

Engineering News

SMPTE Approves New Engineering Procedures

A revised set of procedures for the work of the SMPTE engineering committees has been approved by the Society's Board of Governors. These new procedures are expected to reduce the minimum processing time for SMPTE Standards, Recommended Practices, and Engineering Guidelines by approximately one-half, to just under one year.

Key changes in the new procedures include the elimination of one redundant approval stage, reducing the requirement for consensus from two committee stages to one while maintaining due process at both levels, enlarging the role and authority of the Engineering Directors and the Steering Committees which they chair, and enlarging the authority of the Standards Committee.

In addition to consolidating and clarifying the old procedures, the new procedures officially recognize what has long been perceived by the industries that use SMPTE engineering documents, which is that SMPTE documents are final, approved documents in their own right. SMPTE Standards will continue to be forwarded to other standardization organizations for adoption under their own procedures.

Some Technology Committees have been restructured to better organize the work currently under way and seen for the future, and a new Committee on Hybrid Technology has been formed to work on film/electronic and advanced moving image technologies. The Committee on New Technology has been eliminated, with new and developing technologies to be considered within the appropriate Technology Committees.

The new administrative procedures will be implemented immediately with the changes in Technology Committee structure to take effect January 1, 1992. All of the work currently under way in the Society's engineering committees will continue, with some of the sub-groups reporting to different Technology Committees after the first of the year.

SMPTE Monthly Engineering Meeting Schedule

The adjacent calendar shows the dates and times of upcoming meetings and the cities where they will be held. Specific locations may not yet be determined. Information on participation in these meetings is available from the Engineering Dept. at SMPTE Headquarters, (914) 761-1100.

May

20	2:00 p.m.	Studio Video Standards	Los Angeles, Calif.
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	T14.22 (P. Symes)	
21	9:00 a.m.	Studio Video Standards	Los Angeles, Calif.
Tues.	5:00 p.m.	T14.22 (P. Symes)	
22	9:00 a.m.	Advanced Tele. Production	Los Angeles, Calif.
Wed.	12:30 p.m.	T14.39 (F. Remley)	
22	1:30 p.m.	High Def. Electronic Prod.	Los Angeles, Calif.
Wed.	5:30 p.m.	N15.04 (D. Stumpf)	
22	9:00 a.m.	Time and Control Codes	Los Angeles, Calif.
Wed.	5:00 p.m.	V16.25 (J. Hamalainen)	
23	9:00 a.m.	D-1 and D-2 Applications	Los Angeles, Calif.
Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	V16.03 (B. Weber)	
23	9:00 a.m.	Television Technology	Los Angeles, Calif.
Thurs.	2:00 p.m.	T14 (M. Weiss)	
23	9:00 a.m.	Editing Procedures	Los Angeles, Calif.
Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	V16.27 (O. Morgan)	
24	9:00 a.m.	Television Recording	Los Angeles, Calif.
Fri.	2:00 p.m.	and Reproduction Tech. V16 (T. Cavanagh)	

August

19	10:00 a.m.	Studio Video Standards	Chicago O'Hare
Mon.	5:00 p.m.	T14.22 (P. Symes)	
20	9:00 a.m.	Studio Video Standards	Chicago O'Hare
Tues.	3:00 p.m.	T14.22 (P. Symes)	
21	9:00 a.m.	Time and Control Code	Chicago, Ill.
Wed.	5:00 p.m.	V16.25 (J. Hamalainen)	
22	9:00 a.m.	D-1 and D-2 Applications	Chicago, Ill.
Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	V16.03 (B. Weber)	
23	9:00 a.m.	Television Recording	Chicago, Ill.
Fri.	2:00 p.m.	and Reproduction Tech. V16 (T. Cavanagh)	

September

10	9:00 a.m.	High Def. Electronic Prod.	Chicago, Ill.
Tues.	12:30 p.m.	N15.04 (R. Stumpf)	
10	1:30 p.m.	Advanced Tele. Production	Chicago, Ill.
Tues.	5:00 p.m.	T14.39 (F. Remley)	
11th	9:00 a.m.	New Technology	Chicago, Ill.
Wed.	2:00 p.m.	N15 (W. Nicholls)	

October

31	9:00 a.m.	Studio Video Standards	SMPTE Conference
Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	T14.22 (P. Symes)	Los Angeles, Calif.