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To: Eric A. Walker

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From: L. K. Wheelock

As we have discussed, the impending merger of AIEE and IRE has important implications for EJC which should be considered as the most important internal EJC problem this year. Since the current climate within IRE is not highly receptive to EJC membership (as far as we are able to determine) it is vital that EJC institute timely measures or actions that may contribute to maintaining ties with AIEE and its successor society.

An EJC proposal that might prove helpful to AIEE could be made in the form of a resolution adopted by our Board containing the following elements:

1. Declaration of the significance to the profession of the unification of AIEE-IRE and the satisfaction of EJC with the merger.

2. The expectation that the ties and cooperation with societies through EJC will be preserved and that EJC will, in the absence of formal action to the contrary, consider the succeeding organization to AIEE a constituent member without interruption.

3. Recognition that many problems confront AIEE-IRE in accomplishing the merger and of the interest of EJC to facilitate the transition wherever possible; and since the structure and finances of the new society will not be fully clarified during 1962, the society representation on EJC and the budgetary contribution for 1963 will be on the 1962 basis for AIEE or the new society.

Gus Kinzel has offered to help in any way and to present this idea to the Board. I believe the necessary steps in this action are as follows:

- (1) Determine if AIEE would accept this proposal if approved. Hendley Blackmon and you could no doubt ascertain the AIEE feeling on the matter.

(2) Present a draft resolution at the April Executive Committee meeting and secure endorsement and interest of members in insuring adoption by the Board.

(3) Submit officially for Board adoption at the May meeting. This will allow for the usual planning for next operation: appointments, budget, etc.

I would appreciate your early reactions and suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

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