

been responsible for this very successful meeting, all of us are especially indebted. Mr. L. Ray Smart, Chairman of the committee, has done a superb job of organization. In addition, I think it is very much in order to mention the work done by the Chairman of the Exhibit Committee, Mr. McNeil. It is an exceedingly difficult job; the experience gained by year-to-year operations, is passed on to the newcomer and should be helpful in smoother operations in the future.

On occasions when I have been in Washington on business or for a Board meeting, I have made it a policy to contact our First Vice-President. I have done that for two reasons. First of all, the majority of the membership is located in the Washington area and secondly, there have been some types of work which, as your presiding officer, it has not been possible for me to undertake. These duties have been very nicely discharged by our First Vice-President, and so at this time I want to express my thanks and appreciation for all that you have done, Mr. McCurdy, to make this past year run smoothly.

I now turn over to you, Mr. McCurdy, the affairs of the Society, with my very best wishes.

INAUGURAL REMARKS

MR. PHILIP G. MCCURDY

WASHINGTON, D. C., JANUARY 12, 1950

Members and Guests:

I am fully aware of the magnitude of my new position, and appreciate the responsibilities involved and the many problems which lie ahead. The knowledge that I can depend on whole hearted cooperation and assistance from many of those members who, in the past, have given unselfishly of their time, energy and ability to further the objectives of the Society, is indeed a comfort.

All of us who have served as Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairmen and Committee Members realize full well that conducting the affairs of the Society requires active interest in and service to the Society, by all members. From an auspicious beginning of about 200 members at the end of the first year, the Society has expanded to a membership of approximately 2,000 at the end of our fifteenth year. This progressive expansion is a tribute to the objectives of the Society, the leadership in the past, and the very capable services of many individual members.

I am confident that this interest in the affairs of the Society will continue, and sincerely desire that additional members will participate more actively. For, it is only through the cooperation and interest displayed by the membership that elected Officers can hope to further the Society. The accomplishments of the Society, in turn, revert advantages to its members. This is especially true for some of the younger members. By a more active participation in Society affairs, they acquire knowledge, recognition and benefits which may not be immediately apparent but which will certainly be to their advantage in ensuing years. I am sure that many of the active members will attest these thoughts.

In connection with participation in affairs of the Society, at this time I want to express my appreciation to those Committee chairmen who have indicated their willingness to serve for the forthcoming year. I would appreciate that any of you who are asked to serve on these Committees give as generously of your time and talents as possible. It is only by such unselfish work by individuals and by teams that the Society can go forward.

Another phase of active participation by the membership, which has been neglected in the past, is the forwarding of recommendations for the different award committees. These awards have contributed much toward furthering the objectives of the Society and the individual member has the opportunity of aiding in the selection of the recipient. In fact, the Awards Committees look for guidance in the form of written comments and recommendations. Unfortunately, however, active participation in this matter by the corporate membership has, at times, been sadly neglected. I strongly urge that all of us familiarize ourselves with the terms of these awards and render assistance to the Award Committees.

In summation, it is my earnest desire that the year ahead will contribute to the steady progress of the Society and that the membership will participate more actively toward this goal.

At this time my duties as President officially begin and my first task is a very pleasant one. In keeping with established custom the Society honors the retiring President by presenting him with a golden key in honored recognition of very valuable service rendered. Mr. Tschume has very capably guided the affairs of the Society during the past year; he has devoted much time, energy and talent to this work; and it is with much personal pleasure that I make this presentation.

Mr. Tschume will you come forward. I now present this key to you and express the thanks of the entire Society for your very capable leadership during the past year.

MR. TSCHUME

I want to say something more than a mere thank you. It is that this key will be a reminder to me that, when called upon, I will step forward and do my duty.

PRESIDENT MCCURDY

I have no doubt, Mr. Tschume, but what you will be called on many times in the forthcoming year.

