

necessary action. It is hoped that eventually fittings such as plugs, sockets, lamp sizes, etc., may be included in an extended program of standardization.

It soon became apparent that the scope had become so enlarged over that expected when the Committee on Television Studio Lighting was formed that it became necessary to call upon as many participants as possible if any practical results were to be achieved. It was therefore proposed that the TV Studio Lighting Committee increase its membership by setting up subcommittees in regional areas to carry out parallel

programs with the main committee which heretofore had its principal activities concentrated in New York. Action was initiated to establish one section in Chicago under the leadership of William Rockar of WGN and a second group in Los Angeles under the direction of Howard Bell of Mole-Richardson Co. Both of these groups are being organized and are expected to produce tangible evidence of their efforts which can be combined with those from the East. If this plan succeeds, additional regional committees will be organized in areas where the interest and activity in tele-

vision studio lighting warrant it. Another advantage gained from this consolidation of information will be the opportunity for participation and benefits to the smaller television station which had to depend largely, up to now, on the networks for major contributions.

The success of this ambitious venture depends entirely on the spirit of cooperation dictated by the recognition of the advantages to be gained, the support of all television stations, large and small, and the active assistance of the SMPTE membership.

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The Fall Convention at Lake Placid

Plans are snowballing despite the onset of summer. There will be a solid technical convention from Monday morning through Friday of the first week of October when the beautiful early autumn will be with us in the Adirondacks at the Lake Placid Club, October 3-7.

Following the Convention's theme, *Color in Motion Pictures and Television*, the Convention will be generally organized under:

- Materials and Their Uses
- Studio Practice
- Laboratory Practice
- Projection and Viewing
- Television Practice
- High-Speed Photography

A special chairman is working on each of these categories, as described in last month's *Journal*. Author's forms are available from the undersigned or from The Editor at Society headquarters. The deadline for titles and abstracts is August 1. Let us know promptly about any paper you believe should be in this program.

From Don Hyndman, Local Arrangements Chairman for the Lake Placid Convention, we have news about the special arrangements for SMPTE members and guests at the Lake Placid Club at Convention time. Accommodations are in the main hotel or in a large number of cottages which have a living room and two or more bedrooms. Rates are all American Plan (meals included) in either hotel or cottages: \$18 a day for singles and \$32 for doubles, with the living rooms \$15 additional. Tipping is not allowed but 15% is added to your bill as a service charge.

For reservations, for the week, or for extra days before or after the Convention, write

Mr. Donald Nelson
Lake Placid Club
Essex County
N. Y.

Entertainment will be informal dress but substantial in available activities, as described in the National News Section of the Section Meeting Notices for June. We shall give you the tentative schedule of sessions in the next *Journal*.—Glenn E. Matthews, Program Chairman, Research Laboratories, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester 4, N.Y.

Board Meeting

The second meeting of the Board of Governors for 1955 was held at The Drake in Chicago on April 17, the Sunday prior to the convention. John W. Servies, Financial Vice-President, reported that the Society's financial picture for the first quarter of 1955 was good, and all indications were that it would continue to be so.

Norwood Simmons, Editorial Vice-President gave an informative report of publications activities and emphasized the following point: that the new *Journal* format had, in general, been accepted favorably. There were complaints from librarians, however, that the *Journal* does not have a masthead and that minus its cover it lacks ready identification. For this reason, Mr. Simmons reported, a suitable masthead is being designed by the Editor and will appear first in the July issue.

Barton Kreuzer, Executive Vice-President, noted that the Executive Committee had authorized certain increases in *Journal* budget through the balance of 1955 which would permit an increase from 39 to 44 editorial pages each month.

In addition, Mr. Simmons urged that the

budget be increased for the second half of the year to allow prompt publication of the 145-page backlog of manuscript material that had accumulated prior to completion of the 77th Convention Program.

Finally, Mr. Simmons explained that he and the Editor were considering publication in 1956 of a 40-year index to the *Journal*.

Axel Jensen, Engineering Vice-President, reported that standards work has been moving effectively as was evidenced by standards and progress reports which appear regularly in the *Journal*. Major emphasis, he stated, is now being given to the review of all standards that are five or more years old.

Future convention commitments were reviewed by Byron Roudabush, Convention Vice-President. In addition to those which appear on the inside back cover of the *Journal*, Mr. Roudabush offered for Board consideration the dates May 3 through 8, 1959, at The Fontainebleau, Miami Beach.

At the suggestion of F. S. Seeley, Secretary, the Board gave a great deal of attention to certain inconsistencies and deficiencies in the Bylaws and decided upon five amendments to the document, one of which would formalize the existence of the Executive Committee.

Because of the increasing amount of activity which falls into the province of the Sections Coordinator the Board discussed a proposal to create a new office of "Sections Vice-President." Since this would require an amendment to the Constitution, the Board decided that a detailed proposal, including exact wording of the amendment, should be prepared and submitted for approval at the July 1955 Board meeting.

The Board also approved a plan to form a Publications Advisory Committee whose