

Special Meeting of the Voting Members of the SMPTE

October 1, 1991, 2:00 p.m., Local Time
595 West Hartsdale Avenue,
White Plains, N.Y.

To the Voting Members of SMPTE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Inc., will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, October 1, 1991, at SMPTE Headquarters, 595 W. Hartsdale Avenue, White Plains, New York.

The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on proposed amendments to the Society's Bylaws. These proposed amendments were approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting of June 28, 1991, for submission to the membership.

1. *Membership Dues Increase*

The Board of Governors recommends that the membership approve an amendment to the Society Bylaws to increase the dues for Fellow, Active, Associate, and Student grades of membership effective January 1, 1992.

The current dues schedule has been in effect since 1982 and as a result has not kept pace with the increase in costs, due to inflation, of the services the membership receives. In order to maintain the high level of services, the Board has proposed a modest dues increase. Prior to making this recommendation the Board instituted an aggressive cost-reduction program to improve the efficiency of the Society. The membership will see the effect of this effort in the future financial reports.

To continue to maintain the Society as an organization to meet the needs of its membership, the Board believes that the membership dues must cover a reasonable share of the cost of the services they receive.

2. *Director, International Sections*

The Board of Governors recommends that the membership approve the amendment to the Society Bylaws to create a new Director's position: Director, International Sections. This Director would report to the Sections Vice-President.

The recent addition of five new international (outside of the North American continent) sections, in addition to the very active Australia North Section, has made it difficult for the Sections Vice-President to provide the necessary support and nurturing that new sections require. To alleviate this situation and to ensure that the new international sections receive the needed assistance the Board recommends the establishment of this new position.

1. **Bylaws Article VII, Section 1. Amount of Dues.**

Amend to read: Annual dues for grades of membership other than Sustaining are as follows:

Honorary.....	None
Life Fellow.....	None
Life Member.....	None
Fellow.....	Sixty-five dollars (\$65.00)
Active.....	Sixty-five dollars (\$65.00)
Associate.....	Sixty-five dollars (\$65.00)
Student.....	Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)

2. **Bylaws, Article III, Board of Governors Sec. 1. Number and Term of Office.**

Amend to read:

The Board of Governors shall consist of: (1) the elected officers; (2) the Past-President of the Society; (3) individuals elected by the membership as hereinafter prescribed; (4) not more than six Directors (See Administrative Practices **Sec. III, D.10; E.8; H.16 and 17**) appointed, two each by the Editorial Vice-President, the Engineering Vice-President and the **Sections Vice-President**, subject to approval of the Board of Governors for a term of one year; (5) International Governors elected as hereinafter prescribed; (6) not more than three individuals elected by the Board of Governors for a term of one year when in the opinion of the Board such additional members will more adequately represent the interests and activities of the Society's members.

(The bold-faced words in the text represent an addition to the current Bylaws wording.)

For the purpose of voting on these proposed amendments to the Society's Bylaws, the Board of Governors has authorized me to solicit proxies pursuant to Article XI of the Bylaws in order to ensure a quorum at this Special Meeting.

After consideration of the proposed amendments please mark, sign, and return your proxy. If you attend this Special Meeting in person, your proxy will be returned to you upon request, and you may vote in person if you so desire.

By direction of the Board of Governors.

August 1, 1991

Blaine Baker, President