

Annual Meeting — 1955

A number of amendments to the Society's Constitution and Bylaws have been duly considered by the Board of Governors and are proposed here for discussion during the 1955 Annual Meeting of the Society which will be held at the Lake Placid Club, Essex County, N.Y., at 10 A.M. Monday, October 3, during the 78th Convention.

Constitution and Bylaw Amendments Proposed

Constitutional amendments will be circulated by letter ballot to all voting members of the Society immediately following the 78th Convention. A period of 60 days is then allowed for return of the ballots.

Bylaw amendments must be published, as they are here, in advance of the annual meeting, considered during the meeting, and, if approved there by two-thirds of the voting members on hand, in the presence of a quorum, are adopted. If a quorum, currently 134 voting members, is lacking, they will be referred to the Board of Governors for final action.

A complete transcript of the current Constitution and Bylaws is contained in the April 1955 *Journal*.

Although the Society, through its Student Chapters and in other ways, has been serving an educational function, the word "education" does not appear among the Society's official objects. It is recommended that the words shown in italics be inserted as indicated.

ARTICLE II: "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; *guidance of students and the attainment of high standards of education*; and the dissemination of scientific knowledge by publication."

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, in the report of the July meeting of the Board of Governors, it is proposed that a new office of Sections Vice-President be created. To do so and to permit that officer to carry out his duties, the following two constitutional changes and changes to Bylaws III, VII, XI and XII are proposed.

ARTICLE V: Add the italicized words as indicated "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 *Sections Vice-President*, a Secretary, and a Treasurer."

ARTICLE VII: Change the word "five" to read "six."

BYLAW I Section 3(c) presently stipulates that applicants for Active membership must submit as references the names of two members of the grade applied for or of a higher grade. This presents difficulties to many otherwise qualified applicants and a majority of the Board of Governors felt that there would be no reduction in the caliber of applicant if this number were reduced to one. It is proposed that the word "two" be deleted and replaced with the word "one."

BYLAW III Section 3 states that a quorum of the Board is ten. The proposal to amend Bylaw XI would, if adopted, provide for variations in the size of the Board, depending upon the number of Sections that qualify for ex-officio representation, and it therefore seems desirable to state the quorum as a percentage figure. It is proposed that the word "ten" be deleted and replaced with "two-fifths of the"

BYLAW V: The Society has had an Executive Committee which assists and advises the President and the Headquarters in matters of policy and operations. It is proposed that the Executive Committee be formalized by adding the following as a Section 7 to this Bylaw: "There shall be an Executive Committee, composed of the President, Executive Vice-President, Financial Vice-President, and one other officer appointed by the President, to review regularly, the operations of the Society, plan the forthcoming budget, and carry out assignments of the Board of Governors."

BYLAW VII Section 3: It is proposed that the word "seven" in the first paragraph be deleted and the word "eight" be inserted, and that a "Paragraph (f)" be added as follows "The Sections Vice-President shall coordinate and be respon-

sible for administration of the affairs of Sections and Student Chapters and shall help these groups by interpreting Society policy, and assisting in the planning of meetings. He shall also aid in the formation of new Sections and Student Chapters."

It is proposed also that Section 6 be deleted in its entirety, as being a provision more properly spelled out in the Society's Administrative Practices.

BYLAW IX: To make the Student membership year correspond more nearly with the school year, it is proposed that the first sentence of Section 1 be changed to read "... Associate members, payable on or before January 1 of each year, and five dollars (\$5) for student members, payable on or before October 1 of each year."

BYLAW X states that the *Journal* shall appear in two volumes per year, but this is clearly impractical with the *Journal* now in its large page size, so it is proposed that the words "in two volumes per year" be deleted.

BYLAW XI presently makes all Section Chairmen ex-officio national governors. The Board believes that formation of new Sections should not provide for automatic Board representation, but that Sections should earn such representation by their performance. The following modification of Section 4 is proposed as a practical way of providing for this modification. "The officers of each Section shall be a Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer. When the technical quality of the presented papers, and the average attendance at meetings reaches a satisfactory level, the Board of Governors may authorize that the Section Chairman become ex officio a member of the Board of Governors. Each Section officer shall hold office for one year, or until his successor is chosen.

Under Section 9 of **BYLAW XI**, delete "Secretary" and substitute "Sections Vice-President."

BYLAW XII Section 5: Delete the word "Secretary" and substitute the words "Sections Vice-President."

BYLAW XII Section 7: Delete the word "Secretary" and substitute the words "Sections Vice-President."