

Report of the 1969 Executive Director

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The year 1969 was one in which the Institute moved in somewhat of a sideways manner. As reflected in this Annual Review, total AIME membership on January 1, 1970 was 46,342, an increase of 854 members, or 1.9 percent during the year. For the Constituent Societies, SME had a net gain of 523 members, TMS a net loss of 159 members, and SPE a net gain of 490 members.

Although total revenues for the Institute increased during the year, we have felt the pinch of the continual rise in inflation while we had the same membership dues, which we have had since 1950. The rising costs of every function of the Institute are being felt at all levels. Pertinent to the question of an increase in membership dues, the AIME Board appointed a headquarters task force study committee in June 1969, consisting of the three Constituent Society Presidents-elect and Secretaries, and the Director of Administration and the Executive Director of the Institute.. This group has conducted an in-depth study of Institute finances and Headquarters Operation, and a report *on* recommendations will be presented to the Institute Board during the 1970 Annual Meeting.

Major changes were made in the Headquarters Staff organization. In June, Miss Wanda Laskowski was appointed Assistant *to* the Executive Director, *to* handle all of the honors and awards committees and functions, and to serve as Secretary to the Board of Directors and as custodian of the Institute's official records. Mr. Claude L. Crowley joined the Staff, August 1, 1969, in the new position of Director of Administration, and his effective work, since has contributed much to the efficient handling of the administrative load in the Institute Headquarters. It is worthy of note that 44 standing Committees, several ad hoc committees, and some 30 representatives to outside groups, function from the AIME Headquarters offices, and for them to be effective requires a great deal of Staff work. During the year, Mr. Thomas P. McConnell resigned from the position of Controller and Mr. Dominic A. Lisanti resigned from the position of Assistant Treasurer. These two positions were consolidated into one new position with the title of Comptroller, reporting to the Director of Administration,' and Mr. Antin J. Bendersky joined the Staff in December in this position. The Headquarters Staff has been strengthened with other steps in reorganization, and new furniture and fixtures were purchased for both the Headquarters and SME and TMS.

Attendance at AIME meetings, both regional and national, was generally high throughout the year. Periodicals and other Institute publications generally prospered. A major study was conducted on the Journal of Metals by an outside consultant and the recommendation was made that the periodical be continued.

The Institute is especially indebted to President and Mrs. James Boyd for their services during 1969. This has been the first time in many years, at least, in which a couple served as President of both AIME and the WAAIME during the same year. President and Mrs. Boyd have done this, and have made a great contribution to both organizations. During the year President Boyd spent approximately 40 percent of his business time on AIME affairs. He travelled some 80,000 miles on AIME business, visited 28 local Sections, 12 Student Chapters and attended many other important regional and national meetings. Mrs. Boyd, as President of WAAIME, travelled some 70,000 miles

and visited 27 of the WAAIME sections. Their contributions to AIME and WAAIME have indeed been noteworthy.

I express appreciation to all AIME members who have extended help and assistance to the Institute and to the Headquarters and Society staffs during the year. Officers and Directors have been especially helpful in guiding the policies and directions of the Institute and the Societies and assisting all of the staff units. We all join in expressing our deep appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
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