

Annual Meeting of the Voting Members of the SMPTE

Los Angeles, October 28, 1985

To the Voting Members of SMPTE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Inc., will be held at 1:30 p.m. local time, 28 October, 1985, at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Petree Hall, Los Angeles, California.

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, and approved by the Board of Governors at its meetings of 14 February and 19 July, 1985.

(Amendments appear in bold-faced type.)

1. INTERNATIONAL GOVERNORS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to use the same size criteria for the selection of International Governors as is used to determine the number of U.S. and Canadian Governors: to bring into balance the number of officers elected yearly to the Board of Governors; to clarify nominating procedures; and to change sponsor requirements for Active membership.

Bylaws, Article I, Section 2, subsec. A, Active

Amend to read: An applicant for membership in this grade shall give as a reference at least **one** Active, Fellow, or Honorary member of the Society and shall have a signed endorsement by **one** such member on his application form.

Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, Number and Term of Office

Amend to read: The Board of Governors shall consist of: (1) the elected officers; (2) the Past-President of the Society; (3) individuals elected by the membership as hereinafter prescribed; (4) not more than 4 Directors (see Administrative Practices Sec. XIII, K and Sec. XIV, K,1) appointed, 2 each by the Editorial and Engineering Vice-Presidents and subject to approval of the Board of Governors, for a term of one year; (5) **International Governors elected as hereinafter prescribed**; (6) not more than 3 individuals elected by the Board of Governors for a term of one year when in the opinion of the Board such additional members will more adequately represent the interests and activities of the Society's membership.

All members of the Board of Governors shall be members of the Society in either Honorary, Life Fellow, Fellow, Life Member or Active grades.

All Officers and Governors elected by the voting Membership of the Society, **International Governors** and the Past-President shall serve for a term of two years (until their successors, except for the Past-President, have been duly elected) defined as follows:

January 1 of each odd-numbered year shall begin a term of office for the President, Executive Vice-President, Past-President, Editorial Vice-President, Treasurer, and approximately one-half of the Governors as specified in Article III, Sec. 2, subsec. B.

January 1 of each even-numbered year shall begin a term of office for the Engineering Vice-President, Financial Vice-President, Sections Vice-President, Conference Vice-President, Secretary, and the remaining approximately one-half of the Governors as specified in Article III, Sec.2, subsec. B.

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

Amend to read: **For the purpose of representation on the Board of Governors, the membership is 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, (8) International consisting 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.**

Bylaws, Article III, Section 2, subsec. B, Representation

Amend to read: **Each region shall be represented on the basis of one Governor for each 500 members, or fraction thereof, of any grade. Governors representing regions in the United States and Canada shall be elected by the voting membership in their respective region. International Governors shall be elected as specified in Article III, Section 6 below.**

To increase the number of Governors, the Regional membership must exceed the nearest multiple of 500 by at least 25 members for two consecutive years. Conversely, the number of Governors representing a Region will not be reduced unless the membership falls at least 25 members below the determining multiple of 500 for two consecutive years.

Bylaws, Article III, Section 3, subsec. A, Nominating Committee

Amend to read: **Before the second Monday in January, the President shall appoint eleven voting members of the Society to form a National Nominating Committee. The committee shall consist of the Past-President, five members (one being an alternate) from the current Board of Governors who are serving in the first year of a two-year term of office and five members (one being an alternate) from any previous Board of Governors within the past six years.**

The President shall be an honorary member of the committee, voting only when his presence is required to maintain a quorum. The Past-President shall be the Chairman and a voting member of the committee. In the event that the Past-President is not available, a former President shall be appointed to chair the committee.

Bylaws, Article III, Section 3, subsec. B, Nominees

Amend to read: The committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each office of the Society to be filled for the term beginning the next following January 1. The Committee shall nominate at least two and not more than three candidates for each vacancy to be filled on the Board of Governors for the term beginning the following January 1, **with the exception of International Governors who shall be nominated by the International Relations Committee as in Section 6 below.** Individuals nominated must be in voting membership grades of the Society.

Bylaws, Article III, Section 3, subsec. D, Nomination by Petition

Amend to read: **The name of any voting member in good standing may be placed in nomination for an office by a petition signed by at least five per cent of the Society's voting members as published in the latest official membership list issued prior to the closing date for nomination. For a Governor, the petition must be signed by five percent of voting members in the Governor's region**

published in the latest official membership list issued prior to the closing date for nominations.

