

February 5, 1962

Dear Section Chairman:

It is indeed a great privilege to serve as President of the IRE and to address this, my first official letter, to you. In it I want to report developments on the proposed consolidation of IRE and AIEE since Past President Berkner's October 20 and November 28 letters as well as his summary letter of December 28. Since year-end, these steps have been taken:

1. Additional two-man study committees have been appointed on Honors and Awards, Regional Structure, General Meetings and Financial Structure. These appointments are shown on Enclosure (A) to this letter which is a complete list of the Joint Committee on Consolidation, its four-man subcommittee and all the two-man study committees. All the two-man study committees were asked to prepare additional reviews and recommendations on their assigned subject by January 20.
2. The four-man subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Consolidation (Messrs. Haraden Pratt and I for IRE and President Warren Chase and Mr. Cullen Pearce, substituting for Dr. B.R. Teare, for AIEE,) met as scheduled in early January. Our discussions during this all-day meeting concentrated primarily on details of the preliminary draft of the Constitution and Bylaws.
3. The Joint Committee on Consolidation met in Dallas throughout

the day of Saturday, January 20. Mr. T.A. Hunter, IRE Vice President for North America, joined us.

It was an exceedingly fruitful meeting during which we (1) reviewed all additional reports received from the two-man study committees, (2) reviewed a second draft of the Constitution and Bylaws, (3) agreed preliminarily on principles for consolidation, defining the fundamental bases for a consolidated society, and (4) approved a tentative schedule for submission of recommendations to the Boards of Directors of the IRE and AIEE and to the memberships of the two societies if the Boards approve these recommendations.

4. The Joint Committee individually reviewed the preliminary Principles of Consolidation after these were put in writing following the January 20 meeting and thereafter the draft of these Principles were sent to and discussed with each Director of IRE and AIEE.

5. The Joint Committee met again in New York on January 31, approving the third draft of Constitution and Bylaws as well as the Principles for Consolidation being sent you herewith as Enclosure (B) so that you may review these in detail with your Section Executive Committee. I want to call your attention particularly to Principles IV, V and VI which were written to allow the greatest flexibility to Sections and to ensure that consolidation at the local level can proceed in accordance with the desires of a majority of a Section's members.

Our future plans are these:

1. To mail to every member of the IRE with the March issue of the Proceedings a separate pamphlet which will contain Past President Berkner's three letters, this letter and the latest revision of the Principles for Consolidation. Thus, in early March all IRE members will receive full information on progress in the consideration of consolidation. If you have a Section publication, please call attention to this distribution - and do discuss the data provided in your Section as well as Executive Committee meetings. We are anxious to inform fully and in as much detail as practicable all members of the IRE of all our actions with respect to the proposed consolidation of IRE and AIEE. In this connection, the Joint Committee was invited and accepted assignments to discuss - as a panel - the proposed consolidation at general meetings of both AIEE and IRE.

The Technical Operating Department of the AIEE includes all of the functions performed by the Standards and Technical Committees for the IRE plus, to a great extent, the functions performed in IRE by the Professional Groups. On January 31 during the Winter General Meeting of the AIEE in New York City the Forum of Technical Committee Chairmen session was turned over to the Joint Committee for discussion of the proposed consolidation. The discussion was a lively, stimulating one with many questions answered and with a full report given to the many hundreds of AIEE members present.

A similar panel discussion will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf on Monday, March 26, during the Annual

Convention of the IRE in New York City. I hope that every IRE member who finds it possible will, first of all, attend the Convention, and, particularly, this meeting. There will be ample time for a question and answer period, and it is hoped that the pros and cons will thus be fully discussed. It is presently planned that information developed in this panel discussion over and beyond that already sent to the members will be excerpted and transmitted along with the ballot.

2. On March 8 and 9 the Board of Directors of IRE and the Board of Directors of AIEE will meet separately in New York City to discuss the details of possible consolidation. If in these meetings both Boards vote favorably for consolidation, then the question of consolidation will be submitted to the membership of the two societies about April 1. Members will have about 60 days to consider the question and vote with the ballots to be tallied approximately June 1.

Nearly every Section has responded to Past President Berkner's previous requests for comments and suggestions. Most of these comments have been overwhelmingly favorable, but as Past President Berkner indicated in his letter of December 28, many members raised questions with respect to possible negatives that required clarification. Most of these, it seems to me, are answered satisfactorily in the Principles for Organization enclosed, but I solicit your further comments and criticisms. These will be especially

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useful now that our Board of Directors must prepare to give its final consideration to the possibility of consolidation.

Sincerely,

P. E. Haggerty
President

Enclosure (A) - List of Joint Committee for Consolidation
and two-man study committees

Enclosure (B) - Draft of Principles for Consolidation

P.S. --I wish it were possible for each of you to have the privilege of serving as a member of the Joint Committee for Consolidation. Not only ~~has~~ the assignment been indescribably time-consuming for each of the seven members with whom I serve, but the contribution of each of them has been magnificent, selfless and has consistently manifested a high level of statesmanship motivated by a deep concern for evolving a new society better able to serve each individual member of our profession. Any limitations you discern in our work to date derive not from undue zeal for either the IRE or the AIEE as they now exist, but from our inability to present and express properly our desire that the new society (if, indeed, it is the decision of our Boards and members that there be a new society) be truly better able to serve all of us.

ENCLOSURE A
List
Joint Committee for IRE and AIEE Consolidation Consideration
and
Two-Man Study Committees

Joint Committee for Consolidation

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Haraden Pratt*

L.V. Berkner
Graduate Research Center
of the Southwest

Ronald L. McFarlan

P.E. Haggerty *
Texas Instruments Incorporated

AIEE

Warren H. Chase*
Ohio Bell Telephone Company

B.R. Teare *
Carnegie Institute of Technology

Elgin Robertson, Sr.
Elgin B. Robertson, Inc.

C.H. Linder
General Electric Company

*Members of Four-Man Subcommittee
of Joint Committee for Consolidation

Two-Man Study Committees

Assets, Resources & Finances

Stuart Bailey
Jansky & Bailey, Inc.

H.I. Romnes
Western Electric Company

J. Harold Moore
Western Electric Company

Editorial Policy & Publications

Ferdinand Hamburger
Johns Hopkins University

Morris D. Hooven
Public Service Electric & Gas Company

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AIEE

Extra Society Relationships

Ronald L. McFarlan

T. M. Linville
General Electric Company

International Activities

Ronald L. McFarlan

Harold S. Osborne **

Merging of Professional Groups and Technical Committees

Ernst Weber
Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn

Hendley Blackmon
Westinghouse Electric Company

Relations to Standardization

Ernst Weber
Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn

C. G. Veinott
Reliance Electric & Engineering Company

Merging of Sections: Finances, Geographical Boundaries, Sectional Publications

G. K. Teal
Texas Instruments Incorporated

Walter Scholz
Philadelphia Electric Company

Personnel

Donald G. Fink
Philco Corporation

C. F. Savage
General Electric Company

Student Branches

J. D. Ryder
Michigan State University

R. T. Weil, Jr.
Manhattan College

Honors and Awards**

Gordon S. Brown
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Walter R. Harris

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AIEE

General Meetings**

William G. Shepherd
University of Minnesota

C. T. Hatcher
Consolidated Edison Company of New York

Financial Structure**

Stuart L. Bailey
Jansky & Bailey, Inc.

W. R. Clark
Leeds & Northrup Company

** Additional Committees and Appointments
since November 28, 1961.