

Although effectively stopping any immediate FTC interference in voluntary standards development, this was a far cry from the unequivocal language approved by the House as Section 8 of H.R. 2313. Especially, the omission of the words "under any other law" opened the door to possible future rulemaking by the FTC "with respect to unfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce."

Since the FTC's (very infirm) basis for

the Proposed Rule was that "the standards forum has been little more than a playground for special interests," further alleging that consumer interests were inadequately represented in the standards process — an easily refuted allegation — it is clear that the FTC may by some future maneuver again threaten the orderly development of voluntary standards by concerned organizations described by Samuel C. Florman as "a placid yet powerful community

whose history is one of the triumphs of American democracy."

The FTC Authorization Bill containing the dubious wording was signed into law by the President on 29 May 1980. According to William Rockwell, "This is not total defeat but it is a setback which provides a strong incentive for continuing activity aimed at protecting the American system of voluntary standards against any further assaults in the future." — RH

## Minutes of the Special Meeting of Voting Members of the SMPTE

Scarsdale, New York, 7 May 1980

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:30 a.m. The Executive Director having in his possession 1014 signed proxies a quorum was declared to be present in person and by proxy.

The proposed amendments to the Bylaws were read, and the meeting proceeded to vote. The text of the amendments and the total votes follow:

### 1. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR PHOTONIC AFFAIRS.

#### **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.

For: 998                      Against: 16

### 2. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR PHOTO-INSTRUMENTATION

#### **Bylaws, Article IV, Sec. 12**

*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, high-speed photography, and other photonic interests of the members of the Society. His duties shall be to seek out, study, and recommend worthwhile Society activities in this field; to cooperate with the Engineering Vice-President and Sections Vice-President in furthering the Society's contributions to instrumentation, high-speed photography, and photonic affairs; and to perform such additional duties as the President may direct.

For: 991                      Against: 23

### 3. SECTION ELECTIONS

#### **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-quarter 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 shall then 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 shall be communicated promptly to the respective Sections.

The newly elected officers and managers shall take office on 1 July of the same year.

For: 992                      Against: 22

There being no other business, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made, seconded, and passed, and the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald F. Broidt, *Executive Director*