

David L. George

May I be the first to offer you the compliments of the season and best wishes for the New Year. As is often the case at year's end, the time appears to have flown by, leaving undone many of the things we ought to have done, and many more to do going forward. While we have made progress, what we have accomplished this year, however, has not been accomplished alone.

Helping me have been a fine Executive Director and headquarters staff and a number of dedicated professionals who have long served the Society in one volunteer position or another. Many of those, as I have noted previously, served their industry, and us, in an engineering capacity as unsung contributors to the development of a plenitude of industry standards and practices. Others have served as your elected representatives and as members of the Board. Some have now reached the end of their terms and are stepping down.

Your Conference Vice-President, Edward Hobson, has served the Society well for several years and shepherded us through difficult periods within this demanding portfolio. After many years of providing sterling counsel and sage advice, Neil Feldman will retire as your Financial Vice-President. Gary Teltscher and Edward Schuller will be leaving the Board as Regional Governors from Canada and New York, respectively. And the Eastern Region will lose Governors Thomas Jordan and Robert Ross. Frank Ricotta will retire as Hollywood Governor and Angelo D'Alessio and George Gabritsos will vacate their International Governor seats. That's a lot of talent to lose and a lot of people to whom we owe our thanks for their unselfish service to the Society and, through it, to us as members.

Some of those who have recently served us well will be moving up. Gavin Schutz, formerly Hollywood

Governor will assume the office of Financial Vice-President, and John Mason, currently Secretary/ Treasurer, will take over the reins from Ed Hobson as Conference Vice-President. I'm delighted because these are two good people who will assume two demanding positions in the New Year.

I have the pleasure of welcoming several new faces to the Board in 1998. From Canada, Yvan Ouellet, and from the Eastern Region, Frederick Franzwa and John Walsh. Hollywood will return long-time SMPTE members Richard Wolfe and Milton Shefter. Ken Fuller will join the Board to represent New York. Representing Asia/Australia in 1998 will be Dominic Case and Takeo Eguchi. Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Central and South America will send Christopher Daubney, Peter Mulder, and Fernando Bittencourt to the Board. All represent the new energies and new ideas that are so necessary to the growth and development of your Society, and I thank them for their willingness to expend some of their precious time and energy on our behalf.

These, then, are the changes we will see in the makeup of the Board for the new season. There will be a number of familiar faces among the new ones and a number of seasoned members will continue to be unstinting in the provision of critical volunteer services to the Society.

When I was first elected to the Board, several years ago, I remember quite vividly being greatly impressed with the caliber of the people who were then serving there. I'm no less impressed with this latest group, and I very much look forward to working with them on your behalf in 1998.

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- David L. George, President
- Charles H. Jablonski, Executive Vice-President
- Stanley N. Baron, Past President
- Robert B. Kisor, Editorial Vice-President

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- William C. Miller, Engineering Vice-President
- Gavin Schutz, Financial Vice-President
- John L. Mason, Conference Vice-President
- Fung F. Lam, Sections Vice-President

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**1997-1998 (Continuing)**

- David Corley, Canadian Region
- Harold L. Miller, Central Region

- M. Lynwood Heiges, Eastern Region
- Edmund DiGiulio, Hollywood Region
- Gail K. Ringer, Hollywood Region
- Jay H. Ballard, New York Region
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- Rome Chelsi, Western Region

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- Milton Shefter, Hollywood Region
- Kenneth Fuller, New York Region
- Clyde Smith, Southern Region
- Peter D. Symes, Western Region
- Dominic J. Case, Asia/Australia Region

- Takeo Eguchi, Asia/Australia Region
- Christopher P. Daubney, Europe, Middle East, Africa, & Central & South America Region
- Peter J. E. Mulder, Europe, Middle East, Africa, & Central & South America Region
- Fernando Bittencourt, Europe, Middle East, Africa, & Central & South America Region

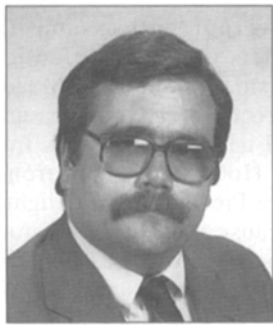
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- Edward P. Hobson, Conference Vice-President
- Gary Teltscher, Governor - Canadian Region
- Thomas M. Jordan, Governor - Eastern Region
- Robert J. Ross, Governor - Eastern Region
- Frank J. Ricotta, Governor - Hollywood Region
- Edgar Schuller, Governor - New York Region
- Angelo D'Alessio, International Governor
- George C. Gabritsos, International Governor

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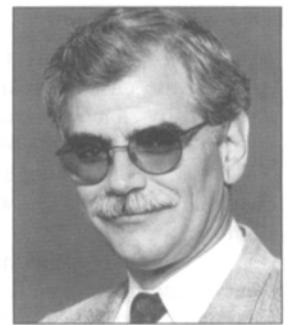
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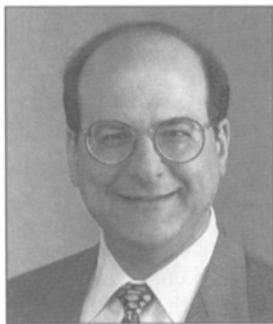


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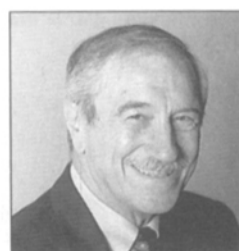
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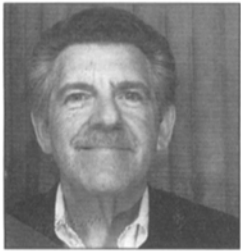
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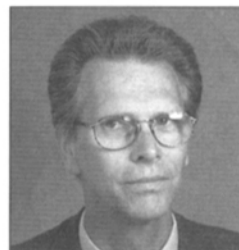
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Asia/Australia Region



Takeo Eguchi  
Asia/Australia Region



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Africa, & Central & South  
America Region



Peter J. E. Mulder  
Europe, Middle East  
Africa, & Central & South  
America Region



Fernando Bittencourt  
Europe, Middle East,  
Africa, & Central &  
South America Region

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