

## Meetings Recorded in Institute Transactions

The following meetings held in Washington are recorded in the Transactions. Details of the meetings are not given.

1908

Conference on the Conservation of Natural Resources at  
White House, Washington, D. C. - May 13-15, 1908.

A paper, the subject of which was -

"Conservation of Power Resources" was presented by  
H. St. Clair Putnam.

1914

In 1914 the Washington, D. C. Chapter of the AIEE had as its Chairman Mr. H. C. Eddy and Mr. C. B. Mirick as Secretary. On April 24 and 25, 1914 a two-day meeting was held in Washington, D. C. in cooperation with the American Physical Society. The meeting was conducted in behalf of the Institute by the Electro-Physics Committee with the assistance of the Washington and Baltimore sections, and the papers presented related more or less to the general subject of electro-physics.

The Institute presented 5 of the papers offered at the meeting.

The papers presented are as follows:

Solenoids - by Charles R. Underhill

Investigations on Lightning Protection for buildings by

L. A. DeBlois

Some simple examples of transmission line surges by W. S.

Franklin

A milliamper current transformer by Edward Bennett

Theory of the Corona by Bergen Davis

From the information it appears that this was a headquarters meeting sponsored by the Washington, D. C. and Baltimore Chapters and not a Region II meeting.

### 1916

The 321st meeting of AIEE was held in April 26 at which the following papers were presented:

Electrochemical Industries and Their Interest in The Development of Water Power by Lawrence Addicks

Water Power Development and The Food Problem by Allerton S. Cushman

Relation of Water Power to Transportation by Louis B. Stillwell

Waterpower and Defense by W. R. Whitney

The Waterpower Situation Including Its Financial Aspect by Gano Dunn

### 1918

At a meeting on January 18, Mr. B. G. Lamme, Chief Electrical Engineer of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., presented a paper entitled - "Technical Story of The Frequencies"





## Attendance, Speakers Dinners and Refreshments

(Taken from the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings)

1928 - Executive Committee Meeting held in Board Room of Cosmos Club.

October 2, 1928 - "Dr. Vinal suggested that the policy of holding noon luncheons be discontinued and in their stead, a good banquet be held early in the season."

January 2, 1929 - Mr. Doying stated that four members for whom places were reserved at the speakers dinner preceding the meeting had failed to attend, and it would, therefore be necessary for the section to stand the expense of these reservations. A similar condition had occurred at the previous speakers dinner. Ways and means were discussed to avoid a repetition of these occurrences. It was pointed out that members for whom places had been reserved, failed to realize the importance of canceling their reservations when they were unable to attend such meetings.

Mr. Doying stated that the Cosmos Club was not in a position to furnish extra meals beyond those ordered in advance and that it was impossible therefore to order the meals on a minimum basis. Dr. Bliss then directed that Mr. Doying order in advance meals for about 80 percent of the number of members requesting reservations and arrange for places to accommodate additional members as they appear for the dinner.

May 7, 1929 - The matter of refreshments for the regular meeting was discussed with the decision to serve a fruit punch and Nabiscos.

August 1, 1929 - Methods for obtaining a larger attendance at the monthly meetings was discussed. Some of the items suggested were:

1. The giving of a dinner at each meeting with a nominal charge, considerably less than the actual cost, and assessing the membership for the balance as dues.
2. The giving of moving pictures, or other types of entertainment, or the use of Industrial moving pictures, furnished by the leading manufacturers of the country.
3. Major Danielson suggested that a visit to the new Signal Corps Broadcasting Station being erected at Ft. Meyer be in connection with another of the meetings.

A suggestion was made that refreshments be served at the first meeting, and that Industrial moving pictures be shown.



January 3, 1933 - In an effort to increase attendance at the speakers dinner the secretary was authorized to send a reminder notice on postal cards to those who are likely to attend if reminded, and to use the fourth page of the notice for bringing to the attention of the membership the reduction in cost of the dinner.

March 12, 1935 - The Chairman of the Attendance and Socialibility Committee reported that he had been notified by the management of the Raleigh Hotel that the price of the dinners served to this organization had been raised from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per plate beginning with the dinner on March 12th.

It was the opinion of all present that the hotel management was not acting in good faith raising the dinner price for the dinner on March 12th inasmuch as preliminary arrangements made about March 5 provided for a \$1.00 dinner and the notice of the change in price was not made until the afternoon of March 12th. The Chairman of the Attendance and Socialibility Committee was accordingly instructed to protest the increase in the price of the March 12th speakers dinner.

It was moved and seconded that the increase in the dinner price for the March 12th dinner be paid out of the Section funds in the event that the hotel management insists on the price increase being in effect for the dinner on March 12. The motion was passed.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the April and May speakers dinners be held at the Raleigh Hotel with the price of the dinner established at \$1.25 per plate.

