

# Notice of Special Meeting of Voting Members To Be Held June 15, 1976

## *To 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 10:00 a.m., local time, June 15, 1976, at SMPTE Headquarters, 862 Scarsdale Avenue, Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583.

The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on proposed amendments to the Society's Bylaws. These amendments have been processed by the Revisions Committee, Richard S. O'Brien, Chairman, and approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting of January 22, 1976.

## *Section Elections*

At the Board of Governors meeting of September 28, 1975 the Sections Vice-President proposed an improved method of recording the results of Section elections. At present Section ballots are returned to the Secretary-Treasurers who, with the other Section officers and managers, count the votes and report the results to Headquarters. In some cases there have inevitably been delays and it has frequently been difficult to coordinate all the results at the proper time. The Board therefore approved a recommendation that the Bylaws be amended to allow the Section ballots to be returned directly to Headquarters for tabulation. This would entail a saving in postage for the Society and for members, since the national ballots and the Section ballots could be mailed together by Headquarters and returned together in the same envelope by members.

## **Bylaws, Article IX, Section 5, Section Elections**

*Amend to read:* The officers and managers of a Section shall be voting members of the Society. All officers and managers shall be elected to their respective offices by a plurality of ballots cast by the voting and Associate members residing in the geographical area of the Section. Not later than the last Monday of July, nominations shall be presented to the Board of Managers of the Section by a Nominating Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Section, consisting of seven members, including a chairman. The Committee shall be composed of the present Chairman, the Past-Chairman, two other members of the Board of Managers not up for election, and three other voting members of the Section not currently officers or managers of the Section. Nominations shall be made by a three-quarters affirmative vote of the total Nominating Committee. Such nominations shall be final, unless any nominee is rejected by a three-quarters vote of the Board of Managers, and in the event of such rejection the Board of Managers will make its own nomination.

The Chairman of the Section then shall notify the candidates of their nomination. From the list of acceptances, not more than three names for each vacancy shall be selected by the Board of Managers and placed on a letter ballot. A blank space shall be provided on this letter ballot under each office, in which the name of any voting member other than those suggested by the Board of Managers may be written-in. Appropriate

space is provided in which to indicate a single choice of candidate for each office. Not later than the third Monday of August the ballots shall be mailed to each voting and Associate member of the Society residing in the geographical area covered by the Section.

The ballots which have been returned to the Secretary at Headquarters in accordance with accompanying instructions before or on the last Monday of September shall be delivered to the Committee of Tellers appointed by the President. Said committee shall tabulate the votes not later than the Monday following the designated closing date for the poll. The election of candidates shall be by plurality vote and in case of tie, the choice shall be decided by lot. Announcement of the results of the election shall be communicated promptly to the respective Sections.

The newly elected officers and managers shall take office on January 1 of the next following year.

## *Listing of Section Names*

Also at the meeting of September 28, 1975, the Board of Governors approved a recommendation that the Bylaws be amended to eliminate the Section names from the listing of Regions for the geographical representation of Governors. Each time a new Section has been formed, or the name of a Section has been changed, it has been necessary to poll the membership in order to amend the Bylaw. If this amendment is approved, the listing of Sections included in each Region will appear only in the Administrative Practices, to which amendments can be approved by action of the Board of Governors alone.

## **Bylaws, Article III, Section 2, Subsection A. Regions**

*Amend to read:* For the purpose of representation on the Board of Governors, the United States and Canada are divided into Regions, each Region having no less than 500 members of any grade. These Regions are as follows: (1) New York, (2) Southern, (3) Eastern, (4) Central, (5) Western, (6) Canada, (7) International, consisting of all countries other than the United States of America and Canada. The Board of Governors will assign Sections to the Regions in which they are located geographically.

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 II, Section 5 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 then vote in person if you so desire.

By direction of the Board of Governors.

KENNETH M. MASON

*President*

April 8, 1976