

Training Seminar for Section Chairmen

Chicago, May 1-3, 1981

The second training seminar for Section Chairmen was held May 1-3 in Chicago. It was an intensive training program designed to instruct the newly elected section chairmen in the administration of the local sections and to inform them about the help available from the SMPTE officers and the Headquarters staff.

The training seminar brings together the officers, the section chairmen and members of the Headquarters staff. It provides an opportunity for a meaningful exchange of views and understanding of the inner workings of the Society.

Beginning with the reception on Friday, May 1, at the Ramada/O'Hare Inn, officers and staff of the SMPTE reviewed details of section organization, student chapters and local activities.

Sections Vice-President, Edward Reichard, gave instructions on the responsibilities of section chairmen. The chairmen also received counsel in local program planning and the arrangement of special conferences and mini-conferences.

President Anderson gave a brief review of the history of the SMPTE, the duties, rights and privileges of its members and the Society's continually increasing influence and prestige. He emphasized that the SMPTE is a service organization. "The officers and Headquarters staff," he said, "are here to serve the membership and to find solutions to problems." All the officers present explained in detail the various responsibilities of their respective offices and ways in which the Society can serve its members.

Engineering and Editorial were discussed as two major services offered by the SMPTE. In addition to the technical and scientific articles published each month in the *SMPTE JOURNAL*, both departments provide information about the sections and their activities for *JOURNAL* readers throughout the world. The Society's Bylaws and Administrative Practices were discussed, as well as the individual fiscal responsibility of each Section Chairman. There are checks and balances inherent in the system to assure validity — even in times of rapid change.

The Society's elections were explained, how they are carried out, how ballots are mailed to all members, and the results carefully tabulated.

The highlight of the Seminar was a

spirited discussion that took place on Sunday. The questions asked by the chairmen and the answers given by the officers augured well for the success of the sections and the future of the Society.

At the end of the session, Anderson spoke about the first training seminar in October 1979. "It was an innovation, but so obvious were its advantages to the entire membership that it became an established function of the Society." Before the first training seminar could be held, it had to be approved by the Board of Governors. "I went into the Board meeting," Anderson said, "with considerable trepidation. I expected a prolonged discussion, but the talk lasted about five minutes. The greatest criticism was, 'Well, why didn't you think of this sooner?'"



Incoming Section Chairmen and SMPTE Officers at Training Seminar in Chicago.

Participants at the 1981 Seminar

SMPTE Officers

President Charles E. Anderson
Ampex Corp.
 Past President Robert M. Smith
Du Art Film Laboratories, Inc.
 Executive Vice-President Joseph A. Flaherty
CBS Television
 Engineering Vice-President Roland J. Zavada
Eastman Kodak Co.
 Editorial Vice-President Maurice L. French
Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
 Financial Vice-President Leonard F. Coleman
Eastman Kodak Co.
 Sections Vice-President Edward H. Reichard
Consolidated Film Industries

Section Chairmen

Vee F. Owensby
Atlanta
 Michael H. Bailey
Chicago
 John C. Norris
Dallas/Fort Worth
 R. Randolph Hippler
Detroit
 Harry D. Heuer
Nashville
 John C. Gates
New England

Kurt W. Wulliman
New York
 Eric R. Address
Philadelphia
 K. Gerald Evans
Rochester
 James Lilja
Rocky Mountain
 Howard E. Wilkinson
Toronto
 James Messenger
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Executive Director
 Alex E. Alden
Manager, Engineering Services
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Managing Editor
 Lynne Robinson
Manager, Sections



James Messenger, Washington, D.C. (left) and James Lilja, (far right) with staff members Alex Alden and Don Breidt.



New Section Chairmen meeting with SMPTE officers for a discussion of responsibilities.



Maurice French, SMPTE Editorial Vice-President, and Kurt Wulliman, New York Section Chairman.



James Lilja, Rocky Mountain Section Chairman, and John Gates, New England Section Chairman.