

# News

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has published a report on the results of the National Institute of Standards & Technology Office of Standards Services hearing on improving U.S. participation in international standards activities held in April. Out of the 315 industry representatives who provided oral or written testimony, 99% supported the existing private sector voluntary standards system coordinated by ANSI. The major participants communicated strong opposition to any assumption of control over the system by the U.S. government.

The book contains a summary of the major themes that emerged from the hearing, as well as other issues that were identified. In addition to the dominant themes, comments were made on the need for the U.S. government to provide greater cooperation, participation, and support within the existing standards system, and on the desirability of obtaining additional funding for the system through various mechanisms, such as tax credits and government grants. A special section on ANSI's comments relating to some of the more fundamental concerns is also included. To order a copy of the report, contact ANSI, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

Tektronix, Inc. has announced the election of Jerome J. Meyer as president, chief executive officer, and director. Meyer was previously with Honeywell Inc., where he served as president of its industrial business division. Before that, he held positions at Firestone Tire and Rubber, Spery Univac, and Varian Associates.

Thomas P. Moore has been named national sales manager for the Panasonic Broadcast Systems Co. He will be responsible for all direct sales of the Panasonic MII, S-VHS, and VHS video equipment to television broadcast stations, production and post-production facilities, and cable television systems. He had been Panasonic Broadcast's district sales manager, and before that he held the post of major account sales manager. Before joining Panasonic, Moore held positions at Thomson CSF, Tektronix, RCA Broadcast, and General Electronic.

George Elsaesser has joined Basys Inc. as manager of major account sales, a newly created position. The position was added by the company to better respond to the increasing demand for newsroom systems from group-owned stations and to work

closely with group owners to develop new technologies designed to meet long-term client needs. Elsaesser was previously with the Still Image Division of Sony. Before that he held positions at Fortrel and Beston McInnis Skinner.

## Errata

### November 1990 Journal

#### Re: Profiles: SMPTE Board of Editors

Page 939, third column: A photograph of Joseph A. Kelly was misidentified as Joseph D. Kelly, who is a member of the SMPTE Board of Editors. A photograph of Joseph D. Kelly appears below.



Joseph D. Kelly

Medal Award Committees and was on the Society's Sound and Color Committees and Magnetic Recording Subcommittee.

The recipient of many honors during his lifetime, Frayne was presented with three Academy Awards: in 1941 for the development of the integrating sphere densitometer developed in coordination with G.R. Crane, in 1953 for basic work on the intermodulation technique of distortion measurements, and in 1984 a special Oscar, the Gordon E. Sawyer Award, for his many technological contributions to the motion-picture industry. He received the SMPTE's Journal Award in 1941, Progress Medal Award in 1947, and Samuel L. Warner Award in 1959.

He was also awarded the Emile Berliner Award and Gold Medal Award from the Audio Engineering Society for his contributions to the development of stereophonic records, and in 1988 he was presented with an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Ripon College. He held patents on 11 inventions in sound recording developed between 1932 and 1959, and was co-author of *Elements of Sound Recording*, published in 1949.

Born in Ireland in 1894, Frayne attended Kilkenny College from 1908 to 1912 and Trinity College from 1912 to 1914. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1914 and attended Ripon College as a student-instructor, receiving his B.A. in 1917.

# Obituary

## John G. Frayne

John G. Frayne, former SMPTE President, died on October 31, at the age of 96. He was a pioneer in sound recording and his contributions to the industry span the technology of sound motion-pictures from light valves and noise reduction to 70mm magnetic film recording and reproducing systems.

The bulk of his career was spent at Westrex Inc., where he was employed from 1929 to 1959. As an avid proponent of better initial training for motion-picture technicians and of continued education throughout their careers, he took a trip around the world in 1954, visiting Westrex offices in 15 countries.

Frayne retired from Westrex in 1959 and became manager of development engineering at Datalab, a division of Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp. In 1961 he joined the Marquadt Corp. as director of research and development, a position he held until 1964.

He was active in the SMPTE since joining in 1930. He served as the Society's national President in 1955 and 1956, and

was named a Fellow in 1958, a Life Fellow in 1963, a Life Member in 1963, and an Honorary Member in 1967. He held the positions of Chairman of the Educational Committee, Chairman of the Pacific Coast Section, Governor, Editorial Vice-President, and Executive Vice-President. He also served as Chairman of the Sound, Progress, Journal Award, and Progress



John G. Frayne



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