We have heard quite glowing reports from the different committee chairmen. Of particular interest to me is the report of the Membership Committee. I do not want to take any credit and praise away from Mr. Krummrich. There is no doubt that he did an outstanding job. I think one contributing factor, though to the increase in membership was the increase in the number of local sections. We now have six. I think that the more there are in existence, the more members they are going to get for those local sections, which in turn will mean more membership to the Society as a whole.

The next item of business is the report of these local sections. The names were read by our Secretary a few minutes ago. To refresh your memory, I will read the list:

Chattanooga Section, Sacramento Section, Columbia River Section, Rocky Mountain Section, Syracuse Section, and the Rolla Section.

I believe there is no one here to report on the Chattanooga Section. I had a talk this afternoon with Mr. Massa, from Chattanooga, and he told me that the section had not been very active this past year, due to the loss of many of their members, officers and all, because of transfer of work assignments. There is no intention of deactivating the section; it is merely dormant for the present time.

Mr. Rutledge, will you please make your report on the Sacramento Section.

MR. RUTLEDGE

The following is the Annual Report of the Secretary, Sacramento Section, American Society of Photogrammetry.

Officers for 1949 were as follows: President, Robert Wing; Vice President, D. H. Rutledge; Secretary-Treasurer, S. W. Smith; Directors, George Jensen, Minton Kaye, C. H. Bridges and Hugo Hall.

The first meeting was held September 24, 1949 at the USGS offices, 2520 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, California; Robert Wing presided with a total of seventy members and guests present. A tour of the photogrammetric unit of the USGS in the building occupied the first part of the evening. The new Kelsh wide-angle plotter was on display in one section and Mr. Kelsh was present to answer questions regarding the instrument. Following this display, Mr. Harry T. Kelsh was presented as the principal speaker of the evening. He gave a very interesting talk on his trip to the meeting of the International Society of Photogrammetry held in Argentina. Mr. Kelsh also discussed current foreign practice and procedure in the field of photography and photogrammetry and other developments in this country in the aerial mapping field. A discussion period followed.

Our second meeting was held November 16, 1949, Dwight H. Rutledge presiding, with a total of eighty-five members and guests present. This meeting was devoted to inspection and discussion of a new type of elevation meter developed by the Sperry-Sun Well Surveying Co. for determining differences in elevation. Mr. John Kostyo, representing the owner, was present to answer questions and explain the various aspects of the instrument. Mr. G. S. Druhot of the U. S. Geological Survey gave a brief talk on the use of the instrument.

As guest of Brig. Gen. Carl B. McDaniel, Commanding Officer, the Annual Meeting of the Sacramento Section was held December 7, 1949 at the Officers' Mess, Mather Field Air Force Base. A total of 100 members and guests were present. After the dinner, President Robert Wing opened the business meeting. The report of the nominating committee was made by Chairman Ray H. Hill. Since no additional nominations were made from the floor, nominations were closed and the Secretary instructed to mail ballots for the election of Officers for the year 1950. Names placed in nomination were as follows: President, C. A. Biever; Vice President, A. C. Hammon; Secretary-Treasurer, S. W. Smith; Directors, H. C. Ryker, Charles Greenwood, Jr., Harvey Wheeler and Clarence Bridges. The Program Chairman, introduced Major Peter P. Dawson who presented Captain Underwood as speaker of the evening. Captain Underwood gave a very interesting presentation of the Shoran Line Crossing Method of aerial mapping for the Air Force. At the close of Captain Underwood's address the President opened the meeting to questions and discussion.

The Sacramento Section secured about fifteen new members during the course of the year so our mailing list approaches 100 names.

S. W. SMITH, *Secretary-Treasurer*

PRESIDENT MCCURDY

I believe there is no one here from the Columbia River Section.

Mr. Kennedy, from the Rolla Section, will make a report for that section.

MR. KENNEDY

President McCurdy and Members of the American Society of Photogrammetry: The Rolla Section is probably too young to make a very long report. During the latter part of November we organized for the purpose of securing

a charter as a local section. The charter was approved and returned to us at the beginning of this year, and on the fifth of January we held our first meeting.

We have fifty-two paid-up members. At the last meeting we had present the project engineers of all our field forces within the Central Region.

