

72d Semiannual Convention

The Tentative Program, mailed to all members on August 29, shows the schedule for 86 papers and Committee Reports. Sixteen Committee Meetings will be held during the week. Of the 86 papers, 41 are for the International Symposium on High-Speed Photography which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday morning, October 8, with successive sessions originally scheduled through Friday forenoon. Current developments may require Program Chairman Joe Aiken to revise this so that the Symposium is carried through Friday afternoon. In that case, the last three papers scheduled for Thursday afternoon at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory may be moved to a Symposium session, and certain special motion picture papers would be scheduled for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory Session. For the NOL Session, note this advice repeated from the Tentative Program:

All individuals who wish to go on the trip to the Naval Ordnance Laboratory on Thursday, must register for it prior to noon Tuesday, October 7. Those who wish to attend this session, but who cannot register before noon Tuesday, must write their intention to Joseph E. Aiken, 116 N. Galveston St., Arlington 3, Virginia, and state if they are citizens of the United States.

All non-citizens of the United States must receive a special clearance for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory visit. This may be obtained by writing to their embassy in Washington, prior to the Convention, requesting that they be cleared for this visit to the Chief of Naval Operations, who will in turn notify the Naval Ordnance Laboratory.

Plans for the first two days remain essentially the same as in the Advance Postal Card Notice — Television Sessions on Monday afternoon and evening and on Tuesday forenoon and afternoon, and a General Motion Pictures Session Tuesday evening.

Those who do not yet have hotel reservations should write Air Mail or wire Mr. H. C. Blunck, Manager, Hotel Statler, Washington, D.C. Ask Society headquarters for information or copies of the Tentative Program if you would like such.

Board of Governors Meeting

A major portion of the Society's Board Meeting on July 17 was a continuation and reflection of what was previously reported as "Most significant administrative development of 1951 . . ." (report of this year's first Board Meeting). This has been the appointment and operation of an Executive Committee.

From the Executive Committee's attention to some major details and aspects of the Society's operation have come logically and with minimum pain several summations of points of policy for the Board's consideration. The Board also reviewed the initial outline of a study of the costs of membership service and of the costs of securing new members. Action was taken on the resignation of one Society Officer and policy was carefully reviewed in regard to another office.

The Executive Committee has been studying and reviewing some legal problems, accounting policies, test film opera-

tions and possibilities for a project control scheme that would formalize the course of Society projects. These Board actions have resulted in Proposed Bylaws.

One proposed additional Bylaw records the long-established underlying policy that Standards and Recommendations developed by the Society are of a voluntary nature. The other Bylaw meets the legal technicality of providing for a procedure for disposition of assets in case of dissolution. These proposals were explained in detail in the August *Journal*, p. 153.

Test Films

The Board reaffirmed the Society's policy of developing and supplying test films on a no-profit, no-loss basis. The appropriate officers and employees were instructed to make whatever cost accounting analyses, surveys and sales forecasts are necessary to maintain the policy of supply-

ing test films as a part of the Society's general program for the development of technical and engineering standards.

Membership Cost Study

The Executive Secretary presented a brief report of progress on the Headquarters' cost study of membership service, explaining that this first official attempt to separate the Society's various operations for the purpose of cost analysis was encouraging. Comparisons were drawn between dues paid by the average member and cost of services rendered, and then between the first year's dues of a new member, the cost to secure each additional new member, and the added cost to the Society of services rendered to a new member during his first year. It is expected that the completed study will be the basis for detailed planning of the many Society activities.

Finances and Budget

The six-month reports of the Financial Vice-President and the Treasurer were approved. The Executive Secretary made a preliminary report on the 1953 budget, and the Board made recommendations as the basis for further budget planning, so that a proposed 1953 budget can be considered at its next Meeting. The initial budget planning was based on the advice of the officers of five groups of activities: engineering, conventions, publications, sustaining memberships, and general membership promotion. They were asked for their advice for 1953 compared with 1952 and the three preceding years. Expense items which are policy-controlled were the subjects of study.

Resignation of F. T. Bowditch

Mr. Bowditch had reported to the Society's President on June 13 that an emergency situation at National Carbon Company required his attention to new duties and his relinquishing the Society's Engineering Vice-Presidency. The Board regretfully accepted the resignation to be effective October 6 and appointed Henry J. Hood of Eastman Kodak to serve from October 6, 1952, through December 31, 1953. Something of the scope of Mr. Bowditch's service to the Society is given later in this *Journal* under "Engineering Activities," and in the report opening this *Journal*.

Nominations and Other Reports

With one exception, the roster of nominees for the Society's 1952 election was all cleared and was approved by the Board.

For the first time in 36 years there has had to be a change in the nominee for Convention Vice-President. The Nominating Committee had cause for pause: since 1916, the Society has had "Conventions by Bill Kunzmann"—so the Committee tossed into the lap of the Board the poser created by Bill Kunzmann's forthcoming retirement from National Carbon. The Board discussed at great length possibilities for revising the duties and lessening the travel and other demands made on the Convention Vice-President, but it was not possible within the long-established policies of the Society to work out a program that would enable Bill to accept the nomination. The Board, therefore, regretfully turned to the alternative of seeking another nominee and gave the job of finding someone to the Executive Vice-President and a committee of four. A number of suggestions were received and the final choice made was Jack Servies, Vice-President of National Theatre Supply. The nomination of Mr. Servies was approved by a letter ballot of the Board and his name completed the roster for the ballots which were mailed on August 25 to all voting members.

Reports of the Fellow Award and other award committees were received and approved. A complete account of awards will be given in a later *Journal*. Malcolm G. Townsley as chairman of a temporary committee to study the method of presenting awards reported that his group favored making all the presentations at the banquet. An informal report from John G. Frayne, Chairman of the 75th (Spring of '53) Convention Planning Committee, briefly described the program, which is to be based on an historical theme, with the likely extra costs for such a project being partially offset by sales of a proposed booklet. Important developments in motion pictures and television over the past fifty years would be covered in several technical sessions, with particular papers covering the field from the beginning to the very latest along technical lines.

Other reports approved were those of the Convention Vice-President, Editorial Vice-President and the three Section Chairmen.