

Special Meeting of the Voting Members of the SMPTE Scarsdale, N.Y., May 22, 1981

The special meeting of the Society was held at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on May 22, 1981, at Society Headquarters in Scarsdale, New York.

The purpose of this meeting was to confirm the voting on four proposed amendments of the Society Bylaws. These amendments were approved by the Board of Governors on February 5, 1981, for submission to the membership. There were three tellers at Headquarters to confirm the voting; these persons were Calvin M. Hotchkiss (Fellow Member), Alex Alden (Fellow Member), and Pablo Weinschenk-Taberner (Life Fellow Member).

The text of the amendments and the total votes follow:

I. Regional Representation

Amend to read:

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

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) Hollywood, (7) Canada. An eighth (8) International Region consists of all countries other than the United States and Canada. The Board of Governors will assign Sections to the Regions in which they are located geographically.

For: 936

Against: 10

II. Admissions Policy

Amend to read:

Bylaws, Article I, Section 3, Subsection A. Active. Elimination of Admissions Committee. *An applicant for membership in this grade shall give as references at least two Active, Fellow, or Honorary members of the Society and shall have signed endorsement by two such members on his application form.*

Article I, Section 4, Subsec. C. Active: Upon determination by Headquarters that an applicant meets the qualifications set forth in Subsec. D of Sec. 2 hereof and upon approval of his/her application, the applicant shall become a member of this Society. Any application upon which the Headquarters takes adverse actions shall be referred to the Sections Vice-President stating the reasons for such action. The Sections Vice-President, in consultation with the appropriate Section Chairman, shall determine whether the staff action shall be sustained or overruled. The results of this consideration will be made known and the applicant will be advised accordingly by Headquarters. If the finding is adverse, the ap-

plicant or his/her sponsors may appeal to the Board of Governors by a letter addressed to the President. A determination by the Board of Governors shall be final.

Article V, Section 2. Standing Committees:

Delete Subsec. D. National Admissions Committee.

Delete Subsec. E. Regional Admissions Committees.

Re-number Subsec. F to Subsec. D.

Re-number Subsec. G to Subsec. E.

For: 910

Against: 33

III. Membership Dues

Amend to read:

Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2. Payment of Dues. *Annual dues for membership in all grades other than student will be on a cyclical billing basis. The billings for the annual dues will be forwarded to members and are payable on or before their cyclical billing date. Annual dues for student members are for the year commencing October 1 and ending on September 30, and are payable on or before October 1 of each year.*

Section 3. First Year Dues.

This entire section will be eliminated.

Section 4. Transfer of Grade.

Subsection A will be eliminated and will be replaced by Subsection B.

For: 902

Against: 42

IV. Residency Requirements

Amend to read:

Bylaws, Articles IV, Section 2, Subsection A, Executive Vice-President. Residence. *The Executive Vice-President and the President may not reside in the same geographical area of the United States, unless after both are duly elected, one or the other should be required to move his residence to the same region in which the other resides. In this event neither officer shall be deprived of office pursuant to this Subsection.*

Further amend so that Subsec. B. Duties becomes the whole of Article IV, Sec. 2.

For: 900

Against: 46

By the signatures of the tellers present, this vote has been confirmed as described above.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald F. Breidt (signed)
Executive Director