



Report of the 1980 President

M. Scott Kraemer

The year 1980 was another period of outstanding growth and achievement for AIME.

Services to its members is the hallmark of the success of the Institute as an engineering professional society. This success is measured and recorded in the activities during the year which provide the professional services.

One of the most important of these services is conducting professional meetings. During 1980 some 25 technical conferences and meetings were conducted by the Institute and the Constituent Societies, and we also participated in 15 additional conferences. It M. Scott Kraemer, 1980 has been estimated that probably some 30 000 AI ME members attended at least one of these meetings or conferences. Participation in international meetings was significant through the very successful Joint Meeting in Tokyo in November 1980 between AIME and the Mining and Metallurgical Institute of Japan.

From the technical meetings come papers and literature for publication. During the year AIME units published hundreds of technical papers in the monthly, quarterly and special journals and also published 34 new books. In addition 14 continuing education courses were conducted by the Constituent Societies, plus many special courses conducted by a number of the various local sections.

Professional recognition is also one of the significant activities of an engineering society like AIME. During 1980, 54 different high honors and awards were presented to members in recognition of outstanding professional achievement.

The Institute continued to be financially sound during 1980 with the balance sheet assets increasing 7 1/2 percent during the year to a total of \$14,273,266. The financial position of the Institute during the year is shown on the inside back cover of this Annual Report.

The really outstanding achievement in 1980 was an unusually high membership growth of an overall 12 per cent with a net increase of 8,732 members. The year continued the very dramatic membership development and growth in AI ME during the past 20 years which is

presented in a chart in this Annual Report. At the end of 1961 total membership, including students, was 36,001 and at the end of 1980 it was 81,733. This is an increase of 127 percent in these 20 years, which is truly remarkable.

1980 was the Institute's 105th year and it was my privilege to be the 100th President of AIME because several Presidents in the past served more than one year. Mrs. Kraemer and I greatly enjoyed participating in numerous activities of the Institute in many different places. AIME is a very diverse and complex organization encompassing some 35 fields of engineering and technology in minerals, minerals fuels, and materials. It is highly decentralized as an organization but it works effectively through the four Constituent Societies serving members directly in their respective areas of professional expertise and the industries in which they work. The AI ME Headquarters serves all members as a single organization in numerous ways.

AIME participates in a significant number of activities with other engineering organizations and the Institute is a very important part of the engineering profession. Contributions of the Officers and Directors of AI ME and its Constituent Societies and of all of the Committees, Divisions and thousands of members working together with our respective staffs combine in making a highly significant contribution to the profession and to the industries and the nation. We shall continue to do this together, and I fully believe that the Institute has a very bright future ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M S Kraemer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

M. Scott Kraemer
1980 AIME President