

Incoming President's Message 1983



—William G. Hemple

PAST PRESIDENT BOCK, members of the board, fellow members of ASP, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen. It is with a great deal of honor and humility that I stand before you as the newly inducted 49th president of the American Society of Photogrammetry. As possibly one of the youngest presidents, in the society's history, I feel extremely honored to have been elected to this prestigious position—a position previously held by some of the profession's finest individuals.

I sort of feel like Ronald Reagan must have felt when he became president. You feel very pleased with yourself for getting to the position—but you also wonder 'how did I get here?' In Ronald Reagan's early days as an actor, he appeared in front of the public over and over again, but surely never in his wildest dreams imagined that he would some day be president. I must say that the same feeling applies to myself. During my college days at the University of Colorado, especially during my plane-table surveying classes in the foothills of Boulder, Colorado, never did the thought cross my mind that I would someday be so closely associated with photogrammetrists, remote sensing specialists, cartographers and surveyors. Even after I started my professional career, as a cartographer at the DMA Aerospace Center in 1962 and joined ASP in 1963, never did I envision anything like what has just happened.

You should know that I have not invented any photogrammetric instruments, nor flown aerial photogrammetric missions as some of our past presidents have done. One might ask then what qualifies this guy to be president? Many, including my wife JoAnn, know that my total past dedication to the society must certainly be a qualifier. I can assure you that that dedication will continue!

We of the ASP have had 48 past presidents who have helped to guide this society through its birth, through its childhood, through its early manhood. I feel that we are now at the point of achieving full maturity in our profession. However, this may not be a particularly easy task, and we're not sure which path it will take—whether it will be through a consolidated association approach or through a continuation of our affiliated societies. Full maturity can only come to pass with the realization, acceptance and pursuit of our basic responsibility to the public. If we, as a society or an association, cannot accept that basic tenet, then we will have a difficult time in the future.

With respect to the duty, as president, to make all kinds of promises to do this and that during my term, I will say the following. I think it would be foolhardy to make grandiose promises that may not be met, especially with all that has transpired over the last few months (and days for that matter) regarding affiliation and consolidation. I will, however, do everything possible to ensure the continuance of the well established programs and activities of the society, many started by my predecessors.

We certainly will try to make the monthly 'Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing' journal an even better one. However, that can only come about by having a balance between technically sophisticated articles and practical down-to-earth articles. I will be stressing this at every opportunity I get; and, we will constantly be encouraging you, the members, to submit practical papers. With the help of staff, we hope to publish some guidelines for the development of practical papers.

The relationships and cooperation with the Latin American areas, especially developed through the efforts of the region director Jack Staples and past president Bock, will be pursued even further. This will be especially important with the upcoming ISPRS meeting in Rio de Janeiro in 1984.

Student activities programs must continue to get high attention, since these folks will be taking our places in the very near future. We also want them to fully understand what has gone on before them, in the society, hopefully so that they will be better able to handle what is ahead of them.

At this time I would like to say thanks to our award recipients, because they apparently cared enough about the activities of the society to prepare something to be judged by their peers. In addition, I say thank you to the sponsors of the awards, without which we could not appropriately reward our deserving members.

I would like at this point to end my remarks and say that I only hope that next year I will be able to expound on the accomplishments of the past year, rather than say, well we promised all those things but they didn't happen!!

However, the only way that we can make anything happen is with your full cooperation, understanding and never-ending voluntary efforts. I thank all of you ahead of time for the full measure of your efforts to maintain the proud traditions and past accomplishments of the American Society of Photogrammetry. Thank You!!

Report of the President



—Allan C. Bock

A LOT OF WATER has gone over the dam since I stood before you one year ago and delivered my acceptance speech.

It has been one of the busiest and most enjoyable years of my life and I honestly hate to see it end. I do have one advantage over most of our past presidents however—I don't have to go back to work. I can now retire from retirement.

Maintaining a close relationship with our many Regions and Chapters is, I think, one of the most important and rewarding tasks the President and other Officers have to perform. During my term in office I had the opportunity and the pleasure to visit thirteen Regions and Chapters. Several of them twice. I can report that the hospitality at these meetings was superb and the room and board was also excellent. When my left knee began to bother me midway through the last year of my term, my doctor told me I would have to get off the banquet circuit if I wanted it to heal. He told me I was carrying too much weight and poked me in the stomach as he said it. I dwell on this only so you will all know how your Officers suffer in the discharge of their duties—seriously though—I was deeply impressed by the devotion to our Society evidenced by the hundreds of hours of volunteer work contributed to each of these Region and Chapter meetings by our members and their spouses. We must never forget that this is the grass roots. This is what ties us together into a strong successful viable National Society. The spirit of cooperation is tremendous out there. I hope we never lose it.

The Regions and Chapters I visited were— The Eastern Great Lakes at Dayton, Ohio and again at Slippery Rock College, Pennsylvania.

The Alaska Region at the Alaska Surveying and Mapping Conference in Anchorage in 1982 and again in 1983

The Mid-South Region at Barkley Lake, Kentucky and at Knoxville, Tennessee

The Minnesota Chapter at St. Paul, Minnesota

The Western Great Lakes Region at Chicago