

with advance information about conventions, Society committees, Section meetings and membership and publications ammunition. Each of these member-delegates will be the focal point for Society information in his own community. It is hoped that many questions about the SMPTE, its engineering activities and membership requirements can be answered on the spot, to the benefit not only of the inquirer but of the Society as well.

SECTIONS

Reports of the three Section Chairmen were read into the record and it was noted that extra effort at organizing Section meeting programs was almost invariably rewarded by an increase of attendance, entirely justifying the added costs of rented chairs or screening-room facilities. Popular reaction to the repeating of Convention papers at Section meetings brought an official request for the recording on magnetic tape of certain papers for re-presentation with accompanying slides. It was suggested that a small library of such papers be assembled and made available in appropriate batches for regional meetings or student chapter sessions. There was

also a formal recommendation that the Student Chapters in Hollywood and in New York should function under the supervision of the local Section Chairmen and Boards of Managers. This would probably result in the more efficient use of funds and perhaps encourage Chapter participation in local Section meetings.

CONVENTIONS

The report of the Convention Vice-President concluded, with some enthusiasm, that the two Conventions held in 1951 had drawn better attendance than any in previous years. As a consequence, plans for the Spring and Fall Conventions in 1952 are being adjusted to provide facilities for the larger registration. The following dates were reported to and approved by the Board of Governors:

- 71st Convention: The Drake, Chicago, Ill., April 21-25, 1952
- 72nd Convention: Hotel Statler, Washington, D.C., October 6-10, 1952
- 73rd Convention: Hotel Statler, Los Angeles, Calif., April 26-30, 1953
- 74th Convention: Hotel Statler, New York, N.Y., October 4-9, 1953

Engineering Activities

New Chairmen Engineering Committees are appointed in accordance with Section V of the Society Bylaws, which states that the term of appointment expires every two years, along with the term of the appointing officer (the Engineering Vice-President) and further that Committee Chairmen are eligible for one reappointment, or for a total service of 4 years. (There is no limit on the reappointment of members, except that imposed by their degree of interest in the work of the committee.)

The four-year limitation now requires that Fred Bowditch as Engineering Vice-President appoint new chairmen to six committees, four of whom are: *Standards*, Henry Hood, Eastman Kodak 16 & 8, Malcolm Townsley, Bell & Howell Sound, John Hilliard, Altec Lansing *Motion Picture Studio Lighting Process Photography*, John W. Boyle

The two committees still without new Chairmen are Color and High-Speed Photography. It is expected that they can be announced in the next *Journal*.

ISO The Technical Committee on Cinematography of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO TC/36) was canvassed as to their interest in a meeting in New York on June 9 and 10, 1952, as mentioned in the previous issue. Affirmative replies have since been received from Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom. Based on this response, the Chairman of the ASA Sectional Committee PH 22, Dr. D. R. White, and the SMPTE Engineering Vice-President, Fred Bowditch, recommended to the ASA that the meeting be scheduled. A proposed Agenda is now being formulated, on the recommendations of the SMPTE Engineering Committees, secured in anticipation of such a meeting and including items submitted by several of the member nations. ISO procedure requires the Agenda to be circulated to all members four months prior to the meeting, in this instance by February 9, 1952. As Secretariat the United States will chair the meeting.—*Henry Kogel*, Staff Engineer.