Nomination petitions must be delivered to the Secretary at Society Headquarters before the closing date for nominations, which shall be the close of business on the first Monday of August and must be accompanied by an assurance in writing from the nominees that they are willing and able to serve, if elected. The names of petition nominees will be added to the ballot and identified accordingly.

Bylaws, Article III, Section 4, Approval of Nominations

Amend to read: Before the last Monday of July, the list of nominees proposed by the National Nominating Committee shall be reviewed by the Board of Governors, and said list shall be final unless the Board, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, directs that any individual's name be deleted therefrom. If the Board directs that a name be removed from the list of nominees, it must remain in session until it selects, by a simple majority vote, a replacement candidate and has received the candidate's agreement that he/she is willing and able to serve if elected. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to notify affected individuals of any changes resulting from Board action, and to obtain further confirmation of acceptance if deemed appropriate. The Chairman of the National Nominating Committee shall present to the Secretary copies of all letters of notification and acceptance derived from these changes and from the procedures of subsection C above. The names of all such persons who indicate their assent shall then be placed upon a letter ballot prepared by the Secretary.

Bylaws, Article III, Section 5, Election

Amend to read: Not later than the third Monday of August, the Secretary shall cause a letter ballot to be mailed to each voting member of the Society at the last known address appearing on the records of the Society. The ballot shall contain, under the title of each position to be filled, the names of the candidates whose nominations have been approved, any petition nominees and a blank space. This blank space shall be provided for the voting members to indicate, if they so wish, an alternate choice of candidate for each position to be filled. Completed ballots shall be returned and received by the Secretary at Society Headquarters before the closing date indicated on the accompanying instructions. The closing date shall be before or on the last Monday of September or on the Monday two weeks preceding the opening of the Fall Conference, whichever shall be earlier. Immediately after the closing date, all sealed ballots shall be delivered to a Committee of Tellers appointed by the President. This Committee shall tabulate the votes not later than the Monday following the designated closing date for the poll. Election of candidates shall be by plurality vote, and in the case of a tie, the choice shall be decided by lot, conducted by the Committee of Tellers. The individuals elected shall take office on January 1 of the following year.

Bylaws, Article III, New Section 6, International Governors

Add: International Governors shall be nominated by the International Relations Committee. Two candidates for each available position, (as specified in Article III, Sec. 2, subsec. B above) after agreeing to serve if elected, shall be presented to the Executive Committee for final selection. International Governors shall serve two-year terms. Timing of the nomination shall be in concert with that of the Nomination Committee.

Bylaws, Article III, Old Sections 6, 7, and 8

Renumbered to read: Sections 7, 8, and 9, respectively.

Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3, Past-President

Amend to read: The Past-President shall serve in an advisory capacity to the other officers and governors of the Society. He shall be Chairman of the National Nominating Committee and of

the Fellow Membership Committee and may be requested to assume other duties for which his experience in Society affairs may make him particularly suited.

Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, subsec. D, International Relations Committee

Amend to read: The President shall appoint at least three members to this committee. At least one of these members shall be from a country where there is a section of the Society outside the United States of America. All appointees must be voting members of the Society. The Committee shall advise the Board of Governors concerning matters involving the organizational relations of the Society with individuals or groups outside the U.S.A. The Committee shall nominate candidates for International Governor as specified in Article III, Section 6.

2. SECTION ELECTIONS

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the procedures for Section Elections.

Entire article amended to read:

Bylaws, Article IX, Section 5, subsec. A, Section Nominating Committee

Before the first Monday in January, the Chairman of the Section shall appoint seven voting members of the Section to form a Section Nominating Committee. The Committee shall consist of the Past Section Chairman (or a former Section Chairman if the Past Chairman is not available), the Section Chairman, two other members of the Board of Managers who are serving in the first year of a two-year term, and three other voting members of the Section who are not members of the Board of Managers.

Bylaws, Article IX, Section 5, subsec. B, Nominations

The Section Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more persons for the offices of Section Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer, and at least two but no more than three persons for each Manager's office to be filled. All nominees shall be voting members of the Section. Nomination shall be made by three-fourths affirmative vote of the Section Nominating Committee.

In addition, each Section Nominating Committee shall select, for consideration by the National Nominating Committee, two or more persons for each Governor's position to be filled in their respective Region.

