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## Biographical Note

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### John W. Caluger SMPTE Governor Southern Region 1984-1985

John W. Caluger is an SMPTE Governor for the Southern Region. His professional career began in 1963 when he joined WDCN-TV as a staff engineer. In 1969, he moved to WSM, Inc., where he served as project engineer for the Opryland Complex of Nashville, as chief engineer for Opryland Productions, and as assistant director of engineering for WSM, Inc.

Currently, Caluger is a consultant, specializing in the design and installation of broadcast television systems. He has been widely recognized for his achievements in his chosen field. In



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1976, he was awarded an Emmy, the Utah Scientific Plaque, for conceptualizing CSP 200/300 control panels.

In 1973, Caluger joined the SMPTE. He was awarded the Citation for Outstanding Service to the Society in 1982, for planning and organizing the 16th SMPTE Television Conference, the first time it had been held in Nashville. He has been continuously active in the Nashville Sec-

tion, serving as manager, program chairman, and section chairman. He has been instrumental in arranging high-quality programs for the section meetings.

Caluger's hobbies include fishing and coaching Babe Ruth baseball. He also serves on the local CATV Committee.

"Being a member of the SMPTE has proven to be a great asset to me," Caluger said. He added, "the *Journal* has provided a means for me to stay current with technology, and attending conferences has provided me with a forum where I can express my views on improving existing technologies and on formulating emerging technologies."

Caluger noted that SMPTE's accreditation by ANSI as the National Standards Group for television and motion pictures, coupled with the FCC's present position of not imposing new rules or technical guidelines, has placed a great burden of responsibility on the Society. He added that manufacturers, end users, and the general public will all be looking to SMPTE as the catalyst for future technological changes.

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## Report on NAB '85

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The National Association of Broadcasters' 63rd Annual Convention and International Exposition, held at the Las Vegas Convention Center and Hilton Hotel, April 14-17, 1985, set new records in several categories. It had more delegates (38,000), more exhibitors (678), and more square footage of exhibits (300,000 at the Convention Center and 25,000 at the Hilton). This was purported to be the world's largest display of broadcast equipment.

This year's theme, "Take Part... Take Pride," reflected the importance of broadcasting in everyday lives as well as industry pride in serving America. The NAB has a membership of over 4500 radio and 800

television stations, including all the major networks. Speakers at the convention included New York Governor Mario Cuomo, radio personality John Gambling, WOR, New York City, and FCC Chairman Mark Fowler.

At the Monday morning session, leaders in the battle against alcohol and drug misuse shared their strategies and successes. An audiovisual presentation provided ideas as to what broadcasters are doing to combat the problem. A panel discussion followed among several members of the U.S. Congress on the proposal to ban beer and wine advertising from radio and television.

Engineering meetings and workshops on a variety of topics of interest to broadcast engineers were held throughout the convention, as well as a special Engineering Luncheon on Tuesday, April 16.



SMPTE Digital Recording Working Group Chairman Frederick Remley, University of Michigan, speaking on digital television tape recorder standards at an engineering meeting.

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