

6.0

4.18.235

ATTACHED TO A.I.E.E. MERGER PROXY

My reason for voting against the proposed new name for A.I.E.E., if and when the merger with I.R.E. is consummated, is that, in my estimation, electronics is a branch of electrical engineering and the word electronics should, therefore, not appear side by side with electrical in the name of the association.

If two undeniably separate branches of engineering, such for example, as mechanical and electrical, were to be merged into one association there would be no logical objection to a name such as the Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineers.

If it can be shown that electronic rather than electrical is a better name for the area of engineering we are concerned with, then there would be no logical reason for objecting to a name such as the Institute of Electronic Engineers. Similarly, if the reverse is true then the name Institute of Electrical Engineers should be acceptable. A difficulty arises in connection with the latter, however, because it is already in use in Great Britian. This could be solved by changing to Institute of Electrical Engineers of America, but this might be considered to be too similar to A.I.E.E. But why should it?

Regardless of what name is choosen it should possess the highest possible logical validity, To ignore this principle and in the name of the association, virtually make a part equal to the whole can give rise to endless confusion in the future. There is already too much confusion in the world and unfortunately this extends to the field of engineering as well as to other areas of life. We should, therefore, not be guilty of adding to the confusion unnecessarily.

*B. C. Hicks* #3480  
B. C. Hicks

BCH/gmb  
May 14, 1962