



American Institute of Electrical Engineers

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United Engineering Center

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To the Officers of AIEE:

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Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of IRE and AIEE have voted unanimously to proceed with explorations with a view to the consolidation of the two Institutes in accordance with the resolution on the back of this page.

While there is much work and planning to be done before the matter is given to the memberships of the two Institutes for decision next spring, I am confident that you, who have been in positions of leadership in AIEE, will agree that the proposal opens unlimited opportunities for the advancement of the common objectives of all electrical engineers, and that you will give your full cooperation to your fellow officers in IRE and AIEE in the solution of the many components of the complex process of implementing the complete unification of our profession.

The leadership of both Institutes has long recognized the desirability of the step that has now been taken. It must now be clear that we have been moving steadily toward unity in the past dozen or so years through joint Branches, joint Section meetings, joint sponsorship of Conferences, Joint Standards Committee, reciprocal membership privileges and many other important, if less obvious, cooperative activities. This action of the Boards of the two Institutes is the culmination of months of intensive, although unheralded, effort on the part of the Presidents and several Past Presidents of the two Institutes and the President-Elect of IRE.

Now it becomes the duty of each of us to apply his best efforts to bringing to complete fruition the many opportunities for growth and service unimpeded by inevitable conflicts and distasteful implications of competition. At the same time, we must pursue vigorously the present plans and program of AIEE in all areas. New members can be assured of even greater attractions in the unified organization. There must be no interruption of the educational and scientific work of AIEE in the Departments, Districts, Divisions, Sections, Branches and Committees. When these two organizational "machines" are fitted together, all parts must be in working order if the expanded productivity anticipated is to be promptly realized.

I know I can count on each of you for full cooperation in the intensive and challenging effort that lies before us.

Cordially yours,

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President

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A RESOLUTION

Approved by the Board of Directors of IRE October 18, 1961

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Whereas the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Board of Directors of the Institute of Radio Engineers have concluded that the advancement of the theory and practice of electrical and radio engineering and the educational and scientific objectives of both Institutes may be better served by merger or consolidation of the two Institutes into one organization in which all present members would be included, and in which they would enjoy the same rights and privileges now conferred upon them by their separate organizations, and it appearing that such consolidation would not adversely affect the Institutes or their members, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of AIEE deems it advisable in accordance with the stated objectives of AIEE, to move actively toward the consolidation of the activities and organization of AIEE with those of the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE), by consolidation or otherwise, provided that the legal and operational problems incident to such consolidation can satisfactorily be resolved, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Warren H. Chase, Clarence H. Linder, Elgin B. Robertson, and B. Richard Teare, Jr., be and they hereby are appointed to join with Lloyd V. Berkner, Patrick E. Haggerty, Ronald L. McFarlan, and Haraden Pratt, appointed by the Board of Directors of IRE, as members of a committee, which shall be authorized and directed to undertake such studies as they shall deem necessary and appropriate to determine the feasibility, practicality and form of such consolidation, and to make a report thereon to the Boards of the two Institutes not later than February 15, 1962, with a view to submission to a vote of the memberships of the two Institutes and consummation, if so approved, by January 1, 1963, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such committee shall be authorized to meet with the officers, directors and representatives of the two Institutes to consider the proposed amalgamation of the two groups and to make available to such persons such documents and information relating to AIEE as such committee deems advisable under the circumstances, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this committee be directed to prepare, in consultation with representatives of AIEE and IRE, a proposed Constitution and Bylaws and such other documents as counsel may recommend with a view to submission thereof to the Boards of Directors of the two Institutes on or before February 15, 1962, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper officers and directors of the AIEE be and hereby are authorized and directed to cause a copy of these resolutions to be delivered to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Radio Engineers, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that these resolutions shall become effective as soon as the President of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has been notified in a form satisfactory to him and to counsel of the AIEE that the Board of Directors of the Institute of Radio Engineers has adopted resolutions substantially to the effect of these presents.