

Board of Governors

ONE DAY before the Convention, Sunday, April 29, the Board of Governors met in New York to review administrative, technical, and publication operations of the Society for the first quarter of 1951.

Agreement was unanimous on the need for additional space for Society Headquarters and the Board endorsed the recommendation that 2000 square feet of available space at 40 West 40th Street be taken without delay. The move, which will take place in the first or second week of June, became necessary because after nearly a year of ineffective negotiating, there appeared to be little chance of securing adequate space in the building at 342 Madison.

It was also agreed that every possible effort should be made to induce many more

engineers in both motion pictures and television to apply for membership in the Society. The present trend is in the right direction, but extra attention to this program on the part of all Society members is clearly called for.

Test films, and the need for constant vigilance to maintain their technical quality within the limits of published specifications, were discussed. The Board learned that the search for a qualified test film quality control engineer, previously authorized, had been successful and that Fred Whitney, long associated with the ERPI Division of the Western Electric Co. and Altec Service Corp., had joined the Headquarters staff to serve in that capacity.

Engineering Activities

FIFTEEN committee meetings were held during the week of the Convention. These were:

Theater Television
Laboratory Practice
Screen Brightness
High-Speed Photography
Television Film Equipment
16- and 8-Mm Motion Pictures
Films for Television
ASA Committee PH22
Film-Projection Practice
Magnetic Recording
High-Speed Photography Liaison of Societies
Optics
Test Film Quality
Film Dimensions
Theater Engineering

Times for the committee meetings were chosen to give a minimum of interference

with the Papers Program. Since the program had been assembled several weeks before the Convention and technical papers had then been scheduled for presentation in related subject groups it was not difficult for Hank Kogel and the committee chairmen to steer clear of obvious conflicts. Several committees met prior to the session of most interest to their members so each chairman could give Society members a last-minute report on the current work of his group. In addition, chairmen of certain engineering committees were chosen by the Papers Committee as chairmen of related technical sessions. This was quite appropriate for several reasons: first, the chairman was familiar with the subject matter of papers on his session; second, he could introduce the session with any "oral version" of his Committee's latest report to establish the Society's official interest in the general subject of that session; and third, his knowledge of the subject let him stimulate discussion from the floor following each paper.