

AIEE CLEVELAND SECTION Electrical Installations Group

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PROPOSED UNIFICATION OF IRE AND AIEE

Tentative broad outlines of the way in which the consolidation of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers might be put into operation were discussed at a "Town Meeting" during the Winter General Meeting of AIEE on January 31st. Patrick E. Haggerty, President of IRE, and Warren H. Chase, President of AIEE, participated in the discussion as did AIEE and IRE members serving on subcommittees that have been studying various aspects of the merger. Although not officially approved by either Board, the following picture of the proposed principles of consolidation emerged from the discussion.

A tentative name for the consolidated group is the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Assets of the two groups would be merged. Omission of the word "American" from the name reflects the international interests and scope of the group.

Grades of membership currently planned correspond to existing grades in both groups, although nomenclature changes in some cases. Qualifications, rights and privileges would remain substantially unchanged. Dues for each grade of membership would be based on the lowest rate now prevailing in either society.

In North America, seven Regions would be established at first, with an eighth Region representing the rest of the world. Provision would be made for additional regions when increased membership warrants. Regions, each of which would be represented on the Board of Directors, would have the option of sub-dividing into two or more districts, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Each existing Section of AIEE and IRE would become a Section of IEEE. Sections of the two groups serving identical areas would merge promptly in most cases. If circumstances warrant, Sections might continue as dual Sections with the provision that each would maintain a voting member on the Executive Committee of its sister Section.

To serve professional—as opposed to geographic—fields of interest, a series of Professional Technical Groups would be established composed of interested members of IEEE and non-members (to be called Affiliates) who would see to it that each special

field of interest is adequately covered. The core of the Professional Technical Groups would be the existing Professional Groups of IRE and Technical Groups of AIEE.

An overall Professional Technical Group Committee would guide the operation of these units. The Chairman of this committee would be a Vice-President of IEEE and a member of both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

Four times each year the Board of Directors, composed of 25 members, would meet. Ten times each year, a nine-member executive committee would meet to supervise month-to-month operations. Detailed operations of IEEE would be administered by a full-time paid secretariat headed by a General Manager, reporting to the Executive Committee.

Two monthly publications, *Electrical Engineering* and *Proceedings of the IEEE* would be issued, each covering specified fields of information. In addition, periodicals covering technical interests of Professional Technical Groups would be issued, under general title of *Transactions on (name of field of interest)*.

Other publications will include a student journal, directory, and special publications.

A general meeting open to all members would be held annually in New York, probably in early spring, in conjunction with an exposition.

The combined program would be known as the IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING SHOW and would include more fields of interest than either of the two present programs. Combined attendance is estimated at 100,000. A second general meeting would be held each year, probably in June, on conjunction with Regional Meetings or special technical conferences. Organizational matters of Sections, Regions, Districts and Standing Committees would be discussed here.

To take initial steps, a 14-man committee, composed evenly of AIEE and IRE members, would select and employ the General Manager, act as a Nominating Committee for all new Directors and Officers, prepare and approve the bylaws for IEEE and, in general, take all necessary steps to implement the establishment of IEEE on January 1, 1963. This committee would go out of existence immediately upon the first Annual Meeting.