

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As you begin to contemplate the end of the summer season (at least in the Northern Hemisphere), I am sure the *Journal* will be at the top of your reading list for the beach.

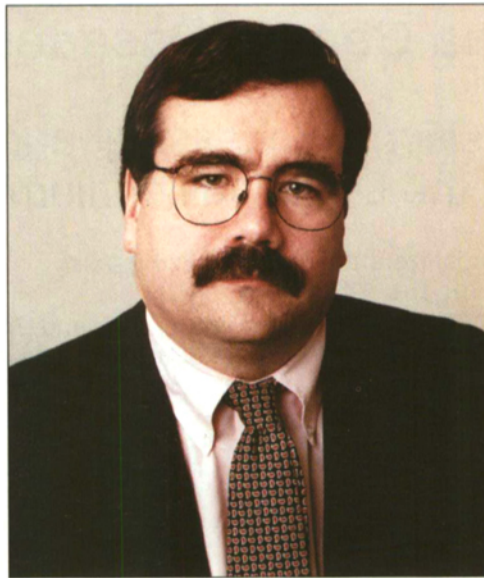
SMPTE Elections

I would like to take this opportunity to mention that you will soon be receiving your Society Election Ballots in the mail. I urge all of you to review the ballot material and cast your votes for the Governors and Officers of the Society. The management, operation, and strategy for the Society are vested in the Board of Governors and they represent your delegated authority to direct and drive the Society in your interests. Board members have all participated in Society activities and sections throughout their careers.

As you receive your ballots, I would like to review the process that SMPTE uses in determining who will be chosen for consideration.

The process starts at the local sections early in January. Each section develops its own local nominating committee, headed by the Past Section Chair, to recommend individuals who will be elected to the Board of Managers, a Chairperson, and a Secretary/Treasurer. Additionally this committee has the responsibility to forward suggested nominees for the Board of Governors to the Society's Nominating Committee (SNC). Each region (made up of the various local sections) is entitled to elect Governors based on the total of members contained in the section. Further, starting this year, all International Governors will be directly elected by off-shore members.

The SNC, at its first meeting at the Winter Conference, takes the names under consideration. This committee is made up of a diverse group of past and present members of the Board of Governors. They come from the various sections (North American and Overseas) as well as the Engineering and Editorial areas. Their service on the SNC ensures that the slate of nominees represents the best in talent and experience for SMPTE. The names that are submitted by the Sections are the key source of nominees for the board. After the first meeting, the members of the SNC review the list of suggested candidates and confirm their willingness and ability to serve.



At the second meeting the list is refined so that there are at least two candidates for each open position for Governor, representing the entire geographic makeup of each region. Also, the final nominees for Officers are selected. This list is submitted to the Board of Governors at its summer meeting for review and approval. The approved list is then submitted to the membership for election. The newly-elected Officers and Board members assume office on the first of the New Year.

The Board of Governors Meeting, June 2000

At the recent Board of Governors meeting, we continued the evolution of various key strategic areas

and initiatives of the Society, as well as building upon the strong foundation of the core constituencies. I have asked all the regional Governors to communicate the results of these strategic discussions directly to their respective Sections. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate those who have recently been elected as Section Officers. The Sections of the Society represent its backbone and virtually all of the Governors and Officers have served at the Section level.

SMPTE Dues

In addition to a discussion of SMPTE's strategic priorities and approval of the slate of individuals for election, the Board of Governors approved an increase in the dues for individual membership, effective November 1, 2000. This increase, the first in over three years, is necessary to maintain the Society's strong financial base and continue levels of services in Engineering Standards, the *Journal*, and SMPTE Conferences. Even with the increase, the Society has one of the lowest dues of any professional organization.

Future Meetings

Finally, the Society will hold its annual meeting just before the start of the Board of Governors meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2000 in Pasadena, CA. All members are encouraged to attend these events at the conclusion of the annual conference. You will receive formal notification of the meeting in September.

Again my heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected Section Officers. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 142nd SMPTE Conference in Pasadena.