BYLAWS for Proposed Merger
Up to Members in April

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NEW YORK. — The constitution and bylaws of the proposed consolidation between the Institute of Radio Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers may be available to the members of both groups by April 1, the president of the IRE said last week.

Patrick E. Haggerty, who is also president of Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas, said that this may permit a membership vote on the proposals early in June.

Addressing the Fellow Awards Dinner of the New York IRE Section at the Park Sheraton Hotel, Mr. Haggerty declared that a draft of the constitution and bylaws, together with throwaway clauses, will be submitted to the IRE board in February and probably considered by the board by March 1.

One of the provisions of the proposals is a result of a request made by Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner, IRE president, Mr. Haggerty said.

Of those involved in the discussions, about 85 per cent are in favor of the proposal, but about 13 per cent have a negative feeling, while the remainder expressed some reservations.

Misgivings on Size.

Misgivings mainly concern the size of the proposed organization, which would have about 150,000 members. Indicating that he did not expect this to be too much of a problem, Mr. Haggerty said that current IRE membership is 89,000 and would be about 150,000 by 1971 without the consolidation.

In emphasizing the need for a strong secretariat, Mr. Haggerty praised the contributions of George W. Bailey, general secretary of the IRE. Mr. Bailey, who recently broke his right wrist, was not present.

In an interview after the meeting, Mr. Haggerty said that a secretariat to administer the consolidated organization has not been considered as yet.

Most of the work on the proposal has been accomplished by an eight-man committee composed of four members of each organization. For the IRE, the members besides Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Berkner are Ronald L. MacFarland, past president, and a consultant in Boston; and Harland Pratt, IRE secretary and a former president.

The four AIEE committee members are Warren H. Chase, 1961 president and vice-president, Ohio Bell Telephone Co.; Clarence H. Jolles, past president and group vice-president, General Electric Co., New York; Philip B. Robertson, former president and head of his own consulting firm in Dallas, and Richard Teare, Jr., AIEE director, and dean of the College of Engineering, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh.