



MERGER NEWS

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WHY 'MERGER NEWS'

With the possible unification of the IRE and AIEE, now being considered, many questions and problems are being raised by members of both groups. In order to answer them and to

provide the membership of both Institutes with factual, up-to-the minute information and summaries, the following merger news column is being issued jointly by AIEE and IRE.

IRE-AIEE BOARDS APPROVE MERGER PRINCIPLES

On March 9th, the Boards of AIEE-IRE met simultaneously, at different locations in New York, and approved, with slight modifications, the Principles of Consolidation, Merger Agreement and the Constitution. These documents are now being presented to the joint memberships for approval. See Part II, *Proceedings of IRE*, and *Electrical Engineering*, April 1962.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TO DATE

The Boards of both AIEE and IRE resolved, in October, 1961, "to move actively toward the consolidation of the activities and organization" of both groups. A joint committee of four prominent members from each group was appointed. In addition, a subcommittee to draft a constitution and by-laws, and a series of two-man study committees were organized. From these reports, a set of Principles of Consolidation was drafted and sent to the Boards of both groups. These Principles were presented to a special meeting of AIEE members during their Winter General Meeting in February by a panel composed of the joint committee, and an informal discussion was held. An unofficial ballot at this meeting showed that the majority present were in favor of the proposed merger. On March 26th a similar meeting was conducted at the IRE convention.

WHAT THE MEMBERS ARE BEING ASKED TO DO

The members of both Institutes are being asked to read over carefully the Principles, Agreement of Merger and the Constitution as soon as they receive the April issues, since this will be the only distribution of the full text. In May, members will be asked to vote, by mail, on whether or not they approve of the merger as so stated. Their ballots should be returned to respective headquarters a week before both the AIEE Annual Meeting (June 18) and the IRE assembly (July 10). The results of this vote will be made known after these meetings.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE

It is hoped that every member will exercise his prerogative and send in a proxy form so his vote may be cast. Not only will a large vote satisfy legal requirements, but a substantial participation by members will give a clear picture of the full feelings of the membership of both bodies.

Both Institutes are asking you to take time to look over the merger supplements so yours will be an informed vote. Please send in your proxy when you receive it.

FUTURE COLUMNS

In future columns more detailed explanations will be given on specific subjects such as membership, meetings, students, sections, publications, technical groups, etc.

TIME TABLE

	AIEE	IRE
Preview Supplement <i>PIRE & EE</i>	April 5	April 5
Members Receive Proxy Forms	May 5-10	May 5-10
Proxy Forms Due Headquarters	June 11	July 5
Annual Meeting or Assembly	June 18	July 10
IEEE Established if approved	January 1, 1963	