We held a meeting during their visit to Rolla for the purpose of securing more members who are in the field forces. I think that next year, through our efforts at Rolla, that we will have much more to say and the efforts will help the prestige of this Society.

PRESIDENT MCCURDY

On December 5, 1949, the Rocky Mountain Section held its annual election with the following result: President, Larry Brundall; Vice-President, Matthew Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas Cummins; Executive Committee, Robert O. Davis and Paul Blake.

I believe that Mr. Davis can augment this statement somewhat, and I should appreciate it very much if he would give us a report.

MR. ROBERT DAVIS

President McCurdy and members of the Society: We are celebrating now the first anniversary of the organization of the Rocky Mountain Section. We now have eighty-two on our rolls. An effort was made to grow as fast as we could during 1949, but we haven't covered all the ground.

Our main effort was devoted to the regional meeting that we sponsored in October, and that meeting certainly was a satisfaction to the Rocky Mountain Section. We had approximately 260 people registered and I see many here who were at the Denver meeting. It certainly was a pleasure to our section to sponsor that meeting and everything we were able to put into it was certainly worth while.

PRESIDENT MCCURDY

If Colonel Diercks from the Syracuse Section is present, I should be pleased if he would make a report.

COLONEL F. O. DIERCKS

Mr. President, Fellow Members: The Syracuse Section, being less than one month old, has a very brief report to submit. During the fall of last year, we submitted to Mr. Norcross a draft of a constitution for a Syracuse Section of the Society, and on December 12 it was received back from him with minor corrections and marked "Approved." Accordingly, we held a meeting on December 14 to inaugurate the Syracuse Section and were honored by Mr. Tschume's coming to the meeting and presenting us our charter. At that meeting, addresses were given by Professor Church of Syracuse University and by Professor Quinn.

Prior to December 19, a Nominating Committee worked up a slate of officers and on that date, a second meeting was held and the following officers were elected for the year 1950:

President—Dr. Francis Moffett
Vice President—Mr. Frederick Doyle
Secretary—F. O. Diercks
Treasurer—Peter Warneck

We have at present approximately twenty-five members in the Syracuse Section made up largely of the faculty and students of the Department of Photogrammetry at the University. Chief credit for the formation of the Syracuse Section of the Society goes to Professor A. O. Quinn, one of your new Directors, who conceived the idea of a section and transmitted that enthusiasm to his students, and wisely let them form the section. Professor Quinn is leaving shortly for a new assignment but we know in Syracuse that the section which he founded will continue, due, I am sure, largely to the inspiring presence of Professor Church who will continue in Syracuse. We hope that the section will increase the membership of the Society at large through securing new members.

PRESIDENT MCCURDY

The next item on the agenda is new business, which may come up for discussion by the members at this time.

Apparently there is none.

The meeting will stand adjourned until tomorrow morning.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR 1949

	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total</i>
RECEIPTS		
Advance to Chairman by Secretary-Treasurer.....	\$ 100.00	
Annual Meeting—Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., January 11, 12, and 13, 1950.		
Registration:		
Paid \$2.00 ea. (773).....	1,546.00	
Guests and Committee Workers 31 (551 Members—253 Non-members)		
Total.....	804	
Cocktail Party:		
Paid \$3.00 ea.—239.....	717.00	
Guests 5—Total 244		
Luncheons:		
Thursday, January 12, 1950		
Paid \$2.75 ea.—84.....	231.00	
Guests 6—Total 90		
Friday, January 13, 1950		
Paid \$2.75 ea.—90.....	247.50	
Guests 6—Total 96		
Dance:		
243 at \$1.50 ea. tax included.....	364.50	
Exhibit Space (12 Exhibitors).....	389.00	
Total		\$3,586.00
EXPENSES		
Spring Meeting at P. I. C.		
Printing of Postcards.....	15.40	
Regional Meeting—Denver, Colorado		
Travel Committee—Postcards Mailed.....	16.50	
Telegram to Meeting Chairman (Denver).....	5.85	