

sonnel, should be cautioned to investigate and understand requirements and thus be prevented from jeopardizing the future of photogrammetry while at the same time courting financial ruin.

Government agencies charged with the responsibility for performing functions involving the application of photogrammetry must maintain a high standard for all such work and strive to encourage and assist commercial organizations in promoting this same objective. If this is done, and I sincerely hope it will be, we can look forward with confidence to a continued period of great activity and progressive development in photogrammetry.

I have been proud to serve the Society during the past year. Whatever progress may have made is due to the unselfish labor of the Board of Direction, and other members, who have willingly accepted responsibility for carrying on the Society's business. The new officers and the new Board face an active year and must have the full support of our membership if we are to continue to progress during 1947.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: We will now have the report of the Election Committee, Mr. Moyer, Chairman.

MR. RALPH H. MOYER: Mr. President, Fellow Members of the Society, and Friends: Your Election Committee, consisting of Jack King, Charlie Fueschel, and myself, wish to make the following report:

Revere G. Sanders for President, Edmond S. Massie, Jr., for First Vice-President, and Russell K. Bean for Second Vice-President were unanimously elected.

For the Board of Direction, Jack Amman, Talbert Abrams, Philip G. McCurdy, K. E. Reynolds, and Ronald M. Wilson were elected for a three-year term of office.

William C. Cude was elected to fill the unexpired term of office, one year, to be vacated by Edmund S. Massie, Jr.

There were a total of 400 votes cast in this election.

PRESIDENT FITZGERALD: I would like to call on Past-President O. M. Miller to escort the new President and the First and Second Vice-Presidents to the speaker's stand.

INAUGURAL REMARKS: REVERE G. SANDERS

When I was nominated for the office of First Vice-President of the American Society of Photogrammetry in 1946, I felt deeply honored. Now the time has come, in accordance with the established custom of our Society, for me as First-Vice President to advance to the Presidency. I do this with a full appreciation of the magnitude of the responsibilities involved and a knowledge of the specific problems which lie ahead.

My worthy predecessor, Mr. FitzGerald, I recall, was very concerned at the outset of his term of office over his inability to foresee sufficient time for him to take care of the affairs of the Society. I know from the experience of working with Mr. FitzGerald over the past year that his concern over the large amount of time required in the operation of the Society was well founded. However, I have also seen how well the affairs of the Society were handled and how all details were adequately looked after. Mr. FitzGerald found the time to handle the affairs of the Society by sacrificing his recreational time and I am sure also by cutting in on his business time. I am likewise staggered by a foreknowledge of the amount of time which I must put in this coming year, but somehow or other I will find the time and I promise that I will do my utmost to give diligent attention to the affairs of the Society.

I know I will be ably aided by the officers and by the Board of Direction and by the Committee Chairman, all of whom devote great amounts of time, knowledge, and energy to the affairs of the Society. However, I would like to ask for more assistance than that provided by the officers and the Board of Direction. This Society belongs to each and every member and not to the officers, or the Board of Direction. It might be said that the officers and the Board of Direction run the affairs of the Society by the default of the members. I would really like to alter that situation if you will all cooperate.

I encourage you to write in your suggestions on all phases of Society activity including policy matters. Address those suggestions or recommendations to me or to the Board of Direction, as you wish, but do write them and aid your Board of Direction and your officers in steering the Society along the paths which will do the greatest good to our membership and to our objectives.

As Mr. FitzGerald pointed out in his address, the advancement of the scientific purposes of the Society is founded upon committee work. It is the duty of the President to appoint committee chairmen and committee members. Obviously, neither I nor any other President can know all of our members together with their special interests. Consequently, we turn usually to the well known members of our Society who have demonstrated a willingness to work hard on committees.

Just recently, I had one very encouraging experience. A member with whom I am not acquainted wrote to me stating an interest in serving on certain specified committees. He stated his experience and expressed his desire to do his part in the activity of the Society. Needless to say, his services will be well used. That incident, however, impressed me with the fact that there are probably many others in our Society who would actually like to serve on committees but who feel that it is only by a stroke of luck that they may be chosen. There must be others in the Society who are capable and willing workers and yet who hesitate to step forward and bring themselves to the attention of the President. I will feel that I have contributed greatly to this Society if I can encourage such individuals to make known their interest in committee activity, thereby staffing our committees with new faces and new blood. The older members of our Society whose names you so frequently find on committees do not accept committee work because they want to corner the honors involved. They do it from a feeling of interest and primarily with a feeling that someone has to carry on the work and there are so few who step forward to do it. These men who have served so well will be the first ones to applaud the gathering of new talent.

Please, therefore, write and offer your services, stating your qualifications, and naming the committees in which you are particularly interested. I cannot promise to make you committee chairmen but I can promise that you will be made a committee member and given an opportunity to take part in the activity of the Society. I cannot speak for my successor in office but I am quite sure that he will be willing to take advantage of the new material which may show up if you will cooperate with me in this respect.

I do hope that this year will be characterized by the dominance of the members with the officers and directors merely implementing the policies and actions proposed by the group.

In closing, I wish to commend Mr. FitzGerald and the retiring officers and directors who have devoted their time and energies to such a successful year of Society activity. I wish to thank the Nominating Committee for their consideration which has elevated me to this position to which I have aspired ever since I became associated with the American Society of Photogrammetry in 1935. I

sincerely hope that I will be able to help the Society to grow financially, numerically, and in scientific attainments so that we will all be as well satisfied with our achievements for 1947 as we are for our achievements of 1946.

Now the boat is launched. The first item which comes under new business is a very pleasant one for me, and it consists, according to the custom of our Society, in presenting the presidential key to the retiring President for his hard and faithful work over the past year. I think that you cannot appreciate the work involved unless you have served on the Board of Direction. The President is really a harassed individual and is working all day long. He never stops until he gives that retiring address, which I am sure he did with great satisfaction, knowing that he had finished a job well done. Mr. FitzGerald.

Now, as is the usual custom, the floor is open for new business.

MR. MARSHALL S. WRIGHT: Mr. President, I represent a group that is considerably disturbed and concerned about a certain provision in our new Constitution that has to do with the grading of members. According to the Constitution, a petition can be submitted to you, signed by twenty-five members, objecting to any provision. I have here a petition signed by thirty-six members. I present it to you. I will read it, or you read it, whichever you wish.

PRESIDENT SANDERS: Mr. Wright, there is quite a little written here. I don't believe that it is all entirely pertinent, although it is necessary that it be written in this fashion, I can see. I wonder if you would just briefly outline for the membership the primary point involved, so that everybody could understand it thoroughly.*

MR. WRIGHT: Yes sir. I would like to make it clear at the very start, that there is no criticism or even an implication of criticism of any administration. I think this proposal was originated in 1935. I recall that when Colonel Blee was President in 1936 it was suggested that we have a membership designation requiring certain technical and educational requirements. That was voted down. Then it was revived in 1943. The Texas delegation, I think headed by Bob Coltharp, made the suggestion to the Board, and with the very highest motives. We were all in accord with it at that time. The proposal was that to be recognized by the states and obtain a license, it would be very desirable if the engineers would be so qualified that the presentation of their credentials from the Society would be sufficient for the various state registration boards to give them a license without their taking an examination.

That seemed like a very good idea, and it was approved in Mr. Woodward's term of office in October 1944. I recall that he announced the result of the vote at a local meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer is more familiar with the history of the entire thing, but I presume that it went to the entire membership and was approved. Then, as Colonel FitzGerald indicated, the Constitution and By-Laws were amended last summer to provide for that.

It is unfortunate that the objection to it crystallized after people really read it in black and white in the Constitution. I have had people call me up at my office and at my home telling me that they had received their new membership cards lately and found that they were associate members. They had always assumed that they were members and wondered what had happened. Had they been demoted?

I could only tell them that if they would read the Constitution that was sent to them last August, they would find that there was now a distinction drawn between members and associate members, and so on.

* Editor's Note:—The petition as presented appears in Resolving Power, page 111.