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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO AIEE-IRE MERGER

Meeting held on September 13, 1961 at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City

Present for AIEE: Warren H. Chase, Clarence H. Linder, B. Richard Teare, Jr.

Present for IRE: Lloyd V. Berkner, Patrick E. Haggerty, Ronald L. McFarlin,
Haraden Pratt

The following are the conclusions and recommendations;

1. Electrical engineering and electrical science will be greatly aided by a merger of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers or by their replacement by a single new professional society.
2. The Boards of Directors of AIEE and IRE are asked to approve the appointment of a joint committee to study such a merger and prepare a proposal for accomplishing it. The members of the two societies listed above could serve as such a committee with the addition of X from AIEE.
3. It is suggested that four members of this group (Haggerty, Pratt, Teare and X) be designated as a subcommittee which in addition to the general responsibility of maintaining progress will undertake to prepare a draft of a constitution and by-laws. The draft of constitution and by-laws is to be reviewed by the members of the 8-member joint committee.

4. The Boards of Directors of AIEE and IRE are each asked to authorize the expenditure of amounts up to \$10,000 for legal expenses and other incidental expenses. Each society would pay half of the bills for expenses incurred.
5. The following schedule is suggested:
 - a. This proposal be presented to the Boards of Directors of IRE and AIEE at their meetings on October 18 and October 20, 1961, respectively. If this is approved by both boards
 - b. By December 1, 1961 a draft of constitution and by-laws of a combined society will be prepared by the 4-man subcommittee and sent to members of the 8-member joint committee for study.
 - c. By January 1, 1962 the 8-member joint committee will complete its work on the draft of the constitution and by-laws and transmit it to the Boards of Directors of AIEE and IRE, thirty days in advance of Board meetings, regular or special, which would occur on or about February 2, 1962.
 - d. At these Board meetings action will be taken, which, if favorable, will be voted upon by members in a mail ballot in the month of May.
 - e. If the vote is affirmative the implementation will be planned and carried out as rapidly as possible by the 8-member joint committee, preferably so that the combined society can begin functioning on January 1, 1963.

APPENDIX I

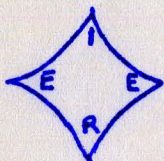
Supplementary items on which there was agreement at the New York meeting of September 13, 1961. This is to be regarded as confidential until names are cleared and other points are confirmed. Such clearances must be made before the October Board meetings.

- A. The fundamental character of the society is as follows:
 - a. It will take on the mantle of AIEE as a founder society. As such this involves only relatively few commitments such as United Engineering Trustees, Engineers' Council for Professional Development, and Engineers Joint Council.
 - b. It will operate on the international scope of IRE.
 - c. It must give a complete technical service in its area and will be concerned with professional status on a very broad basis.
 - d. It will be a synthesis of both societies.
- B. It will assume employment and retirement commitments of both AIEE and IRE to their senior staff members.
- C. It will seek as administrative secretary or principal full time administrative officer a man of distinguished professional stature who has had experience in both societies.
- D. It is expected that the space and physical facilities of both societies will be needed.
- E. The following two man study groups will be appointed by the President of both AIEE and IRE after the October Board meetings to help the Joint Committee develop the concept of the new society:

- a. **Assets, Resources and Finances**
To determine the most effective way to combine and use the
assets of the two societies.
(Suggested: Bailey, Romnes)
- b. **Merging of Professional Groups and Technical Committees;**
Relations to Standardization. (Weber or Fink, A. A. Johnson)
- c. **Editorial Policy and Publications**
(Hamburger, Hill)
- d. **Merging of Sections; finances, geographical boundaries,**
sectional publications
(Teal, Scholz)
- e. **Student Branches**
(Ryder, Weil)
- f. **Extra Society Relationships**
(McFarlan, Linville)
- g. **International Activities**
(McFarlan, Foote)
- h. **Regional Structure-consider as part of constitution and by-laws**
to be studied by 4-man subcommittee.
- i. **Other study groups may be appointed by 4-man subcommittee.**

APPENDIX II. STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

- I. Name and insignia. For reasons of tradition it should be as close as possible to a synthesis of AIEE and IRE, possibly



Institute of Electrical and Radio Engineers, IERE

or

Institute of Radio and Electrical Engineers, IREE

- II. Base membership classification on AIEE (and ECPD) practice, modified as needed. Fellows of AIEE and IRE would become fellows of new society; subsequent election to fellow grade might be on more restrictive basis of IRE, or a compromise.
- III. There might be three publications
- a. Highly technical and specialized material
 - b. General and technical (tutorial) material
 - c. Equivalent of Chemical and Engineering News (weekly)
- A member might choose one and pay extra for the others.
- IV. All present awards to be retained.
- V. Dues to be set at \$15 or possibly \$17.50 if needed.
- VI. Two-man study groups must be lined up, but not appointed, before the October Board meetings.