

Speakers at the Washington, D.C., Section satellite teleconference (L-R) George Uibel, Doug Harrison, Mick Ghazey, and Mike Taylor.

## Washington, D.C., Section Holds Satellite Teleconference

The SMPTE Washington, D.C., Section held a satellite teleconference on Saturday, September 26, 1987. The half-day meeting at CBS News in Washington was uplinked on both C-band and Ku-band satellites and received by television stations in Md., Va., W. Va., and Washington, D.C.

The satellite teleconference, the section's first, featured four presentations on the subject, "Graphics and Animation for the 80s." George Uibel, Ampex Corp., opened the program. He stressed the importance of graphics and animation systems to the video industry, pointing out their speed, flexibility, and other capabilities. His presentation included a videotape showing performance features of sys-

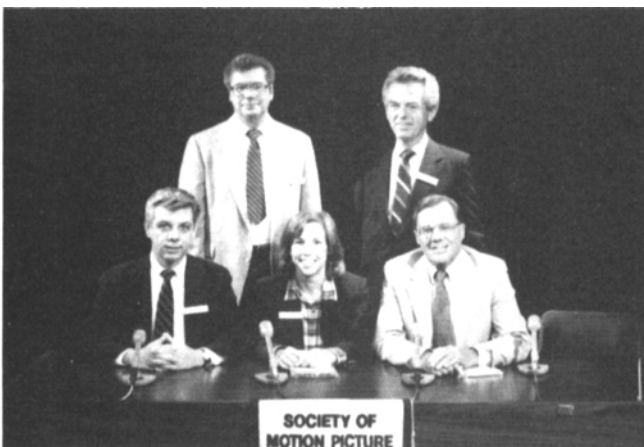
tems recently introduced to the industry by Ampex. The second guest speaker, Doug Harrison of Cubi-comp, discussed further the importance of graphics and animation systems — to the industry and to society. Harrison's slides and videotape showed how computer graphics systems have been used for educational and instructional applications.

Following a coffee break, Mick Ghazey, representing Dubner Computer Systems, chronicled the history of computer graphics and animation. He described the role Dubner has played in the development and growth of the technology and presented a videotape on the company's equipment. Mike Taylor of Quantel then de-

scribed the integration of graphics and animation equipment in the production suite.

After Taylor's talk, the speakers sat on a panel and answered questions regarding medical applications of graphics and animation equipment, off-line storage, and the future of the technology. On the future of the industry, the speakers agreed that because of home computers and their advanced performance features, program producers are soon going to have to carefully articulate their needs before walking into a post-production facility.

This meeting report was submitted by Washington, D.C., Section Secretary/Treasurer Susan Knott.



Section officers who organized the satellite teleconference: standing, David Cmeyla (L) and James Hargreaves; seated (L-R) Frank Shufelt, Susan Knott, and Robert Ruggiero.



Guest speakers Harrison, Ghazey, Taylor, and Uibel (L-R) taking questions that were phoned in from satellite receive sites in four states.