Bylaws, Article IX, Section 5, subsec. C, Approval of Nominations

The Section Nominating Committee shall determine that nominees are willing and able to accept the position if elected. No later than the first Monday of February, the list of persons selected for consideration as nominees for Governor shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the National Nominating Committee through Headquarters. No later than the last Monday of February, the list of nominees for Section offices shall be presented to the Section Board of Managers. Nominations shall be final unless any nominee is rejected by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Managers, and in the event of such rejection, the Board of Managers shall make its own nomination by majority vote of the members present.

Bylaws, Article IX, Section 5, subsec. D, Election

The list of nominees as approved by the Board of Managers shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Society at Headquarters no later than the first Monday of March. No later than the third Monday of March, the Secretary of the Society shall cause a letter ballot to be mailed to each voting and Associate member of the Society residing in the geographical area covered by the Section.

On the ballot, under each office to be filled, the names of those candidates approved by the Section Board of Managers shall be listed along with a blank space in which the name of any other voting member of the Section may be written in. Appropriate

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space shall be provided on the ballot to indicate a single choice of candidate for each office.

The ballots having been returned to the Secretary at Headquarters in accordance with the 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 first Monday of May. 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 shall take office on July 1 of the same year.

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 Annual Meeting.

After consideration of the proposed amendments please mark, sign and return your proxy. If you attend this Annual Meeting in person, your proxy will be returned to you upon request and you may vote in person if you so desire.

By direction of the Board of Governors.

Harold J. Eady
President

For the purpose of voting on these proposed amendments to the

August 19th, 1985

SMPTE Sections Training Seminar

Chicago, May 10, 1985

The sixth SMPTE Training Seminar for newly elected sections officers was held May 10 in Chicago at the Ramada O'Hare Inn. One of the most successful programs launched by the Society, the annual seminar provides new sections officers with the opportunity to meet SMPTE officers and benefit from an exchange of views while gaining information about the Society and the requirements of the offices to which they have been elected.

The first training seminar was held in October 1979 "to provide increased benefits to our members by strengthening the activities of the local sections," according to (then) SMPTE President Robert M. Smith. Each year the training seminar has increased in scope and importance.

At this year's training seminar, Sections Vice-President Sherwin Becker, Allied Film and Video, welcomed the newly elected sections officers. He discussed their new responsibilities, stressing the importance of sections activities to the Society and emphasizing the vital need of maintaining close communication with Headquarters. He noted that the section meeting reports, published in each issue of the *SMPTE Journal*, can be seen as a network linking SMPTE members throughout the world by keeping them informed of the latest advances in the industry as well as what the sections have been accomplishing. The selection of program speakers and arrangement of the programs should be approached with the aim of maintaining the prestige of the section as well as providing

its members with genuinely significant information, he advised.

SMPTE President Harold Eady, Novo Communications, gave an address entitled, "Our Society — Its Goals." The Society was founded in 1916 as the Society of Motion Picture Engineers. Its goals were set forth as "advancement in the theory and practice of motion-picture engineering and the allied arts and sciences, standardization of the mechanisms employed therein, and maintenance of a high professional standing among its members," he told the audience. He emphasized that the goals established in 1916 have remained the same during the almost 70 years of the Society's existence. In 1950, in recognition of the rapidly increasing importance of the television industry, the name was changed to Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.

The Society has not only kept pace with the rapidly advancing technologies related to our industry, but it has been in the forefront, and in many instances has been a guiding influence. In the field of standardization, Eady pointed out, the Society's activities in the development of standards have been of unparalleled importance to the industry both nationally and internationally.

Executive Vice-President Carlos Kennedy, Ampex Corp., discussed the structure of the Society, explaining its sections, student chapters, officers, and Board of Governors. He discussed the SMPTE's constitution and by-laws and its administrative practices. Every officer of the Society and

the officers of every section should be thoroughly grounded in the governing principles of the Society, he emphasized.

Editorial Vice-President Howard La Zare, Deluxe Laboratories, reminded the audience that the *SMPTE Journal* is recognized internationally as the most authoritative publication in its field. He explained the work of the Board of Editors, noting that it is composed of top people in the field, whose duty it is to evaluate every paper submitted for *Journal* publication. He urged the newly elected sections officers to remind members that a continuing supply of technical papers is needed to maintain the high standards of the *Journal*.

Engineering Vice-President Richard Streeter, CBS Broadcast Group, explained briefly the extensive activities of the SMPTE Engineering Dept. The Society develops and maintains American National Standards,



Sections Vice-President Sherwin H. Becker.