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QUESTIONNAIRE ON UNITY

Members of Pittsfield AIEE Section:

Attached are the results of the Unity Organization Questionnaire recently sent to all Pittsfield AIEE Section members, all known Berkshire County registered Professional Engineers and all PGEEA members.

The members indicated on the questionnaire, the organizations in which they held membership. This permitted a separate analysis for each organization without sending more than one questionnaire to any individual, even though there was a considerable over-lapping of membership. The attached results are made up from questionnaires filled out by Pittsfield AIEE section members. The results from these 147 returns do not differ materially from those of the overall summary of all returns. In the overall summary the percentage of favorable or unfavorable votes deviated from the AIEE results on only one question by as much as 6 per cent.

The response to the questionnaire by the membership of each organization was as follows:

	<u>Total Membership</u>	<u>Returns No.</u>	<u>%</u>
Pittsfield Section AIEE	328	147	39
NSPE (Includes (74) Berkshire Chapter MSPE and possibly a small additional number from New York State and Vermont).	-	50	-
Registered Engineers (Includes Berkshire County, Mass., and possibly a small additional number from New York State and Vermont).	-	125	-
Pittsfield GE Engineers Association (Includes 42 members in the Hudson Falls, New York area).	475	123	26
GE Employees (Includes all components in Pittsfield and 42 from the Capacitor Department in Hudson Falls, New York).	-	221	-

A few of the questions were left unanswered by a large percentage of the membership so that the validity of the results for these questions is highly doubtful. These questions have been deleted from the attached sheets.

Your committee will use these results to guide its recommendations on unity organization problems. We would like to give our sincere thanks to each member for the part he played in making this program a success.

Executive Committee
Pittsfield Section AIEE

Summary of Returns From 147 Members of
Pittsfield Section AIEE

	Number of Returns	Per Cent		
		Favor	Would Accept	Oppose
A Unity Organization for engineers should be established	141	84	13	3
The Unity Organization should concern itself with				
Ethical procedures	142	89	10	1
Educational standards for engineers	144	88	11	1
Economic status of profession	145	81	11	8
Placement service	136	42	43	15
Public relations program for profession	143	80	17	3
Registration laws and their enforcement	143	78	15	7
Government liaison	138	71	26	3
Legislative representation	140	75	19	6
Utilization of engineers in military services	141	70	24	6
Civic activities	135	53	39	8
The Unity Organization should be organized at local and regional as well as national levels.	143	85	12	3
The Unity Organization should provide effective and reasonably direct channels for representing the views of its individual members at all policy making levels.	144	94	5	1
The Unity Organization should be supported exclusively by dues from its individual members.	144	78	18	4
The technical societies (such as AIEE, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, etc.) should restrict their activities to the technical field.	145	70	16	14
The Unity Organization should be a collective bargaining agency.	143	4	8	88
Ultimately all professional engineers should be registered.	144	63	25	12

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The Unity Organization should maintain a high standard among its membership by requiring that:				
Full members should be legally registered;	135	50	31	19
Ultimately full members should be legally registered, but there should be a temporary "grandfather clause" to admit qualified engineers who are not registered;	134	43	35	22
Full members should be fully qualified for registration;	122	66	25	9
Full members should conform to standards to be established by the Unity Organization.	124	68	22	10
Lower grades of membership should be conferred on				
Candidates who are qualified in all respects except length of experience;	139	78	19	3
Candidates whose work is closely related to professional engineering, but who could not reasonably be expected to become qualified for full membership.	132	32	26	42
The Unity Organization would undoubtedly establish its own rules for membership requirements. However the technical competence of individual prospective members should be determined by				
Unity Organization	127	57	30	13
Technical societies	110	27	31	42
State licensing boards	109	38	27	35

Check (a), (b) or (c): (141 replies)

In establishing the Unity Organization, the preferred sequence is to:

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| (a) Work out a compromise plan on which substantially all qualified engineers can agree before enlisting their support; | 19 |
| (b) Enlist the support of all qualified engineers for a presently functioning organization, then modify the organization progressively as required to meet their approval; | 45 |
| (c) Enlist the support of all qualified engineers for a new organization or a new combination of present organizations, then modify the organization progressively as required to meet their approval. | 36 |

The Unity Organization should be

National Society of Professional Engineers as now organized;

NSPE with modified requirements for membership;

In its formative stages only, a confederation of the majority of the present engineering organizations, with details to be worked out progressively;

If you favor a Unity Organization which excludes Engineers Joint Council as now organized,

EJC, ECPD, etc., should continue their present professional activities, with their major support continuing to come from the technical societies;

The professional activities of EJC, ECPD, etc., should be integrated into and supported by the Unity Organization;

EJC should continue to co-ordinate the technical activities of the technical societies.

Number of Returns	Per Cent		
	Favor	Would Accept	Oppose
113	18	40	42
117	53	29	18
104	14	36	50
89	15	32	53
90	58	27	15
91	57	32	11