June 10, 1936 - The retiring Sec. Treas. called attention to the fact the expenditures were approximately \$190 in excess of income. Dr. Curtiss brought up the question of entertaining, stating this was largely responsible for the deficit, that we had a large attendance at every meeting, but that the refreshments were too elaborate and were largely responsible for the deficit.

Dr. Curtiss suggested that some thought be given to a meeting place for the Section next year as the present room had been crowded at practically every meeting, with a number of standees. Some discussion developed regarding the use of the auditorium of the Interior Building.

September 11, 1936 - Mr. O'Brien submitted a report on cost and facilities of available auditoriums of seating capacity equal or greater than the PEPCO auditorium. The Chairman stated that arrangements had been made to hold meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 P. M. at the PEPCO auditorium and it was decided to hold the next meeting there and that the question of securing a larger auditorium will be considered when additional facilities were thought to be needed.



Mr. E. T. Walker gave a report that Raleigh Hotel wanted \$1.25 this year for its dinners. Various other possibilities were discussed. It was voted to hold the next dinner there. However it was agreed that if this did not work out satisfactorily further attempts would be made to find a more satisfactory place to hold the dinners.

February 9, 1937 - Prof. Ennis referred to the possible desirability of having meetings of a more technical nature. After much discussion Prof. Ennis was authorized to prepare a program of specialized technical lectures and present it at the next Executive Committee meeting.

February 19, 1937 - At the next meeting to be held on March 9, Dr. Perrine is to be the speaker and it was suggested that attendance be limited to members of Washington Section of AIEE as the seating capacity of PEPCO auditorium is only 275.

September 15, 1937 - There was some general discussion about speakers dinners. It was the opinion of the Executive Committee that the cost should not exceed \$1.25. Means for getting members out to meetings were discussed.

January 11, 1938 - Dr. Defandorf reported a joint meeting with the IES in February and moved that the expense of the refreshments be cared for by the section. The motion was seconded by Mr. Way.

After a discussion Dr. Defandorf withdrew his motion for refreshments. Mr. Ellenberger made the motion that no refreshments be served. Motion passed.

Dr. Defandorf moved that the speakers dinner be held before the Technical Sessions (The first one only).

February 8, 1938 - There was more discussion of attendance records at meetings and Major Tate moved that the Secretary be instructed to obtain some record form to be filled out by those attending the next meeting so as to indicate their status.

March 8, 1938 - Mr. Coleman said that the first Technical Session, although a success, was not as technical as expected. Thirty cards were received.

June 14, 1938 - It was moved and approved that the speakers dinner be held before all regular meetings and that a speakers dinner be held before all technical sessions at which the speaker of the evening came from out of town.

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September 16, 1941 - Dr. Defandorf stated that the Washington Section was represented on sixteen of the National Committees.

Dr. Laning suggested that a member of the local section be permitted to give a ten or fifteen minute talk at the beginning of each regular section meeting. He further stated that if it was approved, an announcement of the proposed talks with requests for volunteers would be made at the October meeting. Approved.

December 15, 1941 - Complaints have been received about food and service at the Harrington Hotel. Other possible eating places were discussed. The New Ebbitt Hotel can supply a dinner costing \$1.10. The price per dinner at the Annapolis Hotel is \$1.50 and at the Raleigh Hotel \$2.50.

Mr. Willcutt suggested that now is the time, with the Section 38 years old and growing fast, to form a Historical and Records Committee.

January 13, 1942 - In view of complaints which have been received concerning food and service at the Harrington Hotel, Mr. Collison spoke to the Manager of the Hotel about these complaints and the Manager promised better service in the future. It was decided that in view of the acute Hotel situation in Washington at this time, it would be inadvisable to change hotels, but rather to seek improvements in food and service at the present hotel.

Mr. W. H. Fellows made Chairman of the History & Records Committee.

April 11, 1944 - It was voted to continue to have refreshments at each of the remaining meetings.

November 14, 1944 - Mr. Dietz stated that one of the measures of the sections activities was the turnout at meetings, it was found necessary that meetings not be too technical in order to be popular, films help the attendance.

Mr. Eldridge suggested that the National organization maintained a very high plane, but that it might be appropriate for the sections to have part of each meeting program of more popular appeal.

Mr. Lank said our members have very diverse interests, a few are telephone people, a few light and power people, a few Navy people and so on.

December 6, 1944 - Mr. Lank proposed consideration be given to an AIEE smoker in the spring which would include some entertainment.

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March 11, 1947 - Mr. Steidinger reported that dinners before the general meetings had such a poor response that intense personal contact was necessary to meet the minimum requirements of 40. It was voted to discontinue the dinners.

November 16, 1950 - Mr. Spinks requested that someone announce at this evenings meeting that refreshments would be served. Mr. Crider agreed to do this. Mr. Spinks recommended that at least one general dinner be held per year and it was thought of the Executive Committee that this dinner should be held on Ladies Night.

Mr. Booth reporting as Chairman of the Meetings and Papers Committee, indicated that his committee was considering the possibility of developing a series of related meeting topics for the general meetings this year in an attempt to increase attendance.