

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The first meeting of the Board of Direction for the year of 1947 was held on February 17. One of the principal items of business concerned the details of getting our full time Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Haynie, started in his new position. Action was taken by the Board which clarified and streamlines some of the operating problems which previously were rather cumbersome. I am more enthusiastic than ever over the beneficial effect which I am sure our Society is going to receive from the full time efforts of such a competent individual as Mr. Haynie. I know that his dynamic efforts are going to be apparent to you all in the very near future.

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The petition regarding membership classification, which was presented at the business meeting of the recent annual meeting constituted a major item of business for our Director's Meeting. In accordance with the motion made by Mr. Leon T. Eliel, at the annual meeting, a prominent proponent of membership classification will write a description of the advantages of classification. One of our outstanding members, who is opposed to membership classification, will prepare a description of the detrimental aspects of membership classification. In these discussions there will be no effort to sway the membership opinion through salesmanship; the statements are to be factual and I am counting on the general membership to think for themselves on this matter and to make known their opinions. These two discussions will be published in the June issue of *PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERING*. In the meantime, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, under the leadership of our First Vice-President, Mr. E. S. Massie, is preparing an interim report on one or more possible solutions to the problem which confronts us because of submission of the petition. This interim report will be presented to the Board of Direction at the next meeting which will take place on April 7. From the foregoing I believe you can see that prompt and vigorous action is being taken to crystallize this matter, which has proved so disturbing to a segment of our membership.

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I have been gratified by the number of individuals who have spoken to me or written to me offering their services for committee work. These cooperative individuals will be used to the fullest advantage and both the Society and the individual will benefit. I only hope that more members will volunteer. I want everybody to have a more intimate part in the affairs of the Society. I am pleased to say that I have already succeeded in injecting new blood and new faces into the Society activity, as you will note from time to time when you see the listing of committees and committee members.

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You are all aware of the success of the past annual meeting. Commendations are continually being received on the quality of the technical papers which were presented and particularly on the outstanding exhibit which was made possible through the cooperation and effort of governmental agencies and commercial suppliers. I think that you will all be pleased to know likewise that the Society financially wound up in the black. The overage was small, but on the other hand it is an excellent testimonial to the estimating ability of the Program Chairman, Art Kendall, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Kerwin Linck.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize as strongly as possible the importance of increasing our membership. At the moment, we are an awkward size. We are too large to operate through the voluntary efforts of our members and yet we are not quite large enough to operate comfortably with a full time office and staff. It seems so very easy to me to double our membership that I wish every member would help me prove that it is really easy. After all, each present member certainly should be able to induce some new person to become a member. We have a lot to offer and there should not be much selling involved. I would like to start a slogan going and this is it "EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER." If we all get behind this plan and push, I am sure it will be like the proverbial snow-ball that gathers momentum as it goes.

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As the officially appointed delegate of the American Society of Photogrammetry to the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Institute of Surveying, held in Ottawa, Canada, on February 5 and 6, I take pleasure in submitting this brief report.

In the first place I wish to emphasize the sincerity and the warmth of the hospitality which members of the Canadian Institute of Surveying extended to those of us who were fortunate enough to be delegates from the American Society of Photogrammetry. There is a fine bond of friendship between our two Societies which helps carry on the traditional amicable relations between the United States and Canada.

I believe I am right in stating that this year marks the first time that an exhibit was a feature of the Annual Meeting. Plotting devices designed and produced by the National Research Council of Canada were demonstrated. Of considerable interest was the new Williamson photogrammetric camera. Since the Canadian Institute of Surveying is predominantly made up of land surveyors, the exhibits in large measure featured ground surveying equipment. The meetings were attended by between one hundred and two hundred members which constitutes very good attendance. The program was as shown below and as usual the discussion after each paper was very active and brought forth much valuable information that otherwise might not have come to light.