

New Student Chapter Inducted

On April 25, 1996, SMPTE's newest student chapter, located in Mashpee, Mass., was officially welcomed into the Society by President Stanley N. Baron, NBC. This is the first SMPTE student chapter at the precollege level — boasting a membership of some 30 fifth through eleventh graders in the Mashpee School District.

Recognizing the need to educate middle school and high school students about the latest trends in motion imaging, Mike Pietrowski, Massachusetts Executive Office of Education (EOE), enlisted the help of several members of the New England and Hollywood Sections, including Paul Beck, Emerson College (Secretary/Treasurer, New England Section); Philip Ozek, TASC (Chair, New England Section); Milton R. Shefter, Miljoy Enterprises (member, Hollywood Section), John Brooks, Brooks/Flemming Associates (Manager, Hollywood Section); and Frank Flemming, Brooks/Flemming Associates (member, Hollywood Section). Their efforts culminated in the development of the Mashpee student chapter, which will operate under the leadership of Faculty Advisers Pietrowski and Robert Miceli.

Elections for Section Officers were held on March 18, 1996, and the following positions were filled: Jonathan R. Forsythe, Chairman; Executive Vice-Chairman, Shawn W. August; Vice-Chairman — Computers, Joshua I. Coffin; Vice-Chairman — High School, Adam Carpenter; Secretary, Thomas N. Holmes; and Treasurer, Christopher Maguire. The following week, the officers met with Pietrowski for a training session on Robert's Rules of Order.

The induction ceremony was held at the Mashpee Middle School on April 25, 1996; a total of 50 people were in attendance. Pietrowski opened the meeting by presenting the evening's agenda. After dinner, he introduced Forsythe, who called the meeting to order.

Forsythe introduced the representatives from SMPTE, which included President Stan Baron, Paul Beck, and Executive Director Fred Motts. He then introduced Executive Vice-Chairman Shawn W. August, who presented members of the school committee, administration, and new SMPTE members. August read the Secretary's report in Holmes' absence, and then Christopher Maguire read the Treasurer's report.

Forsythe then introduced Baron to conduct the official swearing-in ceremony. Baron read and administered the official oath and offered a few comments. He was followed by several other speakers, including Massachusetts State Representative Thomas Cahir, School Committee Chair Janice Mills, Beth Brown from State Film Bureau, and Paul Beck. After the ceremony and meeting, all inducted members received their SMPTE certificates and member pins.

A special meeting held May 18 was designed to outline Section goals for the upcoming school year. Among these goals are to establish links with SMPTE professionals and to ask for their assistance in setting up a mini-trade show to be held at the new Mashpee High School in early March.

The Mashpee Student Chapter invites you to find out more about them by visiting their Web site, located at <http://vsd.cape.com/~smpte>. This site can also be accessed from the SMPTE Web site; it is listed under "Local Sections." To contact the Section, you can e-mail the members at adamc@cape.com.

— Aileen Moroney



Left to right, Paul Beck, Stan Baron, Mashpee High School Principal John Williams, and Fred Motts at the induction ceremony.



New members of the Mashpee Student Chapter pose with SMPTE officers.



Stan Baron addresses the new members.



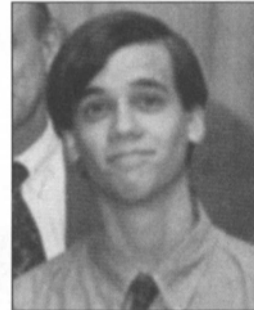
Chair Jonathan Forsythe conducts the meeting.



Executive Vice-Chairman Shawn August.



Treasurer Chris Maguire gives his report.



Vice-Chairman — High School Adam Carpenter.