

Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Inc.

862 Scarsdale Avenue, Scarsdale, New York 10583

Notice of Special Meeting of Voting Members

to be held May 7, 1980.

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, May 7, 1980 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, Harold J. Eady, Chairman, and approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 31, 1980.

Change of Title from Vice-President for Photo-Instrumentation Affairs

Vice-President for Photonic Affairs

The title of Photo-Instrumentation Affairs is not an appropriate title since it does not relate to the scope of this position. Photo-instrumentation is only one segment to overall responsibility in scientific and industrial uses of the information gathering processes. The scientific application include the fields of medicine, space exploration and ecological studies. The industrial processes consists of many phases of technical photography which include motion picture film instrumentation in addition to television systems which perform similar tasks. The title of Vice-President for Photonic Affairs would be more encompassing and follow the current trend using the term "photronics" when applied to the information gathering processes.

Bylaws, Article III, Sec. 1. Number and Term of Office, Paragraph 5

Amend to read: January 1 of each even-numbered year shall begin a term of office for the Engineering Vice-President, Financial Vice-President, Sections Vice-President, Vice-President for Educational Affairs, Vice-President for Photonic Affairs, Vice-President for Motion-Picture Affairs, Vice-President for Television Affairs, and the remaining approximate one-half of the Governors as specified in Article III, Sec. 2, Subsec. B.

Bylaws, Article IV, Sec. 12 Vice-President for Photo-Instrumentation Affairs

Amend to read: Sec. 12 Vice-President for Photonic Affairs. The Vice-President for Photonic Affairs shall be responsible to the President, Executive Vice-President and the Board of Governors for representing the instrumentation and high-speed photography interests of the members of the Society. His duties shall be to seek out, study and recommend worthwhile Society activities in his field; to cooperate with the Engineering Vice-President, Editorial Vice-President, Conference Vice-President, and Sections Vice-President in furthering the Society's contributions to instrumentation and high-speed photography affairs, and to perform such additional duties as the President may direct.

Section Elections

A survey of the Section Chairmen has prompted the recommendation by the Sections Vice-President that the term of office for local Section Managers and Chairmen be effective July 1 and continue through June 30, rather than the present procedure which is from January through December.

The benefit of this change in election dates is that it would initiate the term of office to coincide with the beginning of the local section program activities. Not only does this continuity of people to program relationship improve the efficiency of the Section activities, it also incorporates into the office of the Secretary/Treasurer the financial responsibility for a fiscal year of activity (July 1 through June) rather than an annual year (January through December).

This proposal would mean that the current Managers' and Chairmen's terms would be extended 6 months. This would then place the next incoming Managers and Chairmen ready to accept office in July of 1981.

Another advantage to this proposal is that the Local Board of Managers could have a July or August meeting to pick their Program Chairman and Membership Chairman to start their September program. All concerned would be prepared to administer their assigned responsibilities throughout the full period of Section meetings.

Bylaws, Article IX, Sec. 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 February, 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 March 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 April 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 July 1 of the same year.

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.

ROBERT M. SMITH
President

March 3, 1980