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To the Founder
Society Secretaries

AIEE-IRE MERGER

Gentlemen:

Attached is a letter addressed to officers of AIEE announcing actions taken by the Boards of Directors of IRE and AIEE looking toward the consolidation of these two organizations by January 1, 1963. The actual resolutions passed are imprinted on the back of the letter. The IRE version differs only in the reversal of the terms.

The actions took place while I was in Detroit. I tried by telephone to arrange a luncheon meeting today to tell you about it first hand. That proved impossible, so I am giving you the official action which really says all there is to say about it at this moment. There is a great deal of work to be done, but it is the firm intent of both parties to go through with it.

Cordially yours,

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N. S. Hibshman
Executive Secretary

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A RESOLUTION

Approved by the Board of Directors of IRE October 18, 1961
Presented to the Board of Directors of AIEE October 20, 1961

Whereas the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Board of Directors of the Institute of Radio Engineers have concluded that the advancement of the theory and practice of electrical and radio engineering and the educational and scientific objectives of both Institutes may be better served by merger or consolidation of the two Institutes into one organization in which all present members would be included, and in which they would enjoy the same rights and privileges now conferred upon them by their separate organizations, and it appearing that such consolidation would not adversely affect the Institutes or their members, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of AIEE deems it advisable in accordance with the stated objectives of AIEE, to move actively toward the consolidation of the activities and organization of AIEE with those of the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE), by consolidation or otherwise, provided that the legal and operational problems incident to such consolidation can satisfactorily be resolved, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Warren H. Chase, Clarence H. Linder, Elgin B. Robertson, and B. Richard Teare, Jr., be and they hereby are appointed to join with Lloyd V. Berkner, Patrick E. Haggerty, Ronald L. McFarlan, and Haradan Pratt, when appointed by the Board of Directors of IRE, as members of a committee, which shall be authorized and directed to undertake such studies as they shall deem necessary and appropriate to determine the feasibility, practicability and form of such consolidation, and to make a report thereon to the Boards of the two Institutes not later than February 15, 1962, with a view to submission to a vote of the memberships of the two Institutes and consummation, if so approved, by January 1, 1963, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such committee shall be authorized to meet with the officers, directors and representatives of the two Institutes to consider the proposed amalgamation of the two groups and to make available to such persons such documents and information relating to AIEE as such committee deems advisable under the circumstances, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this committee be directed to prepare, in consultation with representatives of AIEE and IRE, a proposed Constitution and Bylaws and such other documents as counsel may recommend with a view to submission thereof to the Boards of Directors of the two Institutes on or before February 15, 1962, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper officers and directors of the AIEE be and hereby are authorized and directed to cause a copy of these resolutions to be delivered to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Radio Engineers, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that these resolutions shall become effective as soon as the President of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has been notified in a form satisfactory to him and to counsel of the AIEE that the Board of Directors of the Institute of Radio Engineers has adopted resolutions substantially to the effect of these presents.