

IEEE HISTORY COMMITTEE

History of the Merger Project

The Executive Committee of IEEE has asked the History Committee to undertake the compilation and publication of a History of the Merger of AIEE and IRE to form IEEE January 1, 1963. Five years have passed, and it is considered high time that the record be brought together and made generally available to the present and future membership and others who may be interested.

Following is a first draft of a tentative outline for such a history. The record is now being assembled. Contributions and suggestions will be welcomed.

TENTATIVE OUTLINE FOR THE HISTORY OF THE MERGER OF AIEE AND IRE

1. Introduction and purpose
2. Brief history of the founding and development of the two organizations
 - 2.1 Statistics of membership, meetings, publications, technical and standards work
 - 2.2 Similarities and differences in organization, philosophy, and procedures
 - 2.3 Headquarters occupied
 - 2.4 Affiliations with other organizations
3. Cooperation, overlaps, and conflicts
 - 3.1 Early suggestions for merger
 - 3.2 Parallel and converging technologies
4. Beginnings of serious merger talks
5. Studies leading to Board decisions to recommend merger
6. Discussions leading to submission to membership ballot
 - 6.1 IRE Convention Panel
 - 6.2 AIEE Winter Meeting Panel
7. The ballots and results
8. Implementation
 - 8.1 Legal incorporation
 - 8.2 Constitution and many Bylaw drafts
 - 8.3 Regions, Sections, Branches, Groups, Technical Committees
 - 8.4 Publications
 - 8.5 Staff, space, records
 - 8.6 Differences and compromises

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9. The results

- 9.1 Financial
- 9.2 Technical
- 9.3 Publications
- 9.4 Organizational
- 9.5 Administrative and Headquarters