



Report of the 1992 President

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The Year in Review

Last year, 1991 AIME President Milton E. Wadsworth reported on the successful developments of two major activities: Transformations Project of the Public Issues Committee and Global Climate Change Statement of the Committee on Energy and Environment. I am pleased to report to the AIME Member Societies and their members on the significant progress of these two projects and on other developments. Both projects reached their implementation stages during 1992; these and other activities confirm our ability to develop and execute meaningful projects and to preserve AIME's long standing traditions.

1992 AIME ANNUAL MEETING

A highly successful AIME Annual Meeting was held in San Diego in March hosted by The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society (TMS). The AIME Keynote Session, chaired by 1993 AIME President-Elect G. Hugh Walker, featured three distinguished speakers, was very well received. The annual banquet served to recognize the recipients of Honorary Membership as well as the other prestigious AIME Awards. An account of the 121st Annual Meeting may be found on page 8, followed by the names of the award winners.

TRADITION

The AIME Board of Trustees continued to address the matter of location of future AIME Annual Meetings. At its 1992 meeting in San Diego, the Board accepted an invitation for the Iron and Steel Society (ISS) to host the 1994 AIME Annual Meeting in Chicago, and at its August meeting, a long term solution was adopted. The AIME Board of Trustees agreed that the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) will host the AIME Annual Meeting, in 1995 and all years beyond, with TMS hosting the Annual Meetings every fourth year commencing in 1996. I thank all Member Societies who have so graciously hosted AIME, and acknowledge with gratitude SME and TMS cooperation in planning for the future.

EDUCATION

The Transformations Project successfully reached implementation and a marketing campaign was initiated early in 1992; with distribution of the eight videotapes and teacher's guides to 50 pilot schools, direct marketing to the educational community through press releases, advertisements and direct sales at convention exhibits and workshops. This has resulted in very positive responses and well placed product distribution to allow for effective integration of the T~ Series into the science curricula of grades 6 through 9. I congratulate Dr. Frank V. Nolfi, Jr. and his committee on their continued accomplishments.

Also, in the spring of 1992, a grassroots . campaign strategy was developed to afford individual members of AIME Member Societies to distribute the Transformations Series directly to local schools. In conjunction with this effort, AIME provided 20 sets of Transformations to each Member Society at no cost, and I am pleased to report that each Society has subsequently launched its own campaign. Also WAAIME contributed time energy and ideas in developing their own program. I commend the Societies and WAAIME on their initiatives.

In addition, AIME has joined the organization known as ENGINEERS FOR EDUCATION (E4E). E4E was founded by AAES (American Association of Engineering Societies) as a separate organization whose mission is to see the U.S. become second to none by the year 2000 in math and science. It is targeted at grades K-12 . We view E4E as becoming an additional distribution channel for AIME Transformations product by using E4E's database of volunteers.

MAKING A STATEMENT ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

The AIME ad hoc Committee on Energy and the Environment also reached an important milestone with the development of a Statement on Global Climate Change. Upon Board approval, I've sent this statement to a number of individuals including some 123 opinion leaders from the National Academy of Engineering and the Executive and Legislative Branches of the U.S. Federal Government. The response to date has been positive. I wish to thank Chairman Arlie Skov and his committee for a job well done and hope that AIME will continue to develop statements on issues of legislative importance to the National Resources community.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS THROUGH AAES

This leads me to report the establishment of an ad hoc All Institute Government Affairs Committee. This Committee, composed of two representatives from each of the Member Societies and chaired by Dr. Thomas V. Falkie, is charged with developing a set of recommendations including resource requirements that will consider a number of alternatives, including the rejoining of the American Association of Engineering Societies (AAES), and will discuss with the Member Societies a plan whereby AIME would represent the AIME and the Member Societies in AAES. The Committee has met and is prepared to submit its recommendation at the Reno Board Meeting.

INTER-SOCIETY AFFAIRS

AIME continues its effective involvement in the governing of the United Engineering Trustees (UET) with members of AIME Member Societies serving as AIME representatives on the Boards of the UET and its entities.

The Institute also retained its relationship with the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), as an Affiliate Body and is represented by its Executive Director, who serves as an official observer at ABET Board Meetings.

I am also pleased to report our continued interaction with the Founder Society officers and Executive Directors on matters of common interest. I've found this interaction has provided the President-Elect, the Executive Director and myself with an important opportunity to become aware of the broad spectrum of issues as they affect the engineering profession.

AIME and AusIMM (Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy) have had a long standing exchange program of distinguished lecturers from both countries taking turns each year visiting each other's country. During November I had the distinct pleasure to represent AIME in this exchange program by visiting six branches of AusIMM and delivering five different technical lectures of interest to each audience. Accompanied by the Executive Director, we also had the opportunity to introduce Transformations renew old bonds and establish new relationships between AIME and AusIMM.

FINANCES

You are invited to review the audited financial statement for the AIME Corporation, for fiscal year 1992 (ending November 30), contained on pages 16-24 of this report. Despite the less than favorable economic climate this past year, AIME assets increased moderately from \$10,456,891 at the end of the previous fiscal year to \$11,111,599 at the end of FY92. Therefore we continue to build the financial resources required to undertake programs in support of the Member Societies and their members, and to protect against the effects of inflation.

NEW GUY ON THE BLOCK

At the Annual Meeting in San Diego President Wadsworth introduced our new Executive Director, Alfred Weiss, succeeding Robert H. Marcum who, for health reasons, was placed on permanent disability. Al started on March 19, 1992 and I've had the opportunity to work with him for my entire Residential year. I believe the new guy on the block will do just fine. I take this opportunity to thank Larry Kuhn and members of his Search Committee for their efforts in finding and selecting the fifteenth chief staff officer of the Institute Headquarters and express a special thanks to Alex Scott who so ably served as Interim Executive Director.

What's Next -1993-1997

The year 1992 also saw the development of a 5-year Implementation Plan for AIME. This Plan, submitted in draft form to the AIME Board at its Santa Fe August Meeting, is based on AIME's 1987 Long Range Plan. Based on our long range goals and objectives, it recommends a series of action items for implementation over the next 5 years in key areas including education, government affairs and preservation of AIME's traditions. I applaud this continued effort to develop meaningful roles for AIME and look forward to the recommendations of the AIME ad hoc Committee charged to study the Plan.

Auld Lang Syne

It has been an honor for me to serve as your AIME President, to have had the opportunity to associate with and be assisted by many fine people who comprise the AIME family; and to have had the privilege to represent AIME at many occasions. I reflect with great affection on my visits to the local sections and on the opportunity to firm up AIME's ties with its Member Societies.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the AIME Board of Trustees, the Society Boards of Directors, the staffs of AIME and the Member Societies, committee members and others for their dedicated support during the past year. I also congratulate and pledge my full support to 1993 President G. Hugh Walker and the new Board of Trustees all of whom are depicted on the following pages

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert G. Walker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.