

REMARKS BY THE SOCIETY PRESIDENT ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PUBLICATION

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ON OCTOBER 23, 1934, the American Society of Photogrammetry was incorporated under Chapter V of Title V of the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia. The primary purpose of the Society is to advance knowledge in the science of photogrammetry and to act as a clearing house for the distribution of information pertaining to the science. During the past ten years the Society has made remarkable progress, and we are continuing to advance at a steady rate. Our membership has extended beyond the continental limits of the United States to every continent throughout the world. Our publication, PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERING, is the recognized journal of the photogrammetric profession.

We have a right to be proud of our Society because of our accomplishments during the past ten years. Starting with less than a dozen members in 1934, we now have a membership of approximately one thousand. To cite accomplishments, the preparation of Standard Specifications for aerial photography, the preparation of Map Accuracy Specifications, and the writing of the *Manual of Photogrammetry* are only a few contributions made to the science by the Society.

Photogrammetric equipment and methods have been largely responsible for reducing the production time and cost, and for increasing the accuracies of our present maps and charts. However, the present methods and equipment will probably be entirely inadequate to meet future requirements of more maps and charts at larger scales and to higher degrees of accuracy. Our needs for more detailed map information are apparently developing faster than our ability to economically produce these data. In my opinion there will be many new developments in photogrammetry during the next ten years and I feel sure that the American Society of Photogrammetry will play an important part in these developments.

By careful operation and management the present financial position of the Society is sound. We have a satisfactory bank balance and expect to realize a small profit on the *Manual of Photogrammetry*, which will place your Society in a splendid position based on the present basis of operations. However, there is some doubt whether we will be able to continue on the present basis.

I do not believe that many of our membership realize the tremendous volume of business transacted by the Society, or the many hours required to produce PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERING. The work required of both the Editor and the Secretary-Treasurer is of such magnitude that it is a severe hardship to the members holding these positions. In the immediate future it will be necessary to employ one or more persons on a full-time basis to handle this work. It is hoped that this action can be postponed until after the war because every qualified photogrammetrist is now needed to produce the maps and charts required for military operations. Long before another ten years roll by, it is anticipated that our Society will have a business and editorial office in Washington, D. C. and a full-time executive secretary to handle the affairs of the Society. In addition, this office can be used for meetings of the Board of Direction, meetings of the various committees, and may be used as a headquarters for out-of-town members. This office should have the most complete photogrammetric library in the United States.

I wish to personally thank the many members who have devoted so much effort and time to the Society during the past ten years. I am confident that this splendid assistance and cooperation will be continued in the future by an ever increasing number of members. Although we are extremely proud of our record for our first ten years, we should not in any sense be satisfied with such a record for the next ten years. We must strive to increase our membership, establish additional local chapters, produce a better magazine, and hold more national and local meetings where ideas are exchanged and various reports made on equipment and methods.