

and statistical analysis tools to help analyze opponents' tendencies and formulate effective game strategies.

The application is used as a training device, allowing teams to review plays of the upcoming opposition as well as providing a video tool to review team play strategies.—Rome Chelsi, Section Chair

## Toronto September 11, 2001

The evening of September 11, 2001, was the kickoff meeting for the Toronto chapter's 2001 season. Held in the Rogers Communications building at Ryerson University, it attracted 30 members to a gathering that featured Roger Morton of Eastman Kodak's research laboratories. He presented a paper assessing the quality of digital motion picture cinema systems. Kodak of Canada sponsored refreshments.—Brad Fortner, Program Director

*Upon approval by the Board of Governors, a new section has been created. Named Twin Cities (Minneapolis, St. Paul), this section will mostly serve members who would normally not be able to attend or participate in Chicago Section activities and some from the Rocky Mountain Section. Jim Miller of WMINET, Inc., has been instrumental in the establishment of the section and may be contacted at [jlmiller55@qwest.net](mailto:jlmiller55@qwest.net).*

## Twin Cities September 20, 2001

On a rainy midweek evening, post-WTC tragedy, our initial section meeting was held with 43 in attendance. The meeting was originally planned to include two speakers, Craig Beardsley, Sony Broadcast Technologies, and Jeff Merritt, Panasonic BDSC. Due to a corporate air travel ban, Merritt was unable to attend and has been rescheduled for the January 2002 meeting.

Beardsley drove all the way from Chicago to the meeting,

which was held at Juntinen Media in Minneapolis. Using Powerpoint slides, he covered the history of high-definition in the U.S. and worldwide, gave a brief overview of past and current standards-definition acquisition and broadcast television standards, outlined basic ATSC DTV theory, added an overview of current HD acquisition and studio products from Sony and Panasonic, and offered a detailed discussion of potential problems associated with employing 1080/P24 and subsequent downsizing.

The final half-hour was a Q&A session, which consisted of local engineers, product managers, college students, and a few independent producers. Beardsley did a very good job of engaging a diverse audience, which included University of Minnesota students and Bruce Jacobs, head of technology at Twin Cities Public TV and former head of PBS engineering committees.—James L. Miller, Section Governor

## Obituaries

**John Waner**, a SMPTE Life Fellow, has passed away at his retirement home in Newcastle, ME. Waner joined SMPTE in 1951, became a Fellow in 1963, and was subsequently named a Life Fellow. In the course of pursuing a lifelong career at Eastman Kodak Co., Waner became the recipient of the 1967 Herbert T. Kalmus Gold Medal Award "for outstanding contributions in the development of color films, processes, techniques or equipment useful in making color motion pictures for theater or television use."



John Waner

**Arnold Morrison** of Scottsdale, Ariz., a film producer and consultant, has died. Morrison, who joined SMPTE in 1951, became a Life Member in 1985. A graduate of the Clarence H. White School of Photography, he had extensive experience in 16mm rear-screen projection for television. A one-time colleague commented: "I

would say that his work in the rear-screen projection field is a major reason for its widespread use at this (NBC) network." Morrison was 81 years old.

**Arthur Rescher**, a Life Member who served the Society for 43 years, passed away on August 2, 2001, according to word received here. Rescher, who was granted Life Membership in 1993, spent a good part of his career as sales vice-president for Byron Motion Pictures, Inc., a Washington, DC company, which he joined in 1968. At his death, he was 86 years old.

**Melvin L. Schuster** of Tarzana, CA, a long-time supervisor of film laboratories at Columbia Pictures and plant manager for Pathe Laboratories, died September 12, 2001. He joined the Society in 1946 and became a Life Member in 1974.