i> — G. M. Best P. E. Brigandi J. P. Corcoran G. R. Crane C. R. Daily <i>Correct Address</i> — R. T. Van Niman 4431 W. Lake St. Chicago 24, Ill.	STANDARDS <i>Add</i> —L. W. Davee
	TELEVISION <i>Add</i> — Willy Borberg R. V. Little <i>Delete</i> —Frank Goldbach
	TEST-FILM QUALITY <i>Change Address</i> — F. S. Berman Moviellab Film Laboratory 619 W. 54 St. New York 19, N. Y.
	THEATER ENGINEERING <i>Add</i> —O. P. Beekwith <i>Delete</i> —A. G. Asheroft
	THEATER TELEVISION <i>Add</i> — Richard Hodgson W. W. Lozier